



# FESTIVAL CASTELL PERALADA

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## LYRIC AND DANCE ARE CROWNED AT THE CASTELL DE PERALADA FESTIVAL

- Sacred work ***Messa da Requiem* by Verdi** will raise the curtain on the 32nd Castell de Peralada Festival, organised by the Castell de Peralada Foundation. The Festival will be held **from 5 July to 17 August** with a total of **22 shows**.
- Theatre director **Oriol Broggi** will be making his opera début by directing a new performance of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, a new festival production, in an edition with a high opera content in which, as well as four operas, singers **Javier Camarena, Jonas Kaufmann** and **Plácido Domingo** will be the stars of an exceptional week of lyric.
- ***Folia*** by choreographer **Mourad Merzouki** will bring the curtain down on an edition that will welcome ***Giselle*** by the **Ballet du Capitole de Toulouse** in a version by **Kader Belarbi**, the flamenco poetry of **María Pagés** and the great goddess of dance **Svetlana Zakharova**.
- **Santana, Rufus Wainwright, Carla Bruni, Kool & The Gang, Serrat** and the world première of **Sílvia Pérez Cruz & Marco Mezquida**, stars of the Summer of Music.
- Counter-tenor **Xavier Sabata** will be the resident artist of an edition in which Handel and Baroque become one of the *leitmotifs* of the festival.

**Barcelona, 14 March 2018.** The programme for the 32nd Castell de Peralada Festival, organised by the Castell de Peralada Foundation, has been announced today. The presentation was made in the Hall of Mirrors of the Gran Teatre del Liceu, in the presence of president of the Castell de Peralada Foundation, Isabel Suqué, and the director of the Castell de Peralada Festival, Oriol Aguilà.



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The launch event presented the poster for this year's festival, which features 22 shows to be held between **6 July and 17 August** with a budget of **4.4 million euros**. Also presented was the pictorial work that Spanish multidisciplinary artist **Lita Cabellut**, internationally acclaimed as one of the leading women artists of the day, has created for the festival. The most emotive moment came when Isabel Suqué announced the creation of the Carmen Mateu Prize for music and dance, which will be presented next summer during the Festival.

## **A festival with a plan and an identity**

“For you”. This is how the Peralada Festival is defined by its director Oriol Aguilà. A unique cultural event, with a strong identity and devoted summer after summer to the audience. After the presentation of the whole of the festival line-up, no doubt remained: lyric and dance are its essence and its *raison d'être*.

True to itself, the 32nd edition will open with **Verdi's *Requiem***, which will feature the **Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya** under the baton of **Giampaolo Bisanti**. The voices of the **Coro Intermezzo** and soloists **Leah Crocetto, Ekaterina Gubanova, Charles Castronovo** and **Alexander Vinogradov** will sing to the memory of Carmen Mateu, *alma mater* of the music festival. The evening of 27 July sees the start of the lyric week with a recital by tenor **Javier Camarena** in the Carme Church. This is followed the next day by a concert with the leading tenor of the day, German **Jonas Kaufmann**, who returns to the festival accompanied for the occasion by the **Choir and Orchestra of the Teatro Real de Madrid**. The cherry on top of the weekend's cake comes on 29 July with a concert version of the opera ***Thaïs*** starring **Plácido Domingo** and **Ermonela Jaho** in the lead roles, and with the resident line-ups of the **Teatro Real** for the second evening at the festival. **Josep Bros** will be celebrating his silver anniversary with an extraordinary special programme for Peralada. On 5 August, **Xavier Sabata** will star in ***Rinaldo***, the famous opera by Handel, in the 1731 version, which comes to the festival as a concert for the first time. The counter-tenor, the resident artist at the Peralada 2018 festival, will sing alongside **Núria Rial, Hillary Summers, Mary-Ellen Nesi, Juan Sancho, Josep-Ramon Oliver** with music performed by **Vespres D'Arnadí** conducted by **Dani Espasa**.



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One of the highlights of the summer is undoubtedly the opera debut of theatre director **Oriol Broggi** with a new Festival production. Broggi will be directing the opera of his life, Mozart's ***The Magic Flute***, under the music direction of **Josep Pons** and with the participation of the **Orquestra Simfònica i Cor del Gran Teatre del Liceu**. An international cast headed by **Adrian Ęrod, Liparit Avetisyan, Olga Kulchynska and Kathryn Lewek** and featuring the participation of **Anaís Constans**, the winner of the 2017 Castell de Peralada Festival Prize in the Viñas Competition. The opera ***Acis and Galatea***, also by Handel, with stage direction by the youthful **Rafael R. Villalobos**, will bring the lyric season to a close on 8 August in the Carme Cloister with a new Peralada brand première, with **Vespres D'Arnadí** conducted by **Fausto Nardi** and the voices of **Roger Padullés, Lucía Martín-Carton, Víctor Sordo, Hugo Bolívar** and **Josep-Ramon Olivé**.

Dance will shine once more at Peralada with some great names. On 13 July, the **Ballet du Capitole de Toulouse**, directed by **Kader Belarbi**, will be presenting a new **Giselle** in Spain. **María Pagés** will be presenting ***Una Oda al Tiempo*** in Catalonia on 20 July. The great **Svetlana Zakharova** will be premiering ***Amore*** in Spain alongside **stars from the Bolshoi** on 13 August. The festival will end with ***Folia***, a proposal that is as original as it is daring, by choreographer **Mourad Merzouki**. A multidisciplinary show with dance, hip-hop and Baroque music that aims to open up the festival to new audiences.

In the Summer of Music, the international accent will be provided by **Rufus Wainwright** (7 July), **Carla Bruni** (21 July), **Santana** (11 August) and disco-funk line-up **Kool & The Gang** (15 August). **Serrat**, the artist who has appeared the most times on the Peralada stage, will be starting his ***Mediterraneo Da Capo*** tour in Catalonia on 6 July, and on 9 August, the duo of **Sílvia Pérez Cruz & Marco Mezquida** will be presenting their first collaboration together for the very first time.

This summer, two new stages are premiering to offer cultural experiences in new formats. On 12 July, **Finca Malaveïna** (Garriguella) will be hosting an evening with **viticulture and jazz** in a dream setting with the **Ignasi Terraza Trio**. To mark the 25th anniversary of Golf Peralada, one of the spectacular terraces of the Hotel Peralada Wine Spa & Golf becomes the perfect stage on which to enjoy an evening of Cabaret; Xavier



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Sabata and Rafael R. Villalobos will be presenting **Encore**, with music direction by Dani Espasa.

**Peter and the Wolf with the Brodas Bros** is this year's Petit Peralada show. It's coming to Peralada with the **Orquestra Simfònica del Vallès**, in collaboration with SonarKids. Classical music, hip-hop, urban culture and literature in a fresh show for all the family. Once again this year, to thank to the town of Peralada, a free concert has been organised in the Plaça Gran with **Vespres D'Arnadí and Dani Espasa**, who will be performing Handel's **Water Music and Music for the Royal Fireworks**.

## **Alzheimer's Evening at the Peralada Festival. Ongoing charity project**

As part of its Corporate Responsibility policy, the Castell de Peralada Foundation is collaborating again in organising the Alzheimer's Evening on 20 July in benefit of the ACE Foundation, a private institution devoted to the diagnosis, treatment, research and support for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

## **Mediterranean cuisine in the heart of the Empordà**

The culinary offer of the Castell de Peralada Festival becomes one of this year's improvements thanks to the awarding of a **Michelin star** to **Castell Peralada Restaurant**, which is both a challenge and a responsibility for Xavier Sagristà, Toni Gerez and the team, who have designed for this year's Festival an haute cuisine offer that reinterprets the culinary tradition creatively with avant-garde proposals.

The offer is complemented with the **Restaurant "La Parrilla"** an open-air buffet where diners can taste their specialities to live music before or after the show. Also new this year is the **"Blue & Rosé Festival"**, somewhere to enjoy the best tapas accompanied by Peralada wines and cavas. Outside the castle site is the **Restaurant l'Olivera**, with the Mediterranean cuisine of the Hotel Peralada Wine Spa & Golf.

## **Bus service from Barcelona to Peralada**



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To ensure good and easy travel to the Peralada castle venue, for the fourth year running, there will be a Festival bus service. On the days with a performance in the Castle Park Auditorium, a bus will leave Barcelona for Peralada.

## **Ticket sales:**

Tickets go on sale today, Wednesday 14 March, at 1 pm at [www.festivalperalada.com](http://www.festivalperalada.com) and on + 34 902 37 47 37.

## **Programme**

05/07\_ Verdi's Requiem  
06/07\_ Serrat Mediterraneo da capo  
07/08\_ Rufus Wainwright  
12/07\_ An Evening at Malaveïna  
13/07\_ Ballet du Capitole de Toulouse Giselle  
20/07\_ María Pagés Compañía Una oda al tiempo  
21/07\_ Carla Bruni French Touch  
27/07\_ Javier Camarena  
28/07\_ Jonas Kaufmann  
29/07\_ Opera in concert of Thaïs by Massenet  
03/08\_ Josep Bros 25th anniversary  
05/08\_ Opera in concert of Rinaldo by Handel  
06 i 07/08\_ Opera The Magic Flute by Mozart  
08/08\_ Opera Acis and Galatea by Handel  
09/08\_ Sílvia Pérez Cruz & Marco Mezquida  
11/08\_ Santana Divination tour  
12/08\_ Encore An Evening of Cabaret with Xavier Sabata  
13/08\_ Svetlana Zakharova and stars from the Bolshoi, Amore  
14/08\_ Peter and the Wolf with Brodas Bros and the OSV  
15/08\_ Kool & The Gang  
16/08\_ Water Music and Music for the Royal Fireworks by Handel  
17/08\_ Folia Dance, Hip Hop and Baroque music

Thank you very much for your support!

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