

The Formentera Department of Culture has unveiled a sneak peak of the L'Illa a Escena programme of performing arts and music for year end 2020. "After the lockdown-era freeze on face-to-face cultural programming, this particular activities bill was extra special", insisted culture and education chief Susana Labrador. "There is something for everyone in these six shows, and in each one the aim is the same: promote the local cultural scene".

# October

October kicks off with street dance from two members from the **Dancescape** troupe. *Let's dance about Love* 

enlists the languages of dance, music and spoken word to dig into the multi-stage journey that is love. The resulting atmosphere is one in which both audience and performers are protagonists, identifying with sensations and observing the resonance of others' feelings, thoughts and experiences with their own. Love is something you feel, something you talk about, something you dance...

The show happens on *Saturday 3 October at 7.00pm* at Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

Also in October is a production that will have children in stitches. *Italino Grand Hotel* is a piece of all-ages clown-foolery that explores the tender, moving comedic figure already familiar to anyone who has seen a production from La Tal.

The show happens on *Saturday 17 October at 6.00pm* at Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

It's down to Titzina Teatro to close out the month of October with their latest, *La Zanja*. After nearly twenty years in the game, the theatre troupe presents an original production that is fruit of research and anthropological journalism. Playwrights, directors and actors Pako Merino and Diego Lorca take a tragicomic look at the clash of European and American civilisations and their shared history.

The show happens on Saturday 24 October at 8.30pm at Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

# November

On 7 November, one show in particular will walk the line between dance, music, theatre and visual arts. Inspired by paintings and diary entries, Marie Tholon and Adriana Aguilar's *Frida* offers up a mise en scène of episodes from the life of the Mexican painter.

Part of the activities bill for International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the show happens on **Saturday 7 November at 8.30pm** at Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

Little ones will really have a ball with the latest family-friendly production from the iconic troupe La Tartana. *Soñando a Pinocho* tells the imagined prelude to the classic tale of Pinocchio, before even Gepetto got to him. This magical tale about solitude and persevering to realise one's dreams was nominated in 2018 for the Max award for best children's production.

The show will happen on **Saturday 14 November at 6.00pm** at Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

# December

Completing the L'Illa a Escena series is the musical *Tina, la bruixa fina*. The lead character in this musical puppet show is an eminently clever young witch who is itching to learn the tricks of her trade. To do it, she'll need the help of veteran witch Tomassot. A rollicking time for kids of all stripes.

The show happens on **Sunday 13 December at 5.30pm** at Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

### Admission

Tickets at children's productions are €5 for kids, free for adults. Tickets for other productions are €7, or €5 for viewers under 25. Admission to Let's dance is €5 for everyone.

Due to the ongoing crisis related to Covid-19, admission is free for the unemployed and

currently inactive self-employed individuals.

# **Cultivating culture**

L'Illa a Escena promotes the performing arts with help from the Institut d'Estudis Balearics, and works to foster partnerships between professional dance, theatre and circus troupes, enrich the cultural scene, and ensure access to culture with help from the Spanish culture ministry's Platea programme.

In view of public health protocol and limitations on building capacity, efforts are currently under way to ensure the cleanliness of the Sala de Cultura and fulfilment of other standards. All productions will be hosted in line with current rules and public health directives, and require tickets to be reserved in advance: <a href="mailto:reserves@conselldeformentera.cat">reserves@conselldeformentera.cat</a>.

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