

The Formentera Department of Culture reports that this year's Formentera Jazz festival will be held online 22 and 23 August with a pioneering social media-driven offering of live concerts and connections.

Culture chief Susana Labrador said covid-19 behind the pivot from physical to virtual festival: "We've swapped the face-to-face formula for something even more innovative which offers health safeguards while remaining true to the festival's spirit and showcasing Formentera's natural spaces". The consellera tied the move to "uncertainty surrounding present circumstances, particularly since most of our participating musicians were to be coming from off the island".

The new programme features an array of 'Connexions amb l'Illa'—performances broadcast from distinct corners of the island (cave, lighthouse, boat...) in such a way as to highlight the surrounding natural setting. Other artists like Federico Nathan, Valmuz, Pere Navarro and Yadira Ferrer plan to share select audiovisual content in a series of online mini-concerts under the hashtag #FJF2020.

There will also be virtual cleanup where people can learn more about Plastic Free Formentera's efforts to take aim at microplastics: organisers will encourage participants to film themselves wherever they are picking up trash and microplastics and to post the videos on social media with the hashtag #RecogidaFJF2020.

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