



The Formentera Office of Heritage is pleased to report that at 7.00pm Wednesday 1 December, Centre Antoni Tur "Gabrielet" will host the opening of "La Segona República a Formentera" (The Second Republic on Formentera). Running parallel to the exhibition on 9 and 10 December are a series of programmes at the "Ajuntament Vell" Exhibition Space. In addition, the opening of the exhibition will feature the participation of Aires Formenterencs.

Raquel Guasch, Councillor of Heritage, framed the project as "an exercise in historical memory championing local values". "Formentera deserved a display like this with material, witnesses and even songs that help us to remember and give visibility to a key part of our island's history". The councillor also applauded the involvement and research of all those who made the project possible. "It has been months in the making", she asserted.

The exhibition is curated by Manolo Oya and a special historical advisory team was formed to steward the initiative. The team's efforts were two-fold: gathering material for the exhibition and sending documentation to Formentera's Historical Archive and Archive of Image and Sound. The following individuals were part of the advisory team: Santiago Colomar, Artur Parron, Carmelo Convalia, Toni Ferrer and Adrià Tur Homar. Raquel González and Alfredo Montero collaborated in the research work as well.

The showcase of Second Republic-related graphic material and documentation will be on view at Centre Antoni Tur "Gabrielet" until 15 January 2022. The gallery is open from 10.00am to 1.00pm Tuesday to Saturday, and 6.00pm to 8.00pm Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The gallery is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

The following screenings and talks will take place at the "Ajuntament Vell" on 9 and 10 December:

From 6.30pm on 9 December, as part of two screenings which will also feature audio recordings, attendees can hear valuable contributions to research including: Sonya Torres Planells, who will highlight testimony about the library of Joan Colomar Torres ("Joan Peret")

and a recitation by Josep Escandell Ferrer ("Pep de Jaume des Camp") of the first two couplets of a song about the Second Republic, which several sources attribute to Bartomeu Castelló Mayans ("Xomeu des Cafè").

At 7.30pm, Santiago Colomar will talk about the Plànol d'en Cinnamond urban development plan in La Savina and its links to the beginnings of local tourism.

And in two lectures scheduled at 6.30pm on 10 December, Isidor Torres will highlight the importance for Formentera of schoolteacher Lluís Andreu; and Adrià Tur Homar will talk about the origins and relevance of libertarian thought on Formentera as well as local trade union movements.

Councillor Guasch and Mr Oya thanked Sonya Torres Planells and the families of Vicent Serra Mayans, Josep Ferrer Tur ("Pep Andreuet") and Bartomeu Castelló Mayans ("Xomeu des Cafè") for their collaboration and contributions.

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