The Consell de Formentera is pleased to report that the traditional music department of the Formentera School of Music and Dance will host the fifth **Cantada Pagesa** in the Sala de Cultura (Cinema), Saturday 18 February, at 8.00pm. Admission to the 90-minute programme is free and tickets will be available on

www.entradesformentera.cat

from Friday 10 February. This event is part of the Office of Culture-backed programme L'Illa a Escena.

"The very special programme will see twenty-some students of Xumeu Joan performing traditional singing techniques like cant redoblat and cant glosat solo, in dialogue and in groups", explained Alejandra Ferrer, vice-president and education councillor. "The idea behind the event, of which Xumeu Joan has been the driving force for years, is to preserve Formentera's oral tradition by passing it on to new singers and the island at large", added the councillor, who thanked both Joan and his students "for the great work they do to keep this tradition alive."

Traditional music workshop

This year's Cantada Pagesa will come alongside a workshop on traditional musical instruments like castanets, drum and flute. Vicent Ferreret will lead the class in the Consell de Formentera auditorium, or Sala de Plens, next to the Formentera Day Centre. This workshop will highlight instrument building techniques and materials, as well as how to tune and handle these unique instruments, which are exclusive to the Pine Islands. The dance groups Es Xacoters and Es Pastorells are invited to the event, as well as students of the Formentera School of Music and Dance. Admission will also be free for the general public. Reservations are not required.

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