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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

EL SEGUNDO

Beach Cities All Stadium 16

OPEN

Nash/Rosecrans

1998-

Pacific owns this stadium-seating cinema.



El Segundo **LIVE**

142 Richmond

? 1950

294 seats.

Now it's the Old town music hall.

State **CLOSED**

142 Richmond

? 1940-? 1945

GARDENA

Embassy **CLOSED**

? 1945-? 1945

Gardena **CLOSED**

1002 Gardena

? 1940-1977

692 seats.



Gardena Cinema **OPEN**

AKA: Park, Teatro Variedades, Morning Calm

14948 S Crenshaw Blvd

www.gardenacinema.com

? 1998-

from www.cinematreasures.org

The Gardena Cinema had gone through many format changes over the past 25 years. We have shown films from all over the world, including South Korea, Mexico, and Japan. During the late 1970's to the 1980's, the Gardena Cinema was called "Teatro Variedades" and showed Spanish language films. Teatro Variedades also hosted some of the most well known names in Mexico for live variety shows. Some of the talents that have graced our stage are La India Maria, Pedro Infante, and Jorge Rivera.



Park

AKA: Gardena Cinema, Teatro Variedades, Morning Calm

14948 S Crenshaw Blvd

1947-1968

Grand Theatres owned this cinema.

Teatro Variedades

AKA: Gardena Cinema, Park, Morning Calm

14948 S Crenshaw Blvd

? 1989-? 1990

Twin-Vue Drive-In **CLOSED**

15201 S Figueroa

1966-? 1980

Opened as independent and later joined Pacific Drive-Ins.

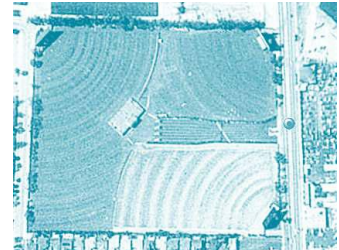


Vermont Drive-In **CLOSED**

17737 Vermont

? 1950-1999

This Pacific drive-in was split into 3 screens in 1977



HAWTHORNE

Hawthorne **CLOSED**

? 1940

Hawthorne 6 **CLOSED**

12640 Hawthorne

? 1979-? 1995

AMC owned this cinema.



Plaza **CLOSED**

Plaza Square
Nov 28, 1927-1964
858 seats.



Rex **CLOSED**

115 E Broadway
? 1940-? 1955
296 seats.

HERMOSA BEACH

Cove 2 **CLOSED**

1229 Hermosa
1974-1979

Hermosa **CLOSED ADULT**

1229 Hermosa
? 1935-1974

Fox until about 1970 owned this 864-seat theatre. in later years, adult movies were shown here.



Hermosa Beach 6 **CLOSED**

1617 Pacific Coast
? 1989-1999
AMC owned this cinema.



La Mar **CLOSED**

? 1945-1977

Metropolitan **CLOSED**

? 1925

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Academy **CLOSED**

3141 W Manchester
1939-1976
Fox (district 4) owned this 1156-seat theatre.



Alto **CLOSED**

? 1945

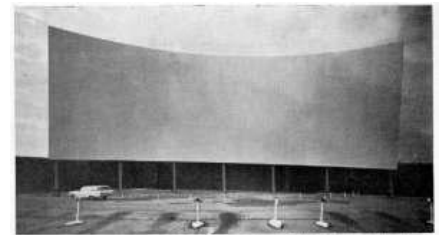
Centinela Drive-In **CLOSED**

5800 Centinela
1951-1993



Century Drive-In **CLOSED**

3560 W Century
1949-1984
Cinerama was shown Apr 17-June 30 1964 on a screen that measured 180 x 62.5 ft, big enough for a 4-stadium seating cinema with a lobby would fit on the screen., it was twinned by Pacific Theatres in 1974. This was the only outdoor cinema in the world to show Cinerama.



The Cinerama screen at the Century Drive-In Theatre, Inglewood, Calif., is 180 feet wide by 62.5 feet high. It sits 25 feet above ground and has a 70-foot curve.



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Cine **CLOSED ADULT**

AKA: Ritz, Pussycat
226 S Market
? 1968-? 1975
pussycat circuit in the mid 1970's,
General Cinemas 1972-1973

Fifth Avenue **CLOSED**

2541 W Manchester
? 1939-? 1980
986 seats.



Fox **CLOSED**

115 N Market St
1948-? 1990
Fox (district 4) owned this theatre.



Granada **CLOSED**

115 N Market St
? 1925-1947
Fox (district 4) owned this theatre, it
burned in 1947 and replaced by the
Fox in 1948.



Imperial **CLOSED**

at Cranshaw
? 1960-? 1977

Inglewood **CLOSED ADULT**

115 N La Brea
? 1923-1979
640 seats. Adult 1973-1976

Pussycat **CLOSED ADULT**

226 S Market
1975-? 1977
Adult cinema.

Ritz **CLOSED**

AKA: Pussycat
226 S Market
? 1940-1965
Aladdin Theatres owned this 708-seat
theatre.



Seville **CLOSED**

6405 West
? 1935-1951
Fox (district 4) owned this 830-seat
theatre.

United Artists Inglewood

CLOSED
148 N Market
? 1935-? 1975
942 seats.
Owners:
1945 Fox
1961 United Artists



MANHATTAN BEACH

La Mar **CLOSED**

228 Center
? 1943-1979
750 seats.

from www.cinematreasures.org
I worked at the La Mar in 1977. This was a
Fox house for many years, until it went
independent in the middle 70s. The two
guys who bought the La Mar tripled - well,
attempted to - triple the theater. They were
completely inept at running the theater.
They didn't know how to manage
employees, and they bought used
equipment that always seemed to break
down. In addition, they took so long to
finish auditorium #3 that it was never
completed while I worked at the theater.
Second-run films were presented, the
projectors frequently broke down, and
attendance was poor. The theater closed
around 1979, and the building was
converted into retail space. Good riddance.

Manhattan Village Mall 6

OPEN
3560 N Sepulveda Blvd
? 1984-
Owners:
1984 Mann
2000 Pacific Theatres



REDONDO BEACH

Art **CLOSED**

103 W Diamond
1913-1928

Capitol **CLOSED**

127 South El Paseo
1912-? 1929



Cinema 3 OPEN

AKA: South Bay, Galleria at South Bay
1509 Hawthorne
? 1964- updated

The first, simply called the South Bay Theater when it opened in about 1964, was built close to Hawthorne Blvd. Next to it were storefronts and a bowling alley. On the other side of the alley, Cinema 2 was built, another large, modern single screen house. A little further down, #3 was built in 1971 which was the nicest of all and may have been equipped for 70mm.

Eventually, Cinema 2 was twinned in December 20, 1974, and then the original theater was tri-plexed in the '80s.

it closed in 2000 and reopened in 2002

Owners:

1969 Loew's

1971 General Cinemas

2002 Regency Theatres

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Fox CLOSED

AKA: Redondo
103 W Diamond
1928-1973

Fox West Coast (district 3) owned this 1324-seat theatre.



Galleria At Southbay 6

AKA: Cinema 3, South Bay
1509 Hawthorne

Galleria Southbay 16 OPEN

1815 Hawthorne

? 1998-

Owners:

1998 General Cinemas (their biggest on the west coast at the time.)

2002 AMC



Roadium CLOSED

? 1979-

Roadium Drive-In CLOSED

1950-? 1960

Sho-All CLOSED ADULT

2605 Artista

1971-1973 updated

Adult cinema.

South Bay

1509 Hawthorne

? 1964-? 1985

See cinema for more details.

Strand CLOSED

302 Main
? 1945-1968
844 seats.



46 listings

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