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## Pila House

Pila House is the historic entertainment district of the city. Carved out of a sprawling graveyard it was demarcated as the entertainment district - Play House, in 1850. It lies sandwiched between the inner city bazaars to the south, the mill lands to the north, the docklands to the east and the luxury apartments of Malabar Hill to the west. The neighborhood is a location for the intersection of desires emanating from all these surrounding spaces and its labyrinths. Cinema theaters line its streets showing films for classes forgotten by the multiplexes. Most of these halls were originally used by traditional Parsi drama groups and were subsequently transformed into cinemas.









Owner: Sultan Seth Started: Early 1900s Former name: Rippon theatre Initially used for: Plays Time Schedule: 10:30 - 12:00 Adult 'C' grade movies, 12:00 - 24:00 older Bollywood Masala films Marketing/ Promotion: Hand painted as well as printed posters Ticket: Rs. 15 - 20 Capacity: 750 people Audience: Migrant daily wage laborers and workers who work in shifts.





## NEW ROSHAN

Owner: Merchant Kedar Started: Early 1900s Former name: Elphinstone theatre Initially used for: Plays Time Schedule: 10:30 - 12:00 Adult 'C' grade movies 12:00 - 24:00 old masala films Marketing/ Promotion: Hand painted as well as printed posters Ticket: Rs. 15 - 20 Capacity: 668 people Audience: Migrant daily wage laborers and workers who work in shifts.

