



The Formentera Department of Culture is pleased to present the fifteenth Cinema a la Fresca, an outdoor film series pairing summer nights with classics and hits of contemporary Spanish and world cinema at no charge.

Under the creative direction of Veronique Landy and Espai F_, from July to September, the series will dust off 34 arthouse gems hailing from varying countries and spanning the 1920s to present day, all shown in their original language. The weekly circuit kicks off Tuesdays in Sant Francesc's Jardí de ses Eres before heading to the Sant Ferran square on Thursdays and La Mola's Casa del Poble patio on Fridays.

Cinema a la Fresca's creative team in la Mola, Espai F_, say that during current hard times, they wanted "eclectic", "international", "all ages" and "inspiringly optimistic" to be the programme's guiding stars.

Programme

Cinema a la Fresca gets its 2021 start **Tuesday 29 June** in Sant Francesc, with a film that's also part of programming around World LGBTQI+ Pride Day. Lucía Puezno's

XXY

tells the story of Àlex, an unusual 15 year old who's hiding a secret. When Àlex was just an infant, her parents left Buenos Aires for a life of isolation in a wooden shack on the beach. They wanted to give their daughter a happy, protected life without prejudice until she could decide for herself which path to follow. Before the film audiences will see Miguel Parra's Formentera Film Festival winning short

(A)NORMAL

.

Thursday 1 July, crowds in Sant Francesc's plaça de l'Església will be treated to ***In This World***, a film that is also included in Formentera's World Refugee Day programme. The film by Michael Winterbottom traces the stories of two Afghani youth living in a refugee camp in the Peshawar and dreaming of life in the UK.

Friday 2 July, visitors to the Casa del Poble patio space will be able to check out Mihalís Kakogiannis' **Zorba the Greek**. Based on the novel by Nikos Kazantzakis, the film chronicles an English writer who travels to Crete to take possession of a small property that he has inherited. On his journey he will meet Zorba, a lively character of primitive customs who will hold enormous sway for him.

The series additionally includes child-friendly fare like **Mirai**, an extraordinary and unbelievable adventure around the birth of a baby sister;

Little Fugitive

, in which a young boy runs away from home and finds paradise in Coney Island;

Captain Fantastic

, which tells the tale of a church-going dad who teaches his children curious ways of thinking and leading their lives, and the Japanese jewel of animation,

Wolf Children

.

And audiences can see **The Conversation** and **Pickpocket** and comedies like **La escopeta nacional**, **In nome del popolo italiano**

,

Hors normes

and

El viaje a ninguna parte

.

Talk turns to love with films like **Force majeure (Turist)**, **The Cranes are Flying** and **Paris, je t'aime**,

and sci-fi fans will enjoy

The Arrival

and the mythical

Blade Runner

.

One of the highlights of the 2021 Cinema a la Fresca comes Tuesday 21 July, when pianist Jota Hidalgo offers the crowd in Sant Francesc's jardí de ses Eres a live interpretation of the soundtrack to Charlie Chaplin's **Shoulder Arms**.

Culture chief Susana Labrador encouraged islanders come out for this year's programme, touting well-adapted outdoor setups at jardí de ses Eres (Sant Francesc), plaça de l'Església (Sant Ferran) and Casa del Poble (la Mola) and "idyllic backdrops with Covid-19 safety and physical distancing protocol in place".

23 June 2021

Communications Department

Consell de Formentera