



OAKLAND MOVIE THEATRES

By Mike Rivest <http://movie-theatre.org/contact.htm>

12th St. **CLOSED**

AKA: Follies, Orpheum
574 12th St
1927-1958

Airport Automovies **CLOSED**

132 98th Avenue,
? 1950-? 1975



Allendale **CLOSED**

3116 Liese Avenue,
1914-1941
800 seats.

American **CLOSED**

1715 San Pablo
? 1920-? 1945
1300 seats.

Arabian **CLOSED**

AKA: Star, Marquee
717 Market
1930-1937
700 seats.

Art Cinema **CLOSED**

AKA: Regent, Newsreel, Peerlex, Art Cinema, Pussycat
1118 Broadway

Artist's Theatre Workshop **CLOSED**

? 2000-2001

Avenue **CLOSED**

AKA: Rialto
2723 San Pablo
1915-1922

Bishop **CLOSED**

AKA: Bishop 16, Fulton Playhouse 18-32, Franklin 35,
Telenews 41, Franklin 43
1518 Franklin
1916-1918

Broadway **CLOSED**

AKA: Novelty, Republic
1121 Broadway
1930-1971
821 seats.
United California owned this 821-
seat theatre.

Brown's **CLOSED**

AKA: Fruitvale
1351 Fruitvale
1914-1917

Capitol **CLOSED**

5827 Foothill
? 1935-? 1955
952 seats.

Casino **CLOSED**

3440 Foothill
1921-1937

Central **CLOSED**

1424 Broadway
1933-1961
1548 seats.

Ye Liberty Playhouse opened as a stage theater in an office building (that was later added to and became a skyscraper) in 1904 and were considered a leading playhouse of its kind in the Bay Area.

It was briefly known as the Hippodrome for a year before returning to its original name and was also briefly called the MacArthur, but it became best known to moviegoers as the Century (1922) and the Central (1933 to its closure in 1960).

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Century **CLOSED**

1424 Broadway
1922-1933

Century 21 **CLOSED**

AKA: Century 8
8201 Oakport St
1967-? 1998

This theatre was twinned in the early 1970's and expanded to 8 screens in the late 1980's

Syufy owned this theatre. it was able to handle 70 MM roadshow presentations.



Chimes **CLOSED**

AKA: Laurel
5631 College
1917 -? 1955
1276 seats.

Cine 7 **CLOSED**

3814 MacArthur Boulevard,
? 1964-? 1969

Owners:
1964 United California
1969 United Artists

Cinema 1 **CLOSED**

AKA: Theatre 70
255 West MacArthur
? 1975-1977

Claremont **CLOSED**

AKA: L. D. Purdy 14, Claremont 16, Tower 39, Pussycat 77
5110 Telegraph
1916-1939

Coliseum Drive-In

CLOSED

5401 Industrial Way
? 1969-? 1995

Expansions:

1980 3 screens

1990 4 screens

Syufy owned this drive-in, its now a swap meet.



1968, 1995 and 2004 aerial photos

Crown **CLOSED**

711 Broadway
1918-1924

Crystal **CLOSED**

? 1925

Diamond **CLOSED**

3422 Fruitvale
? 1930-? 1950
1325 seats.

Downtown **CLOSED**

AKA: Pantages 12, Laurie 23, Hippodrome 26, Premier 32, Roosevelt 34, Downtown 39

416 12th Street
1939-1947



Dufwin **CLOSED**

AKA: Roxie
517 17th St.
1928-? 1930

Eastmont **CLOSED**

7402 MacArthur
1927-1953
837 seats.

Eastmont 4 **CLOSED**

136 Eastmount Mall
1971-? 1990

This fourplex, located in Oakland's Eastmont Mall, is probably best known as a major exhibitor of many "blaxploitation" films during the early 1970's.

Owners:

1971 AMC

1990 CinemaCal

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Egyptian **CLOSED**

? 1925

El Ray **CLOSED**

3520 San Pablo
? 1940-? 1955
700 seats.

Elmhurst **CLOSED**

9411 East International
1916-1933

Esquire **CLOSED**

1715 San Pablo
? 1950-1954
1471 seats.

Fairfax **CLOSED**

5345 Foothill
June 16, 1926-1972
1493 seats.
Mexican movies were shown 1969-1972

Fern **CLOSED**

? 1930

Follies **CLOSED**

574 12th St
1938

Foothill **CLOSED**

AKA: Glen 15, Casino 21, Foothill 37-58, Studio 1 81
3440 Foothill
1937-1958
687 seats.

Four Star 4 **CLOSED**

73rd Ave & Bancroft
1990

Fox **CLOSED**

www.wagnersign.com/fox.html
1819 Telegraph
1928-1965
3335 seats.



Fox Oakland **CLOSED**

AKA: Orpheum
1730 Broadway
Aug 25, 1923-1924

Franklin **CLOSED**

1518 Franklin
1935-1941, 1943-1953
813 seats.

Fremont **CLOSED**

1666 46th Avenue
1913-1925

Fruitvale **CLOSED**

AKA: Brown's
1351 Fruitvale
1917-1924

Fruitvale **CLOSED**

3720 E. 14th St
? 1925-? 1969
1224 seats.

Fruitvale Playhouse

CLOSED

1351 Fruitvale
1978
Family movies policy.

Fulton Playhouse **CLOSED**

AKA: Bishop 16, Fulton Playhouse 18-32, Franklin 35, Telenews 41, Franklin 43
1518 Franklin
1918-1932

45 listings
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