



The Formentera office of culture announces the fourteenth Cinema a la Fresca, free evening screenings of classics and contemporary highlights from Spanish and world cinema.

Under the creative direction of Veronique Landy and Espai F, the outdoor film series brings together, from July to September, 32 arthouse gems from varying countries and spanning the 1930s to present day, screened in their original language. The initiative kicks off its weekly circuit on Tuesdays in Sant Francesc's Jardí de ses Eres, before moving to the Sant Ferran square and La Mola's Casa del Poble patio on Thursdays and Fridays, respectively.

Programme

The Cinema a la Fresca programme commences Tuesday 30 June in Sant Francesc with a film that is additionally included in the activities' bill in support of World LGBTQI+ Pride Day. Sebastián Lelio's *Una mujer fantástica* follows Marina, a transgender youth in the Chilean capital of Santiago who works as a waitress and singer. She and her partner, Orlando, twenty years her senior, see themselves in each other's future until Orlando dies, leaving Marina with no other choice but to face up to her family and show them she is strong, honest and fabulous.

Thursday 2 July, crowds in Sant Francesc's Plaça de l'Església will be treated to celebrated director Fernando Amenábar's *Mientras dure la guerra*. Relying on the through-line of the political and personal conflict of writer-philosopher Miguel de Unamuno, the film explores the events that transpired in Salamanca over the second half of 1936.

Friday 3 July, visitors to the Casa del Poble patio space will be able to check out *Sherlock JR*. Filmed by American Buster Keaton in 1924, the wordless love story features Keaton in the part of a young film-house projector operator. Poor, optimistic, bright-eyed and enamoured with a handsome woman for whose attention he must clamour, the man finds himself facing off against a dastardly foil who will ready to stop at nothing to thwart his plans. Refusing to take things sitting down, the young Romeo studies the methodology of detectives in order, he reasons, to become a modern Sherlock Holmes.

The series additionally includes child-friendly fare like *Dillili a París*, *Ponyo en el acantilado* and, on 9 July in Sant Ferran,

Mi amigo el gigante

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The BFG

. Directed by Steven Spielberg and based on the novel by Roald Dahl, the film tells the story of a girl who finds herself joining forces with a giant to stymie an invading force of evil giants who are prepared to gobble up every boy and girl in the country.

Formentera's youngest film fans are invited to come out for *Avatar* on Thursday 23 July. The visually exquisite animated feature not only champions environmental causes, it brims with a magic and marvel that will warm even the coldest heart.

Among the highlights of this year's Cinema a la Fresca are live performances by pianist Jota Hidalgo of the soundtracks accompanying *Sherlock JR.* and Charlie Chaplin's *The Kid*. The former takes place Friday 3 July and the latter on Tuesday 21 July.

Films will be shown in idyllic natural and open-air backdrops where covid-19 safety and physical distancing protocol will be in place.

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