

SOLANO COUNTY MOVIE THEATRES

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BENICIA

State **CLOSED**
? 1950

Victory **CLOSED**
904 1st St.
? 1950

DIXON

Dixon **CLOSED**
140 N First St
? 1940-? 1955

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield Stadium 16
OPEN
1549 Gateway
? 2000
Owners:
2000 Edwards Cinemas
2001 Regal Cinemas



Solamo **CLOSED**
Texas & Jackson
? 1940-? 1955
540 seats.

Solamo Mall Cinema
CLOSED
1519 Gateway Boulevard
1984-1999
General Cinemas owned this cinema.

VACAVILLE

Clark **CLOSED**
? 1930

Galaxy 8 **CLOSED**
620 Orange Dr
? 1995-2001
Cinema Cal owned this theatre.



Strand **CLOSED**
? 1925

Susisan **CLOSED**
? 1955

Vaca Valley Cinema 4
CLOSED
1201 Marshall Rd
? 1990-1996

Vacaville **CLOSED**
308 Main
? 1935-? 1985
600 seats.

Vacaville 16 **OPEN**
531 Davis St
? 2000
Brenden Theatres owns this all-THX
cinema.



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VALLEJO

Cine 21 Triplex **CLOSED**

AKA: Cinedome 8

1190 Admiral Callaghan Ln
? 1970-1989

1 screens in 1970 and expanded to 3 screens in the 1980's
Syufy-Century owned this theatre.

Cinedome 8 **CLOSED**

1190 Admiral Callaghan Ln
1989-2002



Crescent Drive-In **CLOSED**

Flosden Rd @ American Canyon Rd
? 1948-? 1980

Owners:

1961 United California
1975 United Artists

Crest **CLOSED**

AKA: Crest, Empress, Senator, and Vallejo

338 Virginia St
1951-1962

Fox West Coast owned this theatre.

El Ray **CLOSED**

? 1950-? 1955
575 seats.

Empress **CLOSED**

AKA: Crest, Empress, Senator, and Vallejo

338 Virginia St
1912-? 1920,? 1980-1990

EMPRESS TIMELINE

1912: The theater opens as The Empress, but is soon renamed The Republic. It has 940 seats.

1920s: Fox West Coast Theaters take over and the name becomes The Vallejo

1930s: Fox changes the name to The Senator.

1931: Fire nearly destroys the theater. Fox rebuilds it.

1935: Fox renovates the theater, removing the balcony, installing stadium seats and adding a neon marquee.

1951: Fox remodels the ground floor and changes the name to The Crest.

1962: The theater is closed.

1980s: Bill Elliott buys the theater, renovates it and reopens it as The Empress.

1989: The Theater closes after the Loma Prieta earthquake.

2003: Robert Litwin buys the now 500-seat theater and announces plans to reopen it as a performing arts venue.

Esquire **CLOSED**

4th & Chestnut
? 1950-? 1955
750 seats.

Fox **CLOSED**

? 1935

Hanion **CLOSED**

410 Virginia
? 1940-? 1950
Fox West Coast owned this 1275-seat theatre.

Marval **CLOSED**

329 Virginia
? 1940-? 1955
706 seats.
Fox West Coast owned this 706-seat theatre.

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Rio **CLOSED**

333 Virginia
? 1945-? 1950
400 seats.

Rita **CLOSED**

1520 Soland
? 1945-? 1955
750 seats.

Senator **CLOSED**

AKA: Crest, Empress, Senator, and Vallejo
338 Virginia
? 1930-1951
781 seats.
Fox West Coast owned this 781-seat theatre.

Strand **CLOSED**

335 Georgia
? 1925-? 1955
588 seats.
Fox West Coast owned this 588-seat theatre.

Studio **CLOSED**

1200 Soland
? 1945-? 1950
524 seats.

Vallejo **CLOSED**

AKA: Crest, Empress, Senator, and Vallejo
338 Virginia St
? 1920-? 1930

Vallejo 14 **OPEN**

109 Plaza Dr
2001-
Century owns this theatre.



Vallejo Automovies **CLOSED**

1300 Benicia
? 1955-1992
2nd screen installed in the late 1970's and the 3rd installed in the early 1980's



Valmar **CLOSED**

? 1935-? 1945

Victory **CLOSED**

? 1945-? 1945

Virginia **CLOSED**

? 1920-? 1930
Owner in 1925: Hanlon, PJ

34 listings
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