

The Formentera Office of Tourism is pleased to report that the Formentera Fotogràfica festival will celebrate its tenth year from 26 to 29 May with a programme of more than 20 professionals from the world of the image. Over four days, professionals and amateurs of contemporary visual culture, photographers, filmmakers, curators, editors, journalists, writers, booksellers and professionals of the still and moving image will converge on our island.

Alejandra Ferrer, Vice President and Councillor of Tourism, pointed up the outstanding speakers scheduled to participate in the event's tenth edition, which includes a very special exhibition to run mid-May to late June in Es Pujols' Plaça Europa. "Once again this year, this festival of photography will place Formentera at the fore of the national photography scene", said Councillor Ferrer, who pointed out that organisers had lined up "a first-class sampling of photography for the enjoyment of islanders and tourists, who we hope this off-season event can draw".

Exhibition

Formentera Fotogràfica also brings with it an exhibition, "50 Photographs with History", in which curators José María Díaz-Maroto and Gonzalo Revidiego retrace the history of photography in Spain over the last eighty years. The open-air group exhibition looks at photography in Spain through fifty nationally- and internally-acclaimed photographers, from the masters of the early twentieth century to contemporary names in the craft. The exhibition is organised by Acción Cultural Española (AC/E), the Consell de Formentera and Formentera Fotogràfica. Seventeen national award winners feature among the selection of photographers. The exhibition offers visitors the opportunity to use their mobile phones to take a guided tour by scanning QR codes located on each photograph.

Programme

At the Sala de Cultura-Cinema in Sant Francesc, the epicentre of the festival, participants will enjoy lectures, talks and screenings on topics such as war conflicts, human rights, the situation

of women, migratory movements and the environment, among others. Participants will include photojournalists like Emilio Morenatti (Pulitzer Prize, 2021) and Santi Palacios (National Photojournalism Award, 2015 and 2016). In addition to the ten scheduled talks and presentations, festival attendees will be able to participate in hands-on sessions in assorted indoor and outdoor locations on the island.

To register and view the complete programme, visit https://www.formenterafotografica.com . Residents of Formentera receive a 50 % discount.

Tribute to Ramon Masats

Among the activities will be a tribute to Ramon Masats (National Photography Award, 2004) offered by journalist Chema Conesa, recently awarded the Ministry of Culture's Gold Medal for Fine Arts Merit. Both will be on hand to review Masats' trajectory as a human being and his professional career, revisiting past work as well as his personal archive and writings.

Formentera Fotogràfica is a festival promoted by the Consell de Formentera and directed by Francesc Fàbregas. It is a space for knowledge, reflection and collective creation through intimately-sized practical and theoretical sessions led by leading names in photography and contemporary visual culture. The festival is for professionals, students and amateurs of the image who share a desire to exchange experiences with peers in an ideal environment such as Formentera.

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