



This weekend Formentera's Office of Culture and Festivities welcomes to the island *Es Mijorals de Don Mariano*

, a work of family-friendly theatre selected to close out local observance of the Balearic Islands' yearly holiday, el Dia de les Illes Balears or "la Diada".

*Es Mijorals de Don Mariano* is a comedy of manners about Mariano Llobet. In it, we see the country lifestyle of a family of mijorals on 1950s, post-war Eivissa. The décor appears torn from the pages of bygone rural Eivissa, with timely struggles and period jokes to boot. The ensemble faithfully recreates the difficulties of the day, when hard times forced many young people to search for a livelihood elsewhere. Typical song and folklore are in no short supply.

### **The figure of Don Mariano Llobet**

**Mariano Llobet Román (1927-2016) was** a solicitor and Eivissa native known for his active defence of regional autonomy during the 1960s. Llobet was also a promotor of local tourism made noteworthy by his engagement in local island politics, economics and culture. He served as secretary for the Ajuntament d'Eivissa, a hard-line supporter of Eivissa and Formentera's political and administrative autonomy.

All his life Llobet maintained close ties to country living, which he identified as a driving force of island culture and identity. A patriarch of knowledge concerning traditionally island physiognomy, he held Eivissa and Formentera law, history and culture to be particularly important.

Part of L'Illa a Escena 2018, the production will take over the Formentera cinema on Saturday, March 10 at 8.30pm. The show lasts 70 minutes and there will be an intermission. Admission is free.