



## The Story: Hollywood Bowl

In 1919, the Hollywood Bowl opened in the chaparral of the Hollywood Hills. With 18,000 seats, the Hollywood Bowl is the largest outdoor amphitheater in the United States. Its first stage was built in 1922 and was a simple, exposed wooden platform. In less than a decade, the stage was expanded to hold the 55-ton semi-circle bowl, which is architecturally and aesthetically renowned and has quickly become a cultural icon. Home to the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and a popular venue for concerts, orchestras, and other artistic productions, the Hollywood Bowl is where so many household names have solidified their careers.

The curved, gradual uphill progression of the amphitheater's seating creates a fuller acoustic sound and comfortable environment. In 2014, the benches were replaced with the same wood species, Alaskan Yellow Cedar, to improve the overall experience and maintain the beauty and acoustics within the amphitheater.

With the dismantling of the amphitheater's original seating, projects looking for a vintage gray wood have a very cool option. Soaked in the LA sun, this wood is smooth, uniformly light gray, filled with character, tightly-knotted, old growth, and some boards even display seat numbering. This beautifully worn Cedar originated in Alaska, vacationed in LA, and could soon be retiring in your next project.

Material #: HB-C

Species: Alaskan Yellow Cedar (*Cupresses nootkatensis*)

