

Next Saturday, 5 February, the Sala de Cultura (Cinema) will host the legendary Catalan rock and ska band Brams, along with guest performers like Gerard Quintana (Sopa de Cabra); singer-songwriter (and former member of Ibiza folk group UC) Isidor Marí; the mythical Aires Formenterencs; local singer-songwriters Maria José Cardona (Imaràntia) and Genís Campillo (Santgenís) and Valencian rapper Tesa. Festival organisers described the aim of the Barnasants concerts as "paying tribute to three generations of Catalan music and to all the singer-songwriters of territories where Catalan is spoken and where Catalan culture lives and breathes". This is the second of ten Barnasants concerts scheduled and the first of this quarter's L'Illa a Escena programme.

Susana Labrador, Councillor of Culture, pointed out that this year, Barnasants "will offer a very special tribute concert to kick off Formentera's hosting of the independent music festival. After the high turnout and warm response met by past editions, Barnasants' festival of indie music once more appeared as the perfect chance to offer islanders cultural programming and share Formentera's cultural exports with the rest of the Catalan-speaking territories", she said.

### **"Baula Rere Baula"**

A Barnasants original production, "Baula Rere Baula" pays tribute to the group fronted by Francesc "Titot" Ribera and David Rosell and their more than 13 album career. The event has been timed to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Bram's first album, a generational key piece between the Nova Cançó movement of Catalan-language performers and the unabashedly political groups which have emerged in recent decades.

With 1992's *Amb el rock a la faixa*, Brams arrived ready and willing to pick up where protest singers had left off, giving audiences dance tunes as well as food for thought and political struggle...and that same combative spirit remains intact today. The concert leads crowds through three decades of music, history and collective struggle, and the band are joined in the endeavour by very special guests and symbols of three generations of Catalan song: Nova Cançó's forefathers, Brams' contemporaries and the most recent line of musical combatants.

### **Cultural exchange**

Beyond programming on the island, the agreement between the Consell de Formentera and Barnasants' organisers includes a commitment to promoting hometown acts offshore. In 2022, Formentera singer-songwriter Santgenís (Genís Campillo) will present his new album Empelt to audiences in Barcelona, Valencia, Mallorca and Menorca as part of the festival.

Now in its 27th year and with a reputation which is firmly cemented across Europe as a promoter of independent acts, Barnasants comes to Formentera for the fourth straight year thanks to a freshly renewed agreement between festival organisers and local government.

In addition to the concert, Formentera crowds will also enjoy the launch of Formentera singer-songwriter Caïm Riba's newest album. Riba performs 11 June thanks to a collaborative arrangement between the Formentera chapter of Obra Cultural Balear. Riba's show will close out the 2022 edition of Barnasants Formentera.

### **Admission and tickets**

Brams perform next Saturday 5 February at 8.30pm at the Sala de Cultura (Cinema) and tickets are available now at [www.entradesformentera.cat](http://www.entradesformentera.cat) for €7. This is the first show where the unemployed and under-employed, retirees, under25s and members of single-parent and large families get half off the ticket price.

The concert will be held in accordance with health and safety protocol and in compliance with current rules.

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