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tations of popular culture which span from the incredible human towers raised by the *castellers* to the parades of *gegants* (giants) and *capgrossos* (dwarf-like figures with giant heads), and celebrations where fire and gunpowder take centre stage.

But, what's more, in many parts of the city, in the Ciutadella Park and Montjuïc Castle to be exact, you can enjoy a vast array of talented Catalan circus and street art performers, as well as a whole host of concerts, both by international artists and bands eager to present you with a snapshot of the vibrant Catalan music scene.

This year, La Mercè will finally be able to offer visitors the opportunity to delve into Catalan history as it commemorates a milestone in the destiny of the Catalan people: the siege laid on Barcelona which put an end to the War of the Spanish Succession between 1713 and 1714. Eighteenth-century Barcelona will be brought to life thanks to actors and actresses in period costume, turning the city into a place where the history emerges from the textbooks. In line with the proposal, this year, La Mercè's special guest is another European capital to which the people of Barcelona looked in the early 20th century: Vienna.

Welcome to the Barcelona of today, but also to the Barcelona of yesteryear!

Fire-breathing dragons, human towers, talented circus and street art performers, sounds from Catalonia and from across the globe... If you have had the good sense to plan your trip to the Catalan capital during the festival of La Mercè, you will have the opportunity to delve into its veritable soul. Over the course of the festival, Barcelona is filled with music, revelry, fireworks, traditions and street arts in a unique blend of festivities, which not only reveals the most avant-garde and creative side of the city but also offers the chance to discover traditions that define the nature of the Catalan people in general and of the people of Barcelona in particular.

During the next few days, you will be able to make the acquaintance of Barcelona's mythological creatures, to marvel at the manifes-

# The great festival of tradition

La Mercè festival as you know it today came into being in the early 20th century, when the celebrations became a compendium of Catalan traditions. A hundred years later, we invite you to discover the wealth of Barcelona's festival iconography, to stroll among giants and dragons and to immerse yourselves in a world of traditions in the company of the whole family. Have you ever seen an eagle dance? If not, then come to La Mercè!

## 20<sup>th</sup> Friday

### Inaugural Sardana Dancing

7 pm Av. de la Catedral

### Opening Speech

7 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

### Inaugural Procession

7 pm Palau de la Virreina

### Opening Ceremony (Toc d'inici)

7.45 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

### Projection Show

9.15, 9.45, 10.15 and 10.45 pm  
Pl. Sant Jaume



## 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday

### MercèDansa

11 am Pl. Sant Jaume

### Parade of the *colles de falcons* (teams that build human pyramids and towers)

5 pm (start) Av. Catedral

### Sardana Dancing

6 pm Av. Catedral

### La Mercè Galop Dance

7.45 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

### Projection Show

8.45, 9.45 and 10.45 pm  
Pl. Sant Jaume

### Parade of Fire-Breathing Dragons and Beasts

9 pm Pl. Sant Jaume  
(starting point)

# 22nd

Sunday

**Parade of the *Falcons* (human tower teams) of Barcelona**  
10.30 am Av. Catedral (start)

**Stick Dancing Morning (Matí bastoner)**  
10.30 am Pl. Sant Jaume (start)

**63rd Contest of Sardana Dance Troupes**  
11 am Av. Catedral

***Falcons' Morning***  
11 am Pl. Sant Jaume

**Human Tower Festival**  
12 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

**Sardana Dancing**  
1 pm Av. Catedral and  
6 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

**Drum Parade (La Tabalada)**  
5 pm Av. Portal de l'Àngel  
(starting point)

**Choir Concert**  
6 pm Av. Catedral

**Little Devils' Fire-Run**  
6.30 pm Carrer de Joan Massana  
(starting point)

**Sea Shanties (Havaneres)**  
7, 8.30 and 10 pm Pl. Reial

**La Mercè Fire-Run (Correfoc)**  
8.30 pm Pl. Antoni Maura  
(starting point)

**Projection Show**  
8.45, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15 and 10.45 pm  
Pl. Sant Jaume

# 23rd

Monday

**Projection Show**  
8.45, 9.15, 9.45 and 10.30 pm  
Plaça de Sant Jaume

**Procession of Giants (Xambanga de gegants)**  
9 pm Museu Marítim  
(starting point)



# 24th

Tuesday

**Pipers' Morning Call (Matinada de grallers)**  
8 am Pl. Mercè (start)

**Blunderbuss Gala (Galejada trabucaire)**  
10 am Av. Catedral (start)

**Journey to Morning Mass Parade (Anada a ofici)**  
10.20 am Pl. Sant Jaume

**Show of Giant Dances**  
11 am Pl. Sant Jaume

**Human Tower Pillars and Authorities' Procession (Seguici d'Autoritats)**  
11.45 am Pl. Mercè

**Parade of Giants and Big-Heads (gegants and capgrossos)**  
12 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

**Dances of the Eagle and the Giants of the City**  
12.15 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

**Human Towers Day**  
12.30 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

**La Mercè Cavalcade: Around the World and Back to El Born**  
6 pm Av. Marquès de l'Argentera  
(starting point)

**Choir Concert**  
6 pm Pl. del Rei

**Sardana Dancing**  
7 pm Pl. Mercè

**Projection Show**  
8.45, 10, 10.30 and 11 pm  
Pl. Sant Jaume

**Carillon Concert: *Swingant***  
9 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

**Closing Ceremony (Toc a plegar)**  
9 pm Pl. del Rei (start)



# The concerts of La Mercè

There is no party without music. During La Mercè you will listen to international artists perform their latest creations in the city, but you will also have a taste of the vitality of the music scene in this small land. Each stage offers a selection of the best and most diverse genres: from pop and rock to electronic music, traditional music, world music and the latest beats, which come to us thanks to the BAM (Barcelona Musical Action) Festival. That's the sound of Barcelona!

## 20th

Friday

**Boreals (BAM)**

8.30 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Sohn (BAM)**

9.15 pm Pl. dels Àngels

**The Tea Servants (BAM)**

9.30 pm Pl. Reial

**Los Manolos**

9.30 pm Pl. Catalunya

**Fur Voice (BAM)**

10 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Fatoumata Diawara**

10.30 pm Av. Catedral

**Miss Caffèina**

10.30 pm Fòrum: Amfiteatre stage

**Small Black (BAM)**

10.45 pm Pl. dels Àngels

**Manos de Topo (BAM)**

11 pm Pl. Reial

**Peret**

11 pm Pl. Catalunya

**Petita Festa**

11.30 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

**The Suicide of Western Culture (BAM)**

11.30 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Second (BAM)**

Midnight Fòrum: Esplanada stage

**Aucan (BAM)**

12.30 am Pl. dels Àngels

**Sanjosex & Chicuelo**

12.30 am Av. Catedral

**Nehue DJ (BAM)**

12.30 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

**Él Mató a un Policia Motorizado (BAM)**

12.45 am Pl. Reial

**Alizzz Live (BAM)**

1 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

**Supersubmarina (BAM)**

1.30 am Fòrum: Amfiteatre stage

**Addison Groove (BAM)**

2 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

**Dorian**

3 am Fòrum: Esplanada stage

**Cardopusher vs Nehue (BAM)**

3.30 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage



## 21st

Saturday

**Berlinist (Vermut BAM)**

1 pm Pl. Reial

**Morgat Morgat + Satèl·lit + Copa Lotus (Sona 9)**

6.30 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**The Free Fall Band (BAM)**

6.30 pm Antiga Fàbrica Damm

**El petit de Cal Eri! (BAM)**

8 pm Antiga Fàbrica Damm

**Cuello (BAM)**

8.30 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Havalina (BAM)**

9.15 pm Pl. dels Àngels

**High Focus (BAM)**

9.30 pm Pl. Reial

**Lluís Coloma Septet**

9.30 pm Pl. Catalunya

**Miles Kane (BAM)**

9.30 pm Antiga Fàbrica Damm

**Disco Las Palmeras! (BAM)**

10 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Niño Josele & Cobla Sant Jordi – Ciutat de Barcelona**

10.30 pm Av. Catedral

**Rafael Lechowski (BAM)**

10.30 pm Fòrum: Amfiteatre stage

**Triángulo de Amor Bizarro (BAM)**

10.45 pm Pl. dels Àngels

**Los Mambo Jambo**

11 pm Pl. Catalunya

**Natos y Waor (BAM)**

11.15 pm Pl. Reial

**Unicornibot (BAM)**

11.30 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Cobla Catalana dels Sons Essencials**

11.30 pm Pl. Sant Jaume

**Orxata**

Midnight Fòrum: Esplanada stage

**Elliott Murphy**

12.30 am Av. Catedral

**Future of the Left (BAM)**

12.30 am Pl. dels Àngels

**Ville Rowland (BAM)**

12.30 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

**Swan Fyahbwoy (BAM)**

1.30 am Fòrum: Amfiteatre stage

**Rusty Warriors (BAM)**

1.30 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

**Dope D.O.D (BAM)**

12.45 am Pl. Reial

**Obrint Pas**

3 am Fòrum: Esplanada stage

**Tai (BAM)**

3 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

# 22nd

Sunday

**Oso Leone (BAM)**

8.30 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Pau Vallvé (BAM)**

9.15 pm Pl. dels Àngels

**Smoking Stones**

9.30 pm Pl. Catalunya

**Animic (BAM)**

10 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Burruezo & Bohèmia Camerata + Coral Cypsella: Misticíssimus**

10.30 pm Av. Catedral

**Standstill (BAM)**

10.45 pm Pl. dels Àngels



# 23rd

Monday

**Le Parody (BAM)**

8.30 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Batida (BAM)**

9.15 pm Pl. dels Àngels

**Los Hermanos Cubero (BAM)**

9.30 pm Pl. Reial

**Timberism AV live (BAM)**

10 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Orquestra Simfònica de Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya (OBC)**

10 pm Av. Catedral

**Los Fulanos**

10 pm Pl. Catalunya

**Systema Solar (BAM)**

10.45 pm Pl. dels Àngels

**Pájaro (BAM)**

11 pm Pl. Reial

**The Excitements**

11 pm Pl. Catalunya

**Quico el Célio, el Noi i el Mut de Ferreries: 20 anys a l'escenari**

11 pm Plaça de Sant Jaume

**Copia Doble Systema (BAM)**

11.30 pm Pl. Joan Coromines

**Concert and disco with DJs**

11.45 pm Av. Catedral

**Lucy Love (BAM)**

12.30 am Pl. dels Àngels

**Dorian Concept (BAM)**

12.30 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

**Guerrera (BAM)**

12.45 am Pl. Reial

**Elektro Guzzi (BAM)**

1.45 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

**Wolfram (BAM)**

3 am Fòrum: Electro BAM stage

**And besides the above...**

Don't forget that there are concerts organised by the radio stations Cadena 100, Flaix FM, 40 Principales, Europa FM, Cadena Dial and Màxima FM on the Avinguda de Maria Cristina and in the Parc del Fòrum on 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

# The city of talent: Circus and street arts



Barcelona plays host to La Mercè Street Arts festival (Mercè Arts de Carrer), whose main stages lie in the Ciutadella Park and Montjuïc Castle. In the first venue, you will see fine examples of the talent of Catalan troupes (and companies hailing from further afield such as Vienna) that offer a series of dance and street arts shows, as well as the recreation of the Barcelona of 1714. Make the ascent to the castle, and besides setting eyes on circus artists from all over the world, you will see professional Catalan performers breath new life into circus acts.

## CIUTADELLA PARK

### Park opening hours:

**Friday 20th September,**  
from 9 pm to 1.30 am

**Saturday 21st September,**  
from 11 am to 1.30 am

**Sunday 22nd and Tuesday 24th September,**  
from 11 am to midnight

**Monday 23rd September,**  
from 6 pm to 1.30 am

### Ferroluar (Catalonia): *UFO MC14*

20th, from 9 pm to 1.30 am; 21st, from 11 am to 1.30 am; 22nd and 24th, from 11 am to midnight; 23rd, from 6 pm to 1.30 am  
[Travelling show](#)

### Nao Robots (France):

#### *Els robots més pop*

20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, before each performance  
[Til-lers: 2014 stage](#)

### Kulbik Dance (Catalonia):

#### *Cube Fragments*

20th, at 10.30 pm; 21st, 22nd and 24th, at 11.15 am, 8 and 10.30 pm; 23rd, at 8 and 10.30 pm  
[Til-lers: 2014 stage](#)

### Tombs creatius (Catalonia):

#### *L'estrany viatge del Sr. Tonet*

20th, from 9 pm to midnight; 21st, 22nd and 24th, from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm, from 4.30 to 8.30 pm and from 10 pm to midnight; 23rd, from 9 pm to midnight  
[Espai Geologia](#)

### Electronic operettas (Vienna):

#### *The House of the Three Maidens*

20th, at 9.45 pm; 21st, 22nd and 24th, at 4 pm, 7.15 pm and 9.45 pm; 23rd, at 7.15 pm and 9.45 pm  
[Til-lers: 2014 stage](#)



### Ateneu Popular 9barris (Catalonia): Extract from *Combinat 47* by Torpeza Rítmika

20th, at 10 pm; 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, at 7.30 pm and 10 pm  
[Til-lers: 2014 stage](#)

### Electronic operettas (Vienna): *Queen of the Night*

20th, at 10.15 pm; 21st, 22nd and 24th, at 4, 7.45 and 10.15 pm; 23rd, at 7.45 and 10.15 pm  
[Til-lers: 2014 stage](#)

### Zero en conducta (Catalonia):

#### *Nymio. Historias mínimas contadas a mano*

20th, at 10.45 pm; 21st, 22nd and 24th, at 8.15 and 10.45 pm; 23rd, at 8.15 and 10.45 pm  
[Til-lers: 2014 stage](#)  
21st, 22nd and 24th, at 4 and 6.45 pm; 23rd, at 7.15 pm  
[Espai Zoologia](#)



### Electronic operettas (Vienna): *The Blue Danube*

20th, at 11 pm; 21st, 22nd and 24th, at 4, 8.30 and 11 pm; 23rd, at 8.30 and 11 pm  
[Til-lers: 2014 stage](#)

### OMAi (Vienna): *Tagtool Art & Open Sessions*

20th, from 10 pm to 1 am; 21st, from 10 pm to 1 am; 22nd and 24th, from 9.30 pm to midnight; 23rd, from 10 pm to 1 am  
[Espai Zoologia](#)

### Cia. Sharon Fridman and Franc Aleu (Israel-Madrid/Catalonia): *Fins on...? (projections)*

20th and 21st, from 10.30 pm to 1 am; 22nd and 24th, from 10 pm to midnight; 23rd, from 10.30 pm to 1 am  
[Cascada: La Font stage](#)

**Dani Serra and Franc Aleu (Catalonia): *Passat amb futur* (projections)**

20th and 21st, from 10.30 pm to 1.30 am; 22nd and 24th, from 10 pm to midnight; 23rd, from 10.30 pm to 1.30 am

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**Voctro Labs / UPF (Catalonia): *Virtual Concert with Ona* (22nd and 24th, until midnight)**

20th, 21st and 23rd, from 11.30pm to 1.30 am; 22nd and 24th, from 11.30 pm to midnight

[Til·lers: 2014 stage](#)

**Sina Greinert (Germany): *Balloon Communication***

21st, 22nd and 24th, from 11 am to 2 pm and from 5 to 8 pm; 23rd, from 6 to 9 pm

[Espai Zoologia](#)

**Markeliñe (Basque Country): *ZooZoom***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 11 am, 12.30 and 2 pm; 23rd, at 6 pm

[Espai Zoologia](#)

**Tanzschule Schwebach (Vienna) *Waltz and Polka: Viennese Ballroom Dances***

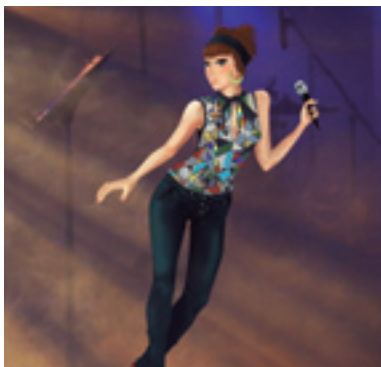
21st, 22nd and 24th, at 11.30 am and 5 pm

[Cascada: La Glorieta stage](#)

**Tap Olé / Tapage / Chicago Tap Theatre (Barcelona, Toulouse and Chicago): *Liaison III***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 12 and 5.30 pm; 23rd, at 6 pm

[Cascada: La Cascada stage](#)



**Xuriach and Esbarts de Barcelona (Catalonia): *Mestreballs***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 12 and 6 pm

[Til·lers: 1714 stage](#)

**Tanzschule Schwebach (Vienna): *Waltz and Polka Workshop***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 12.15 and 5.45 pm

[Cascada: La Illeta stage](#)

**Xevi Xavi Xou (Catalonia):**

***From Lost to the River, Express***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 12.45 and 5.15 pm

[Til·lers: 2014 stage](#)

**Cie. Willi Dorer (Vienna):**

***Bodies in Urban Spaces***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 1 and 7 pm

[Travelling show](#)

**La Tal (Catalonia):**

***The Incredible Box***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 1.15, 3.45 and 6.45 pm

[Cascada: Espai Mamut](#)

**Marcel Tomàs (Catalonia): *Hotot***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 1.30 pm

[Til·lers: 2014 stage](#)

**Wiener Staatsoper Ballettschule and Centre de Dansa de Catalunya (Vienna/Catalonia): *Dance in the Ciutadella***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 2 and 7.15 pm

[Cascada: La Cascada stage](#)

**Ministrers de la Ciutat (Catalonia)**

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 2.30 pm

[Til·lers: 1714 stage](#)



**Barcelona Clarinet Players (Catalonia): *Qui és Till?***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 2.45 pm

[Til·lers: 2014 stage](#)

**Dei Furbi (Catalonia):**

***The Magic Flute***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 4.30 and 8 pm

[Cascada: La Font stage](#)

**Bufa & Sons and Dani Pulmón (Catalonia): *Tubs del món***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 5.15 and 8 pm; 23rd, at 8.30 pm

[Espai Zoologia](#)

**Banda Municipal de Barcelona (Catalonia): *A ritme de musical***

21st, 22nd and 24th, at 8.30 pm

[Cascada: La Cascada stage](#)

**Open Waltz: *Come Dancing!***

23rd, at 8.45 pm

[La Cascada stage](#)

You will find the entire festival programme held in the Ciutadella Park at: [www.bcn.cat/merce](http://www.bcn.cat/merce)

## MONTJUÏC CASTLE

21st, 22nd and 24th September

### Theatre Irrwisch (Vienna):

#### *Wegenstreits Guests*

During the day

Travelling show

### Los Herrerita (Catalonia):

#### *Circ a las golfes (workshop)*

From 11 am to 7.30 pm

Fossat de Santa Eulàlia

### The Matchbox Big Band (Vienna)

11.30 am, 3.30 and 6.15 pm

Fossat de Santa Eulàlia

### Teia Moner (Catalonia):

#### *Puces Cirkus Moner*

11.30 am, 12.15, 1, 1.45, 2.30  
and 3.15 pm

Tent

### Circ Pànic (Catalonia):

#### *L'home que perdía els botons*

4.30 and 7 pm

Tent

### Bot Project (Catalonia): *Workshop*

11.30 am, 1.15, 4.30 and 6.15 pm

Fossat Oest

### Dudu & Cia (Catalonia): *El niu*

11.30 am, 3.15 and 6.30 pm

Racó poètic

### International Circus Combination

12.15, 4.30 and 7 pm

Fossat de Santa Eulàlia



### Bot Project (Catalonia): *Collage*

12.30 and 5.30 pm

Fossat Oest

### Leandre (Catalonia): *No sé*

12.30 and 5.45 pm

Racó poètic

### I Bacçalà Clowns (Switzerland):

#### *Pss Pss*

1.15 and 5 pm

Racó poètic

### Los2play (Catalonia): *Starfatal*

1.45 and 6.15 pm

Fossat de Santa Eulàlia

### Kate & Pasi (Finland):

#### *Hand to Hand*

2 and 4.15 pm

Racó poètic

### Hubei Wuqiao Acrobatic Art

#### *School (China)*

2.30 pm

Fossat de Santa Eulàlia

# The fire of La Mercè

Fire and gunpowder are leading protagonists in any Mediterranean festival. La Mercè too, which pays tribute to the patron saint with a fireworks display that paints the night sky with the most extraordinary shapes and a *piromusical*, a music and fireworks show, which bids farewell to the festival..

## 21st

Saturday

### Fireworks Display: Hermanos Caballer Pirotécnicos (Valencia)

10 pm Gas jetty

(between the Barceloneta and Somorrostro beaches)



## 22nd

Sunday

### Fireworks Display:

#### Bolshoy Prazdnik (Russia)

10 pm Gas jetty

(between the Barceloneta and Somorrostro beaches)



## 24th

Tuesday

### La Mercè 2013 Music and Fireworks Show (Piromusical)

10 pm Av. de Maria Cristina

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