



The Formentera Council's department of culture welcomes *Por unos pasitos de ná*, a dance production for children three and up scoring big-time plaudits from critics and audiences in towns and cities across the country.

A blend of flamenco and contemporary dance, *Por unos pasitos de ná* plays out as an encounter of three dancers/geometric figures. Two are circular, one is square, all three have got a different shape and dance.

Heeding a celebratory call, the dancers make their way towards a door that the circular ones slip through without a hitch. The problem comes when the square dancer attempts to follow suit; the round door leaves her at a loss. Her fellow dancers encourage her to change her identity, her shape, her dance; but, true to her proud flamenco roots, she is adamant about maintaining her identity and shape. The solution, of course, comes with fun-loving and clown-like dance.

Ambulantes Teatro y Danza weave a fun-filled spectacle in the key of clown, and highlight the importance of identity while promoting respect for people who are different.

The production comes to Formentera as part of PLATEA. Launched in 2014, PLATEA is an initiative of Spain's national institute of performing arts and music, an offshoot of the Spanish ministry of education, culture and sport, and aims to bring top-notch nationwide productions to Formentera theatre-lovers.

The troupe

Ambulantes Teatro y Danza's experience in children's productions spans many years. Their start came adapting youth-friendly texts for the stage, in pieces seasoned with the language of dance. The troupe was trained at Albacete's municipal theatre school and Madrid's Sala Cuarta Pared. Past productions include a child-friendly version of *Don Quijote*, *Pulgarcito* (or "Tom Thumb" to English-speaking audiences) and *Déjate llevar*

In addition to Saturday's production, **Ambulantes Teatro y Danza will offer three workshops to students of Formentera's school of music and dance on Friday evening**

Por unos pasitos de ná makes its début before Formentera audiences this Saturday, October 6 at 6.00pm at the cinema (Sala de Cultura). Tickets for the 50-minute production can be purchased at the box office the day of the function for €3.