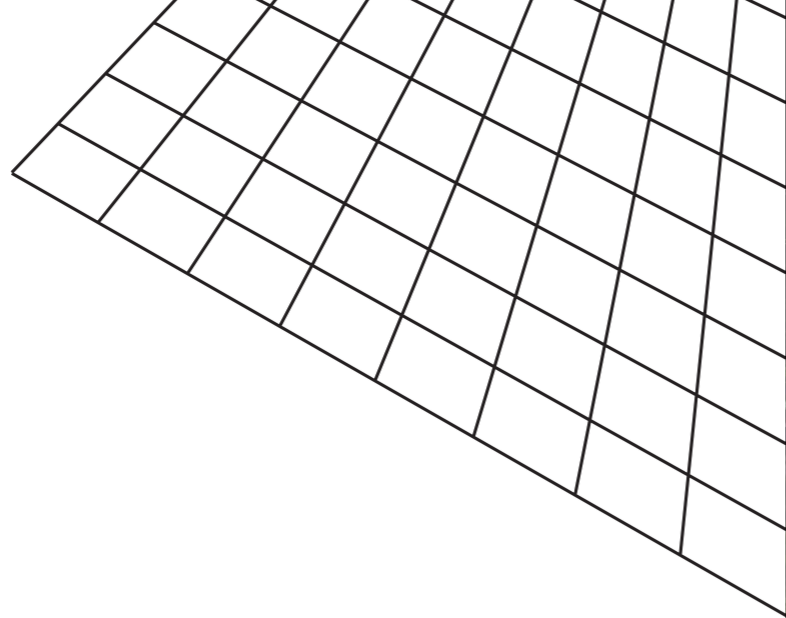


Theory of Cinema

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Le Grand Palais Cinema

Cahors / France

Year of completion: 2019

Architectural office: Antonio Virga Architecte

Total area: 1.640 m²

Cinemas / seats: 7 / 1050

Cost: 6,4 million Euro

Financing: City of Cahors + Société Cadurcienne d'Exploitation Cinématographique



Le Grand Palais Cinema was completed in 2019. The buildings surrounding the venue once formed a complex that first served as a monastery and later as a military base. A building stood on the site until it burnt down in 1940. After that, the site was used as a car park for decades. The used brick is frequently used in the traditional architecture of Cahors and thus acts as a link between the new architecture of the cinema and that of the old town. The cavities in the façade shown here serve as light sources during the night and allow light into the building during the day. With the construction of Le Grand Palais Cinema, a long-lost public space has been restored.

