

On March 12, 2017, Antoni Tur Costa (nicknamed “Gabrielet”) would have turned one hundred. Here on Formentera, we would like to seize the opportunity to celebrate the first centennial of Gabrielet's birth.

Months ago, a committee was created to plan a series of events over the course of 2017 to pay homage to Gabrielet, not only the artist, but also and in especial the human being. As a member of the committee, the Formentera Island Council is a stakeholder in the celebrations.

March 31 (Friday), la Mola's Casa del Poble will play host to commemoration of the artist. Co-presented by Espai_F and OCB Formentera with additional support from the CiF, it will be a moment to share stories and memories of the milestones that marked Gabrielet's drawn-out, impassioned time on our island.

In 2017, two children's contests organised under the banner of the Sant Jordi holiday turn 18 — the first, for bookmark designs, and the second, for literature penned by kids. Named for Gabrielet and Robert Lewis Baldon, respectively, both encounters are included among this year's centennial celebrations of the illustrator and ceramicist. Entrants in the writing contest are invited to speak about “the art all around them”.

Another hat tip to the artist will come in the form of a documentary on his life, replete with interviews, images and samples of his work. Filmmaker Alfredo Montero, a Formentera native, is currently helming production of the film.

Formentera's centennial programme will resume in September with an exhibition at Centre Gabrielet in Sant Francesc. The show will focus primarily on the Eivissa-grown artist's drawings.