

In a special full-house assembly today, cross-party support came from within the Consell de Formentera to honour individuals and businesses in commemoration of the island's patron saint, Sant Jaume, on the Diada de Formentera 2019.

Consell president Alejandra Ferrer made the announcement that this year's gold medal —the Medalla d'Or— would go to Formenterers Solidaris. Ferrer spoke of “the charitable, altruistic and humanitarian work this association performs to service the needs of the less fortunate—through support and orientation, and local funding for aid and development projects across the globe.”

Premis Sant Jaume

One Sant Jaume award goes to AECC Formentera. The Formentera chapter of the Asociación Española contra el Cáncer, “from its leadership to its corps of volunteers, work with selfless generosity to better the lives of people living with cancer, to accompany and support them and their families” said the president. “They not only act as advocates for those who are suffering, but also support prevention efforts in building awareness around health issues.”

Jazz&Co will also receive the distinction. “In twenty-five years, they've become a key feature of our cultural landscape” said the president. She called the group “synonymous with summer nights, and live —and especially jazz— music in the squares of Sant Francesc and Sant Ferran” and applauded them for “bringing into the fold both local talent and international names”.

The final Premi Sant Jaume will go to Can Forn in Sant Francesc. “For sixty years of service as a family-run, local shop”, Ferrer beamed, “and one which, across the generations, has stayed true to its original allure as a neighbourhood outpost”.

On behalf of the entire governing team, President Ferrer saluted this year's winners. An awards

ceremony will accompany Diada de Formentera celebrations on 24 July. The event starts at 8.30pm in the Culture department's sala d'Actes.

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