Today the Office of Culture of the Consell de Formentera presented the programme for Carnival 2023 which will take place Sunday 19 February in Sant Ferran. From 11.00am, islanders keen to take part in the fancy-dress contest should gather at the entrance of the former Sant Ferran school (current Espai Cultural) to register. At 12 noon, parade participants will set out along the main streets in town with the local batucada percussion group, Bloco Colubraria.

Parade participants will go from Carrer Tarragona to Carrer Joan Castelló to Carrer Guillem de Montgrí, climbing this street until reaching the children's play area, where they will turn towards Carrer Major. Next, they will cross in front of the church before arriving back at the starting point at Carrer Tarragona.

"Afterwards, islanders can able to enjoy a celebration reminiscent of the pre-pandemic years with DJs PaDjesa and Javi Box there to keep everyone dancing. We hope that after the two-year hiatus the people of Formentera are livelier than ever", said Vanessa Parellada, acting culture and festivals councillor. The community lunch, organised by Es Forn Gastronomic Association and free for all those in fancy dress, will start at 2.30pm. To make the party more sustainable, guests are asked to bring plates, glasses and cutlery.

In addition, those who wear their costume to registration will be able to participate in the costume contest, with the chance to win one of the cash prizes. The first individual adult prize is €200 and the second is €150. The first individual prize for children is €100, the second is €60. The first prize for pairs is €300, the second prize is €200. The first family prize is €300, the second prize, €200. For groups of three to ten people, first and second prizes are €400 and €250, respectively. For groups of 11 or more, they are €500 and €350. For vehicles equipped with a float, €950 and €650.

Other activities

Various Carnival-related activities will take place before and after the parade. At 6.00pm, tomorrow, Wednesday 8 February, the island's youth drop-in centre, El Casal de Joves, will host a mask-making workshop. At 5.00pm, Thursday 16 February, Fran Lucas will host another workshop, this one at the Punt de Lectura (Espai Cultural de Sant Ferran). Finally, at 7.00pm on Friday 24 February, the Formentera School of Music and Dance will host its own Carnival festival in the Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

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