



5. El Musical Theatre

Building located in El Rosari Square, next to the path connecting El Canyamelar with Vilanova de El Grau and ending at Las Ataranzas; it was originally the headquarters of the Poble Nou de la Mar Music Board.

The Board was founded in 1880 by Father Luis Navarro and teacher Vicente Ballester Fandos. In 1923, the members bought a warehouse and annexed home in El Rosari Square. There they built their new headquarters according to a project by architect Víctor Gosálvez; the building was inaugurated in 1929. The Board had to dissolve in 1932 and was refounded as the Ateneo Musical del Puerto de València. From that time, the building was converted into the Musical cinema until it eventually closed in the 1970s.

The original façade was created in the eclectic style typical of the period. It was designed symmetrically on the central opening leading to the foyer, with two smaller doors, one on each side. A semicircular arch was built on the upper floor as a central viewpoint, flanked by two balconies crowned by classic pediments. It combined the baluster parapet of the central opening with the iron railings of the balconies. The building was topped with an austere parapet.

In 2002, architect Eduardo de Miguel refurbished the building, only preserving part of the façade; the most characteristic feature is its 11m-high access, which incorporated longitudinally a door and window from the original façade.