The Formentera Culture and Education Department reports that this weekend, Musical Formentera invites islanders to get a taste of local musical talent at the Mostra de Músics in Sant Francesc's Sa Senieta festival tent. The show starts at 6.00pm on Friday 18 December with a programme that includes Pez Sonora + PerSona, Emi Bueno, Yakari & Marie Connery Quartet and DJ Gioele + DJ Clint Zero. The second and final day of the show starts at 12 noon two days later, with performances from Bloco Colubraria, Erik Doornweerd with Óscar & Friends, Sur and Foc i Fum.

Culture and holidays councillor Susana Labrador described the aim of Mostra de Músics as "to energise the local cultural scene and support hometown musicians in particularly tough times". "Safety protocol will be fully enforced and capacity restrictions respected at every event on the Christmas calendar", said the councillor, who encouraged islanders to "collaborate and be responsible so that we can enjoy music and local musicians safely".

Performances last sixty minutes. Reservations will not be taken and capacity will be limited to the first 54 attendees. Audience members must remain seated and masked, and no eating or drinking are allowed. Seats left empty may be reclaimed once they have been disinfected.

Musical Formentera

Cultural group Musical Formentera formed in 2020 with the aim of promoting musical culture, safeguarding the role of artists and technical staff and fostering cultural inter-island exchanges with support from public, private and community entities in the Balearic Islands.

Bands

Pez Sonora + PerSona
For the singer-songwriter, guitarist and multidisciplinary artist Paz Aguado, musical creation

goes hand in hand with the visual arts. Aguado, Juanjo Rodríguez (guitar, bass) and Dario Fusco (drums) together form Pez Sonora, a group that intertwines intimist vital poetry with eclectic folk-rock melodies. As magic traverses the stations of paradise, Aguado's lyrics highlight connections that make sense of things.

Pez Sonora will be accompanied by PerSona, a musical endeavour and meeting point of the multitudinous facets of multi-instrumentalist Paul Castejón. Fuelled by jazz, infused with ethnic melodies and drunk on the exotic progressions of progressive music, his début studio effort, ClaoOscuro, floats in a soundscape that is by turns organic and eclectic. The album's admixture of instrumental pieces and polyglottal singing constitutes a dialogue about the profound rhetoric of existence. The philosophy of technological sound meets the expression of mysticism.

Emi Bueno
The Latin sounds of Emi Bueno have a habit of taking audiences to far-away places. Hometown musicians and the quartet's subtlety and mirth are sure to go hand in hand.

Yakari & Marie Connery Quartet
When trumpeter Nuno Alvez, pianist Julien Cantonné, drummer Edgar Vilamajó and bassist Mariano Menteguiaga joined forces on Formentera this winter, rehashing spectacular moments from the annals of jazz and funk and reincarnating the genres' godfathers (think Miles Davis, Billy Cobhan and Herbie Hancock) were all part of the plan. The group will be joined at the Mostra de Músics by Isaac Robles and Maya Porter — the former with electric guitar in tow, and the latter ready to belt out material by Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin and Sam Cooke. This made-on-Formentera outfit has got groove in spades and talent by the truckload.

DJ Gioele
Gioele Brizio has been DJ'ing at clubs like Pineta, Alter Ego, Café del Mar Ibiza, El Club Ibiza and Hotel Pacha Ibiza since 1993. His name appeared alongside Moba Sound's on remixes of the likes of Milesart Orchestra (Look at you), Mystic Diversions (Energy Production), Oscar P (Media Services Nyc), DNA (Cool:Division) and Dom Scott (Perception Music). After past stints at Big Sur Life, today he is the resident DJ at ChezzGerdi Formentera.

DJ Clint Zero
The speakers at this New York-born and Formentera-based DJ's sessions emanate a blend of sounds that can only be described as eclectic.

Bloco Colubraria
The batucada drum beats of Bloco Colubraria may be Brazilian in style, but they come with a touch of insanity that is characteristic of the Balearics. The group have played an endless list of events since they began performing two years ago, and all signs point to a long and lively road ahead.

Erik Doornweerd with Óscar & Friends
Indonesia-born, Netherlands-raised and Formentera-based Erik Doornweerd hasn't just played aboard the Joven Dolores, for 25 years he brought together musicians, storytellers, jugglers, magicians, dancers and more on the open stage of La Mola's craft market. Doornweerd will draw from a repertoire that spans rock, folk, country and blues as he alternates between guitar, pedal steel, harmonicas and a five-string banjo in the company of Óscar and his African percussion group.

Sur
Formentera-based Sur play "power acoustic" and their repertoire includes original material and covers. The line-up? Dani Alcoba (vocals, guitar), Manu Velázquez (drums), Gustavo Moraes (lead guitar) and Maxi Rattoni (bass).

Foc i Fum
Rock and roll band Foc i Fum is Joan Garciolo Torres on bass, Fabian Mayans on drums, Maya Porter on vocals and Isaac Robles on guitar. They cover songs by Audioslave, Queens of the Stone Age and Muse. Their on-stage energy, classic rock catalogue and soul-shaking female vocals make their shows experiences to remember.

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