

The education office of the Consell de Formentera reports that on Friday 22 November the island's Escola de Música i Dansa (School of Music and Dance) will stage a concert to celebrate the patroness of musicians. The concert is scheduled for 8.00pm in the Sant Francesc church and is part of the activities programme to celebrate twenty years of learning at the Escola.

The activities continue at 8.00pm on 1 December, when students take part in a benefit gala held at the Sala de Cultura-Cinema by the Eivissa-Formentera Association of Individuals with Special Needs (Apneef). A Christmas concert is in the works for 13 December at 6.00pm in the Sant Ferran square, and will feature local school children and the Escola band.

As education consellera Susana Labrador pointed out, “the principal aim of this school is to put islanders of all ages in contact with music. Maybe that means teaching fans of homegrown musical heritage how to play traditional instruments; maybe it means classes in modern dance or folk guitar, and a focus on the new”.

Activities in 2020

The Escola has already begun lining up activities for the year ahead as well, like the fourth Cantada Pagesa on the evening of 22 February at the Sala de Cultura-Cinema, an intergenerational gathering of local vocalists. For Carnival, on 26 February, students of the Escola will put on a festival at the Sala de Cultura-Cinema, offering performances of music and dance. For International Dance Day, a dance festival will be held on 29 April with support from the Casal de Joves.

Also in the offing are an intimate concert at La Mola lighthouse and a piano recital at the Casa del Poble (both dates are to be announced). A permanent display of photographs of performances by students at the music school is also being prepared, and will be exhibited in the hallways of the Escola.

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