

# A modernist GEM OF ZARAGOZA



## ASSEMBLY HALL



### THE ASSEMBLY HALL of the **Building of Caja Rural de Aragón**

has been long considered one of the biggest gems of *Art Déco* in Zaragoza. It has hosted countless historical and cultural events in the city.

In 1928, the building underwent a major remodelling.

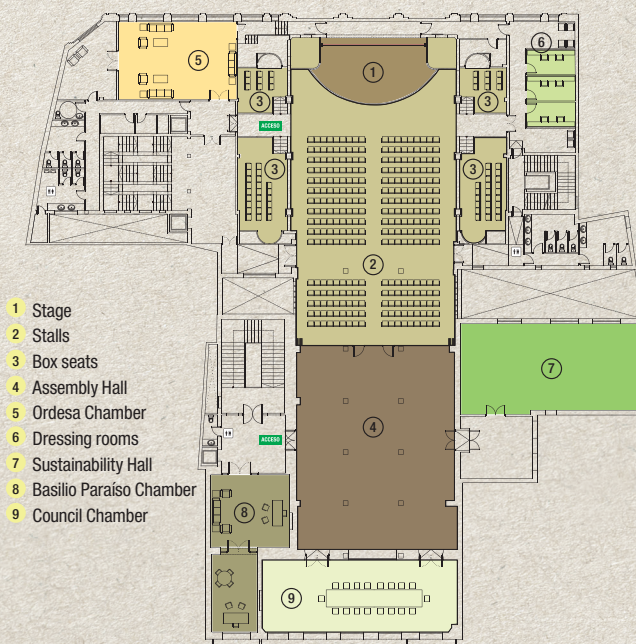
All its ground-floor and upper spaces were transformed and redone by Francisco Íñiguez, a young architect from Madrid. He was the one who radically changed the architectural style of what then was the Market Centre. The new hall was converted into a theatre-shaped space, with stalls, a row of box seats around its upper part and a podium that was occasionally used as a stage. On it, numerous outstanding

personalities would hold conferences. Among them, Joaquín Costa, Azorín, Ortega y Gasset, Jacinto Benavente, Miguel Delibes, Ramón J. Sender. To tackle the lack of natural light and secure sufficient luminosity the architect resorted to stained glass. For circulation spaces, a

special decoration piece was designed. It was made up of five statues placed high up on three walls. These figures are supposed to represent five arts: painting, dance, music, architecture and sculpture.

The rest of the decoration of this hall, ranging from wall lights to

architectural forms, followed the reigning 1930s style, the *Art Déco*. For years, the venue has been used to crown the queens of Zaragoza major holiday - Las Fiestas del Pilar. It was on this stage that the first public performance of the General Military Academy band took place in 1945. Fun fact: in 1953, this venue was used to host the Spanish Gymnastics Championship won by Joaquín Blume and Elena Blume.







Events







Fairs



Cultural events





#### Common uses

-  **Business events**
-  **Institutional ceremonies**
-  **Fairs**
-  **Cultural events**

#### Space



<b>Area</b>	
Stage	46,07 m <sup>2</sup>
Stalls	315,64 m <sup>2</sup>
Assembly Hall	246,72 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Capacity</b>	550 px

 Audiovisual equipment. Consult.

 Possible catering.



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