

# SAN FRANCISCO MOVIE THEATRES

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## Pagoda **CLOSED**

AKA: Washington Square 09, Milano 30, Palace 37,  
Pagoda Palace 74  
1741 Powell  
1974-? 1974

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Pagoda Palace 74  
1741 Powell St  
1937-1974  
United California owned this 1421-seat theatre.

## Palace **CLOSED**

AKA: Palace 09, Royal Palace 09, Verdi 13, World 54,  
World (new building) 85-98  
648 Broadway  
1909

## Palace **CLOSED**

2315 Market  
1918-1924

## Palm **CLOSED**

448 Clement at 6th  
1909-1918



## Palmer **CLOSED**

4043 24th St.  
1917-1938  
T & D owned this 390-seat theatre in 1925

## Panama **CLOSED**

621 Mission  
1913-1922

## Pantages **CLOSED**

AKA: Orpheum  
1182 Market  
1926-1929



## Pantages **CLOSED**

939 Market  
1911-1927

## Pantages **CLOSED**

AKA: Empire  
Sutter bet. Fillmore & Steiner (North side)  
1908-1911

## Paramount **CLOSED**

AKA: Granada  
1066-Market  
1930-1965  
2646 seats.  
Owners:  
1945 Fox West Coast  
1964 California Paramount



## Paris **CLOSED**

AKA: Portola  
779 Market  
1944-1971  
Bus station 1928-early 1940's

## Parkside **CLOSED**

AKA: Fox Parkside  
1965-1980  
933 Taraval St  
1928-1980  
1329 seats.  
Owners:  
1928 Fox West Coast  
1975 Mann Theatres



## Parkview **CLOSED**

AKA: Parkview 26, Sunset 37, Surf 57  
4510 Irving  
1926-1937  
450 seats.

## Pastime **CLOSED**

AKA: Haussler  
1727 Fillmore  
1921-1924

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## Peerless **CLOSED**

### ADULT

148 Third St  
1912-1970  
494 seats.  
Adult films were shown in  
the late 1960's



## Portola **CLOSED**

781 Market  
? 1920-? 1955  
990 seats.  
Owner in 1925: Herbert Rochchild



## Photo and Sound

### **CLOSED**

? 1990

## Pix **CLOSED**

AKA: Newsvue  
938 Market St  
Apr 4, 1946-Aug 4, 1950  
280 seats.

## Potrero **CLOSED**

312 Connecticut  
? 1940-? 1955  
315 seats.

## Plaza **CLOSED**

AKA: Colonial 07, Savoy 09, Oriental 13, Savoy 19,  
Plaza 22, President 25, President Follies 42  
80 McAllister  
1922-1925

## Potrero **CLOSED**

AKA: Paris  
779 Market  
1909-1944

## Plaza **CLOSED**

AKA: Elite 12, Rex 19, Plaza 27, Vogue 39  
3290 Sacramento  
1927-1939  
365 seats.

## Powell **CLOSED**

39 Powell St  
1933-1977  
380 seats.

## Point **CLOSED**

177 Hill Top  
1944-1952  
425 seats.

## Premier **CLOSED**

AKA: Grauman's Imperial 12, Imperial 16, Premier 29,  
United Artists 31, Loew's 70, Market Street 72-  
1077 Market  
1929-1931

## Polk **CLOSED**

1649 Polk  
1911-1927  
T & D owned this theatre in 1925

## Pompeii **CLOSED**

AKA: Pompeii 26, Regal 36, Bijou 74  
1046 Market  
1926-1936  
390 seats.

## Poppy **CLOSED**

AKA: Poppy 14, New 16th St. 27, Rex 20, Gem 20?,  
Gaiety 33, Roxie 34  
3117 16th st.  
1914-1916

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## President **CLOSED**

AKA: Colonial 07, Savoy 09, Oriental 13, Savoy 19, Plaza 22, President 25, President Follies 42

80 McAllister  
1925-1942  
1100 seats.



## President Follies **CLOSED**

AKA: Colonial 07, Savoy 09, Oriental 13, Savoy 19, Plaza 22, President 25, President Follies 42

80 McAllister  
1942-1963  
990 seats.

## Presidio **OPEN**

2340 Chestnut St  
1951-2002, 2004-

This theatre has been split into 4 screens in 2004

Owners:

1961 Hardy  
1969 Art Theatre Guild  
1990 Syufy  
1998 Century Theatre until 2002



## Presidio YMCA **CLOSED**

? 1935  
450 seats.

## Princess **CLOSED**

AKA: Ellis  
1679 Ellis  
1907-1932  
1000 seats.



## Progress **CLOSED**

AKA: Gayety  
1535 Filmore  
1913-1925

## Pussycat **CLOSED ADULT**

AKA: Egyptian 24, Studio 43, Guild 47, Pussycat 74  
1067 Market  
1974-1987  
Pussycat Theatres owned this adult theatre.

## Queen **CLOSED**

1537 Polk  
1910-1920

## Realart **CLOSED**

AKA: Grand  
2605 Mission  
1919-1925

## Red Vic **CLOSED**

1659 Haight  
? 1980-1990  
Management closed and moved their theatre to 1727 Haight in 1990

## Red Vic **OPEN**

1727 Haight  
[www.redvicmoviehouse.com](http://www.redvicmoviehouse.com)  
1991-  
143 seats.

This eclectic independent theater was founded in 1980 by a group of cinema aficionados inside a red Victorian hotel (hence, its name) on Haight and Belvedere Streets. At that original site, it became known for using old couches as part of the seating, and for offering mostly homemade snack fare. However, conflicts with the owner forced them to eventually seek a new location. The Red Vic moved to its current location in 1991, converting a former restaurant into a larger auditorium that now offered video, 16mm and 35mm dolby capability. Yet it still offers signature couches (newly-made, as the old ones had to be discarded), and organic homemade treats in its snack bar.



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## Regal **LIVE ADULT**

1046 Market St  
1936-  
398 seats.

This place only has live sex shows now. It was the Regal theater, which showed quadruple billed films to Market Street audiences (& even advertised "always 6 color cartoons"). In 1972, started showing hardcore films (the notorious film "Animal Lover" played here, which got booted out of San Francisco due to public outcry) and in 1973, the Mitchell Brothers took it over and showed triple bills of hard porn (initially at \$1.99).

The Mitchells ran this until the early 1990's (and at that time it was the only theater they had left showing porn films, the rest either folded or, in the case of the O'Farrell Theater, went to strictly live sex shows). Deja Vu runs it now.

## Regency **CLOSED**

AKA: Regency I

1320 Van Ness Ave  
December 22, 1967-Nov 7, 1998  
Blumenfield Theatres owned this cinema. Opened as the Scottish Rite Hall

## Regency II **CLOSED**

1268 Sutter St  
Christmas Day 1969-March 26, 2000  
Blumenfield Theatres owned this cinema. Opened as Avalon Ballroom

## Regency III **CLOSED**

420 Mason  
? 1985-? 1990  
Blumenfield Theatres owned this cinema.

## Regent **CLOSED**

AKA: Regent 13, Avalon 31, Clay 36, International 36  
2551 Filmore  
1913-1931

## Republic **CLOSED**

AKA: New Alcazar 08, Republic 12, Sutter 26, Uptown 30  
2101 Sutter St  
1921-1925

## Rex **CLOSED**

AKA: Shanghai 11, Kearny 18, Burlesque 41, Rex 45  
825 Kearney  
1945-1949  
350 seats.

## Rex **CLOSED**

AKA: Poppy 14, New 16th St. 27, Rex 20, Gem 20?, Gaiety 33, Roxie 34  
3117 16th st.  
1920

## Rex **CLOSED**

AKA: Elite 12, Rex 19, Plaza 27, Vogue 39  
3290 Sacramento  
1919-1927

49 listings  
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