

The Department of Culture reports that from 6.00pm on Saturday and Sunday, 29 and 30 May, local musicians will take to the steps of the Sant Ferran church to offer Formentera's very first Mostra de Músics.

The two-night programme starts Saturday with Pez Sonora + PerSona, Emi Bueno, Yakari & Marie Connery Quartet and DJ Gioele Brizio + DJ Clint Zero, closing Sunday with Óscar & Friends, Erik Doornweerd, Sur and Foc i Fum.

Culture chief Susana Labrador said the show, which was originally scheduled to take place in December, was presented by Formentera Musical, a cultural entity formed in 2020 with the aim of enriching the local music scene, protecting the role of artists and technicians and fostering inter-island cultural exchange. Labrador described the Consell's backing for the initiative as the "latest example of local government's longstanding support for homespun cultural initiatives" and "particularly relevant today given hard times brought on by the pandemic".

Groups

Pez Sonora with PerSona

Singer-songwriter and multidisciplinary artist Paz Aguado will open the bill at 6.00pm, Saturday 29 May, with a unique combination of musical creation and visual arts. With Aguado's guitar and voice and stage companions Juanjo Rodríguez (guitar, bass) and Dario Fusco (drums), Pez Sonora blend vital, intimate poetry and eclectic folk-rock, setting dot-connecting lyrics to magic that moves through the seasons of paradise.

Accompanying Pez Sonora is PerSona, a musical project enfolding the wide-ranging musical facets of multi-instrumentalist Paul Castejón. On his début studio effort, *Castejón* offers sounds oscillating between the organic and the eclectic, with an undercurrent of jazz, ethnic overtones and an ambient inebriation steeped in the exotic drone of progressive music. Incorporating instrumental pieces and songs in different languages which unravel the deep rhetoric of existence, PerSona represent the convergence of the philosophy of technological sound with the expression of mysticism.

Emi Bueno
Emi Bueno's quartet leads listeners down a gurgling stream of Latin melodies with a subtlety and joy that will be well matched by local performers.

Yakari & Marie Connery Quartet
Greeting audiences from 8.00pm are Nuno Alvez on trumpet, Julien Cantonné on piano, Edgar Vilamajó on drums and Mariano Menteguiaga on bass. The band of hometown players got together last winter, intent on recreating the foundational moments of jazz-funk and resuscitating greats like Miles Davis, Billi Cobhan, Herbie Hancock. With a one-off lineup featuring Isaac Robles on electric guitar and the voice of Maya Porter to channel Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin and Sam Cooke, the group bring groove and raw talent to the people of Formentera.

DJ Gioele & DJ Clint Zero
Closing out the night on Saturday are DJ Gioele Brizio and DJ Clint Zero. A DJ since 1993, Gioele produced, together with Moba Sound, remixes for artists such as Milesart Orchestra (Look at you), Mystic Diversiones (Energy Production), Oscar P (Media Services Nyc), DNA (Cool: Division) and Dom Scott (Perception Music). Clint Zero is a New York City DJ based on Formentera, his style an eclectic blend.

Oscar & Friends
Opening duties on Sunday the 18th will be seen to by African percussion group Oscar & Friends.

Erik Doornweerd
Indonesian-born, Netherlands-raised and Formentera-based Erik Doornweerd will take the stage at 7.00pm. Doornweerd's track record includes a gig aboard the legendary Joven Dolores and 25 years coordinating musicians, storytellers, jugglers, magicians, dancers and more for open-mic performances at the mercat in La Mola. On guitar, lap-slide, harmonicas and five-string banjo, Doornweerd will bring to life a repertoire of rock, folk, country and blues.

Sud
Next up it's Formentera's own "acoustic power" act, Sur. Dani Alcoba (vocals-guitar), Manu Velázquez (drums), Gustavo Moraes (lead guitar) and Maxi Ratton (bass) play a setlist of originals and covers.

Foc i Fum
Wrapping up the weekend are a rock ‘n’ roll outfit formed by Joan Garciolo Torres on bass, Fabian Mayans on drums, and Maya Porter and Isaac Robles on vocals.

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