The Denver and Rio Grande Southern Railroad arrived in Telluride circa 1891, connecting the isolated mining town to the Denver and Rio Grande Railway at Ridgeway. Before long, the line was extended south to Durango. When Telluride’s mining activities were at their peak in the 1890s and early 1900s, the railroad prospered, and Telluride became a key rail center for both passenger and freight service.

By 1930, though, both the town and the railroad were in decline. Jack Odenpaugh created the “Galloping Geese,” six narrow gauge railroad cars attached to modified gasoline-powered trucks. The fleet was intended to carry both passengers and freight, including mail; for the most part, however, the "Geese" carried tourists.

The building stood largely as originally built, eventually falling into disuse and allowed to deteriorate, until it was extensively renovated in the early 1990s. CCA Architects worked with owners to restore the building and initially became the San Juan Brew Pub, then Harmons Restaurant.

In the summer of 2007, the depot became the new home for the AH HAA School for the Arts.
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