



## RUZafa / GRAN VÍA

by Andreu



### HAT GALLERY by Sanahuja&partners

C/ Denia, 37  
<http://www.sanahujapartners.com/hatgallery/>

This space linked to an architecture studio has a varied programme of exhibitions, cinema cycles, talks... that revolves around the relationship between architecture, design and art.

### ESTACIÓN DEL NORTE

C/ Játiva, 24  
 I arrived in Valencia for the first time by train and I was impressed. The North Station is a modernist building which was inaugurated in 1917, so it is more than 100 years old! The ceramic ornamentation seems unique to me and so do the interior skirting boards, where it says "have a good trip" in different languages.

### TRENTATRES GALLERY CAFÉ

C/ Sueca, 33  
<http://trentatresgallerycafe.com>  
[fb: trentatresgallerycafe](https://www.facebook.com/trentatresgallerycafe)

It's always been a nice place for me. I also love it because you can go either in a quiet way, for breakfast or for a snack surrounded by art, or to have a beer or tapas with friends on the terrace.

Nearby alternatives:  
 GALERÍA FREEZIA, C/ Cuba, 3  
 PEPITA LUMIER, C/ Segorbe, 7  
 COLOR ELEFANTE, C/ Sevilla, 27  
 ESPAI TACTEL, C/ Denia, 25

### RUSSAFA ESCÈNICA

[russafaescenica.com/](http://russafaescenica.com/)  
 September



Russafa Escènica is a festival of performing arts merged with plastic arts which has been held every year since 2011. From my point of view, what makes it special is the fact that, in addition to making many local artists known and attracting people from outside the neighbourhood, it allows visitors to visit many often inaccessible spaces such as artists' studios, offices, private homes...

Other festivals:  
 RUSSAFART: <http://russafart.com>  
 CARNAVAL RUSSAFA CULTURA VIVA [russaforculturaviva.org](http://russaforculturaviva.org)

### RUZafa MARKET HALL

Plaza del Barón de Cortés, 9  
<http://mercatderussa.com/>

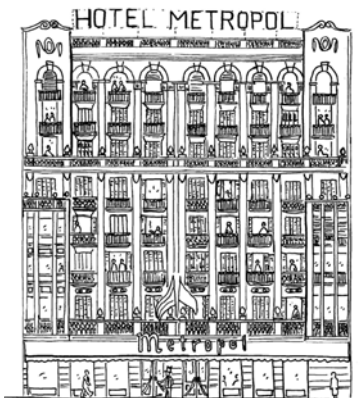
We usually cook every day in the co-working and this is where we come to do the shopping. We try to buy only local and seasonal products, which is a lot easier here as in the supermarket. It's also a great way to integrate into the neighbourhood and to get to know your neighbours. It's just another way of networking.



### ESCUELA DE ARTESANOS AND ESCUELA DE MAESTRÍA INDUSTRIAL

Av. del Reino de Valencia, 40 and 44-46

The Escuela de Artesanos or craft school was founded by various patrons in 1868. Their desire was to offer practical teaching of Arts and Crafts, free of charge, as well as moral and intellectual instruction among the working class. During its history it has had outstanding students, such as Joaquín Sorolla. The Escuela de Maestría Industrial, which is located next to the route of the disappeared railway, forms a block with it. It was designed by Francisco Mora and it was built between 1925 and 1931. It has a style very close to the Viennese Secession and Art Déco ones.



### FORMER METROPOL HOTEL

C/ Játiva, 23

Although it is outside the neighbourhood - it is practically at the beginning of Ruzafa Street, in the roundabout- it is worth visiting the old Metropol Hotel. I think it is a very interesting place, witness to the history of the area. According to what oldest neighbours say, it was much busier during the Civil War (1936 - 1939) than at present. It was operational base of Russian spies, the Soviet Embassy, the Ministry of Public Instruction and the seat of the House of Culture, this last one being presided by Antonio Machado. Filmmaking material, no doubt!

### OLHÖPS CRAFT BEER HOUSE

C/ Sueca, 21  
<http://www.beerhouse.olhops.com/>

This bar sells local and international handmade beers. They change weekly their offer so that guests can taste new flavours. They also organize regular events to make the beer world known.



### BARTLEBY BOOKSHOP

C/ Cádiz, 50  
[fb: libreriabartleby](https://www.facebook.com/libreriabartleby)

This more classical bookstore has a very good selection of books, from "traditional" novels by large and small publishers to comic books and fanzines. They also organize many book presentations with authors.



### ELECTROPURA

C/ Pintor Salvador Abril, 20  
<http://electropura.es/>

This is one of my favourite places in the neighbourhood to have a drink before going to clubs. The style is plain and music is danceable.

### LÁTEx

C/ Carlos Cervera, 23  
<https://xceed.me/list/latex>

This legendary club in the neighbourhood opens on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and public holidays from 1 a.m. to late morning. We usually go on Fridays, when they play electronics or on Saturdays, with indie music.

### MADAME MIM

C/ Puerto Rico, 30  
[fb: MadameMimShop](https://www.facebook.com/MadameMimShop)

There are many fashion shops in this neighbourhood: author, vintage, eco-friendly shops... You just have to take a look around. This second-hand store is really cool. In addition to antiques, they have original clothing. Everything they have is well priced and the atmosphere is great. I like to shop here and combine old items with other new ones from different places, creating a pretty more personal style.

Nearby alternatives:  
 OXFAM SEGUNDA OPORTUNIDAD, C/ Literato Azorín, 16  
 CAOKIDS - For children and natural fibers, C/ Cádiz, 33

### CANALLA BISTRO

by Ricardo Camarena  
 C/ Maestro José Serrano, 5  
<http://www.canallabistro.com/>



This is one of the restaurants of renowned chef Ricardo Camarena (1 Michelin star). They offer lunch menus on weekdays at a good price. In the evenings and weekends, you can eat portions and sandwiches with culinary influences from all over the world.

Nearby alternatives:  
 MOOD FOOD RESTAURANT, C/ Pintor Salvador Abril, 7  
 GOYA GALLERY, C/ Burriana, 3



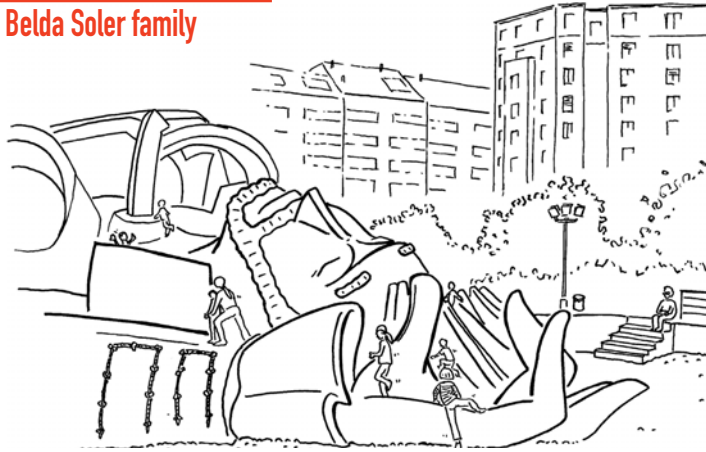
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# RUZafa / GRAN VÍA

by Belda Soler family



## JARIT ASOCIACIÓN CIVIL

C/ Buenos Aires, 10  
[www.jarit.org](http://www.jarit.org)

Jarit is an association concerned about the situation of immigrants which provides legal, social and labour services and language courses to them... It shouldn't be forgotten that a large percentage of the population of the neighbourhood comes from other countries. Jarit also promotes the Carnival of Russafa Cultura Viva, which was born with the idea of recovering the historical memory of the Carnival of Valencia. You can see every year people parading through the streets dressed in costumes typical of their countries of origin. I think the initiatives of this association are great, and I have started to learn Arabic with them!



## CAFÉ MERCEDES JAZZ

C/ Sueca, 27  
<http://www.cafemercedes.es/>

Always we can go out at night we come to this place to disconnect with a drink and live music. This café has more than 10 years of history and they organize jazz concerts several times a week throughout most of the year.

## JARDÍN SHIVAYA

Corner of C/ Cádiz and C/ Denia

It is a little hidden and belongs to a centre where you can attend different activities: yoga, meditation, dance.... To enter, you have to go through a kind of inner passage, the atmosphere is a bit spiritual and we love it!

## CAFECITO

C/ Padre Perera, 1  
 fb: [cafecitorussafa](https://www.facebook.com/cafecitorussafa)

This café is a classic spot in the neighbourhood. It has a very spacious terrace and it's perfect for a beer and a snack at lunchtime or in the afternoon.



## CAFÉ DULCE DE LECHE

C/ Pintor Gisbert, 2  
 fb: [DulceDelLecheRuzafa](https://www.facebook.com/DulceDelLecheRuzafa)

Cakes in this cosy café look wonderful and are delicious. We like going there in the morning on weekends, after the weekly shopping in the market, to brunch with our children and our friends living in this neighbourhood.

Nearby alternatives:  
 CELIACRUZ, C/ Cuba, 54  
 LA MÁS BONITA, C/ Cádiz, 61



## VIDEOCLUB STROMBOLI

C/ Centelles, 17  
<http://www.videoclubstromboli.es/>

This video store is one of the few remaining in the city. They have a large selection of classic, auteur and independent films from all over the world. The atmosphere is familiar and the owners, who have seen them all, are always ready to make you discover them. They also sell films, soundtracks, books and posters.

## GULLIVER

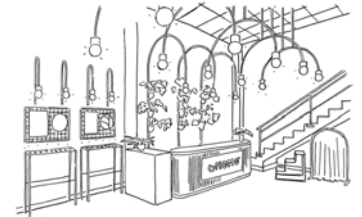
Turia Garden (Stretch XII)

This is undoubtedly our children's favourite playground: a giant figure of Gulliver lying on the ground where you can walk around. We go along the bike lane of Peris and Valero Avenue towards the old riverbed on weekends, and we get there in a minute.

## MANUEL GRANERO PARK

Plaza Manuel Granero

This park is one of the most special places in the neighbourhood for me. The children amount gathered there on Friday afternoons is amazing. This is practically the only public playground in the area for them. The rest of the week is calmer, but it seems to me that this park will always be children's territory on Fridays, or at least until the moment when Central Park will be finished...



## GNOMO

C/ Cuba, 32  
<https://gnomo.eu/>

This shop is great for buying original gifts and illustrations from local artists. They have very selected items of all prices.

Nearby alternatives:  
 SENSE FI, C/ Denia, 14



## SALA RUSSAFA

C/ Denia, 55  
<http://www.salarussafa.es/>

They offer theatre performances by local and international companies. Many educational activities are also organized there: our children go to drama classes and Juan to yoga classes every week.



## UBIK CAFÉ

C/ Literato Azorín, 13  
<http://ubikcafe.blogspot.com.es/>

We enjoy coming to this bookstore-café to have a drink in the afternoon, since the atmosphere is relaxed and cosy, and different from that of an ordinary cafeteria at the same time. They organize a variety of events during the week and they hold workshops for children on Saturdays. They have something different every week.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSE FOOD & BOOKS

C/ Denia, 22  
 fb: [slaughterhousevc](https://www.facebook.com/slaughterhousevc)

This bar-bookstore is located in an old butcher's shop. There's a great old-fashioned ambiance here. They have a good selection of books, delicious hamburgers and a curious agenda of events such as concerts, book presentations and conferences.

## 5 CAFÉ BAR

C/ Denia, 5  
 fb: [5cafebar](https://www.facebook.com/5cafebar)

As you can see, there are many cultural bars in Ruzafa. Their initiatives and frantic agendas nourish the city's cultural life. One good example is the chamfer of Denia Street with Clero; this spot promotes local artists, writers and committed comedians.

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by Empar and Antoni

### GRAN VÍA MARQUÉS DEL TURIA

One of my favourite places is the crossing with Martí Street, where there's a monument to the Valencian poet Teodoro Llorente with musicians of typical Valencian instruments and a fallera.

### PARQUE CENTRAL

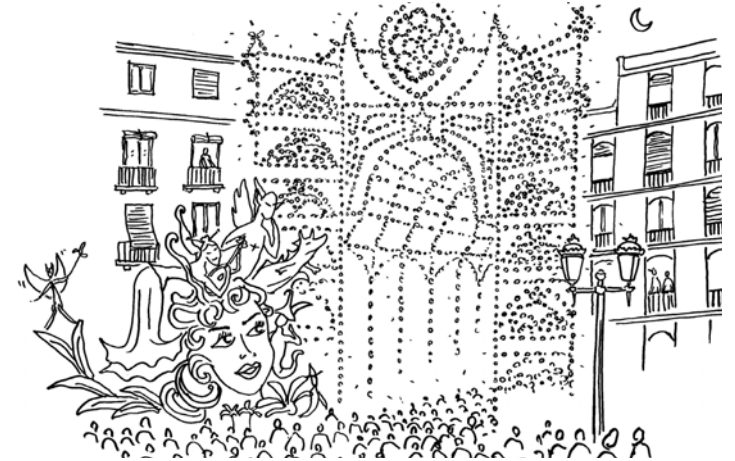
It has been one of the demands of the neighbours from this area and from the rest of the city. It is already under construction and, although there are still things to be resolved, it will be placed next to the old Turia riverbed, the largest green space in the city centre.



### FALLAS

Every year until March 19th

Fallas feast officially begins on the last Sunday of February with the "Crida", which is like a proclamation. Since March 1st, the "Mascletà" is held every day at 2:00 pm in the Town Hall square. It can be heard all over the city. The 14th-15th is the "Plantà" and all the commissions place their fallas in the streets. That's when the real party begins: concerts, verbenas, pyrotechnic shows... The feast ends with the "Crema" on the night of March the 19th to the 20th, when fallas are burned. Falleros are busy all year round with events, celebrations, masses and the activities of the "Casal", which is above all a social club.

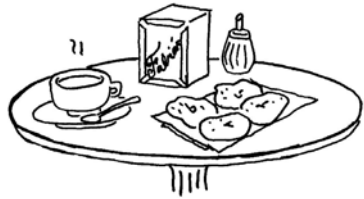


### SPORTING CLUB RUSSAFA

C/ Sevilla, 5

<http://sportingclubrussafa.com/>

Sporting used to be a boxing club; my uncle trained and competed there. Since 2003 it has been the headquarters of a cultural association in which artists from different disciplines work and exhibitions and other events are organized.

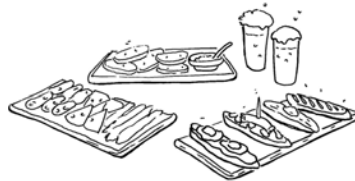


### XTRA LRGE PLAYGROUND

Gran Vía Germanías, 21

<http://xlxtralrge.com/>

We come some week-ends to dance after having some cocktails in the area of Cánovas and Conde de Altea. It has three areas with different ambiances, so if you get tired of one of them you can go to another one. We spend the night going up and down because Toni likes indie/tronic and I prefer reggaeton, although I dance whatever music is playing. What we like the most in this place is that you can find people of all ages and types, and it is also very close to home!

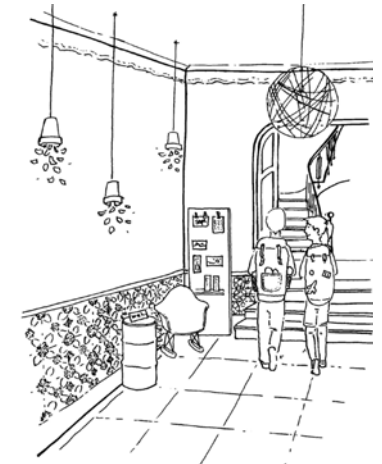


### COLÓN MARKET HALL

C/ Jorge Juan, 19

<http://www.mercadocolon.es>

Even though it's out of the neighbourhood, we love to go for a walk once in a while for a drink. It is very close to the shopping area and it is an emblematic building of Valencian modernism. I love the brick and stone covers, and Antoni loves the metal truss structure, it's so beautiful!



### HORCHATERÍA FABIÁN

C/ Ciscar, 5

<fb://Horchateria-Fabián>

I often come here with my uncles and grandparents or with my friends from the falla to have a horchata in summer or a hot chocolate with fritters in winter. I have to put a few extra hours in the gym later but it's almost a tradition in our family, and a trip to my childhood. A delicious excuse to get together.

Nearby alternatives:

GLASOL, Av. Reino de Valencia, 22

EL CONTRASTE, C/ San Valero, 12

### CHINESE RESTAURANT CASA RU

C/ Sueca, 65

We love this restaurant. It's been open for many years, from the time when there were more Chinese locals and shops in the area. It looks like an ordinary bar but the food is great and it's different from the typical Chinese restaurants I've been to. It seems pretty more original. When I met Toni, he said he didn't like Asian food, but now he's hooked on it. We must dare to try new things!

### TABERNA EL ROJO

C/ Literato Azorín, 10

<fb://elrojoruzafa>

I almost always meet up here with my friends from University for dinner. Their loin skewers with goat cheese and trigueros and their cheese and sausage boards drive me crazy. They are perfect to share and their prices are more than reasonable. In addition, this is a great place to start partying because it is in an area with a fantastic atmosphere. There is also plenty of places to sit outside, on the terrace or in the patio.

Nearby alternatives:

EL RUS, C/ Sueca, 35

EL RODAMÓN, C/ Sueca, 47

MARE MEUA, C/ dels Tomasos, 7

### ABCYOU Bed & Breakfast

C/ Martí, 10

<http://www.abcyou.es>

If I didn't live in Valencia I would like to stay at this hostel, it is really cute and very well located. It has a small space for coffee and a very nice decoration. We sometimes go there to have a cup of tea late in the afternoon.

Nearby alternatives:

CITY GARDEN B&B, C/ General Prim, 1

ZALAMERA BnB, C/ Pelayo, 44

### BAKERY AND PASTRY SHOP TENDETES

C/ Ciscar, 56

[www.tendetes.com](http://www.tendetes.com)

I started going there with my mother to get a snack in the evening, but now it has become a custom. I like a lot going there for breakfast or for a snack in the afternoon, everything is homemade and you direct notice it. My vice are their cheese sticks and the empanadillas!

### ÁNGEL CUSTODIO CHURCH

C/ Salamanca, 43

<http://www.parroquiasantoangelcustodio.com>

Although he doesn't even remember, this is where Toni and I met a few years ago. My group of juniors belonged here and he was about leaving Maristas, which is next door. The truth is that I really liked coming here; the church interior is very tidy and there are also lots of spaces such parish halls, temple... And despite being only seventy-five years old, it looks older. What strikes me is the bell tower, looking like a lighthouse.



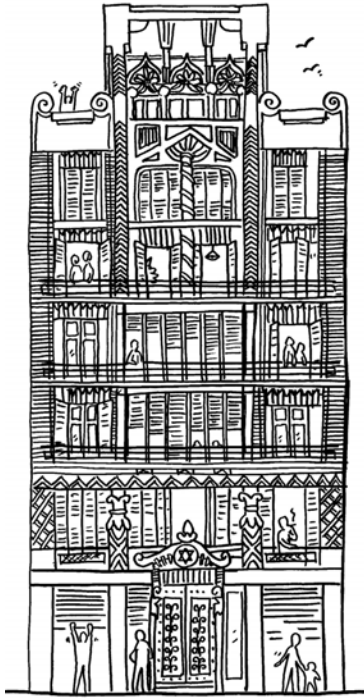
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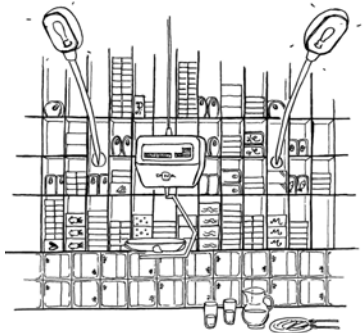
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### CASA JUDÍA

C/ Castellón, 20

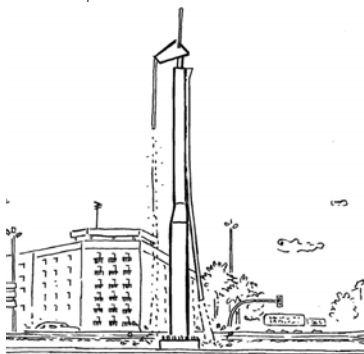
Although you need to get out of the neighbourhood, it is worth to see this singular building on the way to the Plaza de Toros. It is from the architect Juan Francisco Guardiola Martínez. It was built in 1930 and it stands out for its colours, the David's star at the entrance, the palm tree in the centre and its millions of details with a great variety of influences.



### BODEGA "El Mercat"

C/ Cura Femenia, 2  
<http://www.bodegaelmercat.es/>

This place, where you can currently eat very rich portions, was the old Seguí Winery. They used to sold bulk liquids: wine, mistela, oil...



### "THE PINK PANTHER"

Plaza Manuel Sanchis Guarnier

This more than 20 meters high sculpture-fountain is the work of the Valencian artist Miquel Navarro. It was commissioned by the city's Drinking Water Company to commemorate the Turia-Júcar water transfer in 1984. Its original name is "The Public Fountain" but it immediately adopted the nickname "The Pink Panther".



### MUSEO TAURINO

Pasaje Doctor Serra 10  
<http://www.museotaurinovaencia.es/>

I recommend a visit to the "Museo Taurino" to all those who wish to enter the world of bullfighting. This museum, one of the oldest and most important ones in Spain on this subject, tells the evolution of bullfighting in Valencia since the 19th century, the characteristics of the fighting bull, the bullfighters' formation, the liturgy and the history of the bullring in Valencia. In addition, you can also visit the bullring. There are lots of interesting things near this neighbourhood.



### CRUCES DE MAYO

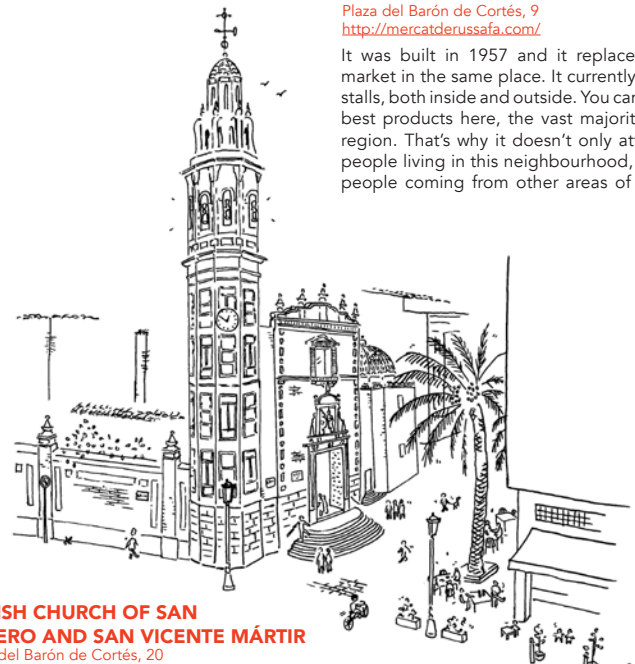
Around May 3rd

Flower crosses are set in different squares and streets of the city by parishes, falleras or schools, in order to commemorate the discovery of the cross of Jesus Christ by St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine I the Great. These crosses can be found all over the city, but in this neighbourhood their presence is much more remarkable.

### LA COOPERATIVA DEL MAR

C/ Literato Azorin, 18  
<http://www.lacooperativadelmar.com/>

This is one of those places having appeared in the neighbourhood in the last decade, taking the place of others that were no longer profitable or whose owners retired. I'm especially impressed by the fact that it serves canned fish and it is located in an old fishmonger's shop. The old bar where the fish was exposed, the tiles and the luminous sign in the interior have been kept. I like this spot since it places value to both a space and products that have existed for a long time but that didn't seem to be much appreciated.



### PARISH CHURCH OF SAN VALERO AND SAN VICENTE MÁRTIR

Plaza del Barón de Cortés, 20

This church could be considered the equivalent of the cathedral of Ruzafa; its bell tower is a landmark in this neighbourhood. It was built in the fifteenth century in Baroque style. Its altar is dedicated to both San Valero and San Vicente Ferrer, being the latter one of the patrons of the city.

### GRAN VÍA - CÁNOVAS

The Gran Vía lived its golden age in the last century, being one of the places where the bourgeoisie went for a walk. My mother worked as a maid in one of those modernist buildings and she always talked about the style of the boulevard. She also told me that the monument to the Marquis of Campo, which is now in Cánovas del Castillo Square, was previously in the town hall square until it was replaced by one of the Caudillo, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the dictatorship.



### PALAU DE LA MÚSICA

Paseo de la Alameda, 30  
<http://www.palaudevalencia.com/>

The Palau is the most important auditorium in the city and also the headquarters of both the Orchestra and the Municipal Band of Valencia. There is a lot of musical tradition in the city. They mainly schedule classical music concerts but also organize a jazz festival. In summer many things are organized in the old riverbed: concerts, dances, open-air cinema...



### CINESTUDIO D'OR

C/ Almirante Cadorso, 31  
<http://cinestudiodor.es/>

This re-launch cinema shows two different films every week, which can be seen in a double session (two at the price of one). The place is almost a relic: it's one of those cinemas that are almost no longer there, with a single room, spacious and welcoming, where you can something to eat and drink and spend the whole evening.

### RUZAFa MARKET HALL

Plaza del Barón de Cortés, 9  
<http://mercatderuzafa.com/>

It was built in 1957 and it replaced a flea market in the same place. It currently has 160 stalls, both inside and outside. You can buy the best products here, the vast majority of this region. That's why it doesn't only attract the people living in this neighbourhood, but also people coming from other areas of the city.



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