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EVENT PROGRAM

Saturday, February 7th. The Xarró

12 noon. Sant Domènec Street, 18, baixos 1 i 2. **Vermouth of combatives.** Music and gastronomy come together to kick off Carnival. Before tasting the *xarró*, come to the divas vermouth contest.

12 noon. Parc Central. **Dog D'Or** (Gold Dog). **Carnival dog costume.** The most elegant and beastly dog costume contest of the Tarragona Carnival is coming to Parc Central for the first time.

2 p.m. C. Sant Domènec Street, 18. **11th Popular Xarronada.** The *Xarró* is the typical *escudella* (stew) of Tarragona's. After the vermouth, what could be better than a good plate of *xarró*, the quintessential *escudella* of Tarragona.

Pre-registration for the lunch is required at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKSt5GqcuJT_awzZPs63wQKR-KkoR5VPQ5hzmbgyyu7HtEjg/viewform.

5:30 p.m. Totem Cafè, Rambla Vella, 15. **Children's fancy dress costume.** If you want to spend a fun afternoon, as a preview of Carnival, come dressed up at Totem Cafè. There will be children's entertainment, a mini-disco and coca with hot chocolate for all the children. A very special evening, focused on children and kids.

Price: free entrance, limited to the capacity of the hall.

Sunday, February 8th. La Disfressa d'Or (Golden costume)

7:30 p.m. Caixabank Tarraco Arena, C. Mallorca Street, 18. **La Disfressa d'Or** (The Golden Costume) is one of the main events of the Tarragona Carnival and marks the start of the event. The fourteen participating troupes will show off their best costumes in an unparalleled display. Without a doubt, it is one of the events that has taken on more relevance at the Tarragona Carnival. A unique competition to enjoy the best individual costumes.

Price: €20 and €25 (plus management fees), on sale at www.tarragonamusicfestival.com

Doors open: 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10th.

10 a.m. Plaça de la Font Square. **Bastiment de la Bota.** Taller Valua will install **La Bota** (barrel) **Tarraco Renovated 2026**, with its satirical connotations for public display until its burning at the Burial of the Carnival Queen and her Concubine.

12 noon. Plaça de la Font Square. **Presentation of the Ninot and the Ninota** by Taller Valua and the Entourage of the Carnival Queen and her Concubine, by the groups Sinhus Comparsa and Comparsa Urban Style, respectively. A *Ninot* and a *Ninota* that renews the image adapting to the new moments.

Wednesday, February 11th. The entrance to the city of the Carnival Queen and the Concubine.

6 p.m. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **Entrance of the 43rd Carnival Queen, her 30th Concubine, and the Entourage.** Plaça Corsini will continue to enjoy the Carnival. The first will be the entrance to the city of the Carnival Queen and her Concubine, and it will also be the first time we will be able to enjoy these characters in full essence. Stay tuned to the main door of the Central Market, because, just when the last note of *Amparito* (Pasodoble music) sounds, they will come out to receive the command staff and start their reign full of fun. As soon as they receive the rod, the Queen and the Concubine will offer a sermon, which surely will not leave anyone indifferent. We will also be able to enjoy their first -but not the last- Carnival ball. We will also name the figure of the *Boter d'Honor*, an award that will go to a person or group that has worked for the Carnival in a disinterested way and has contributed to make ours one of the best in the State. Pay attention, there will be surprises.

7:30 p.m. Teatre Tarragona, Rambla Nova, 11. **Gala of the Carnival Queen, her Concubine and the Entourage.** After their spectacular departure to the Central Market, where we have met the Carnival Queen and her Concubine in all their splendour, the troupes Sinhus and Urban Style will offer us a show full of dance, satire and some surprises.

Price: €5.

Tickets: www.entrades.tarragona.cat and at Teatre Tarragona box office at the usual time (from Wednesday, February 21st, at 11 a.m.).

9:30 p.m. Teatre Tarragona, Rambla Nova, 11. **Second session of the Gala of the Carnival Queen, her Concubine and the Entourage.** In case you missed the first session, here you have another one to enjoy this unique show.

Price: €5.

Tickets: www.entrades.tarragona.cat and at the Teatre Tarragona box office at the usual time (from Wednesday, February 21st, at 11 a.m.).

Thursday, February 12th. Fat Thursday

9 a.m. C. Cañellas Street. Gastronomic carnival. **The coca de llardons** (pastry). The day has come to taste one of the most typical products of the Carnival: the *coca de llardons*. Come and pick it up at the Colla La Bóta stand.

Price: €1,50.

11 a.m. Inside the Central Market and Torreforta Market. Gastronomic Carnival. **Distribution of botifarra d'ou** (Catalan egg sausage tasting). The butchers' guild of Tarragona region and Mercats de Tarragona will offer us this typical food of our Carnival (until 1 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. while stocks last). This year the initiative has the collaboration of the Estela Foundation.

Price: Free distribution on presentation of a market shopping receipt for a purchase of over €10.

7:30 p.m. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square) **Presentation of the themes of Carnival 2026.** Have you ever wondered how long it takes to make a costume? How many days do the troupes take to get everything perfect in the streets? Why do they choose that theme? They will reveal everything in this event that was created last year and that was very well received. Don't think, however, that they will keep some secret for the *Rua de l'Artesania* (Carnival Parade) Let's get ready to feel and see some of the best-kept secrets in the coming months.

9 p.m. Casa Miret, Rambla Nova, 36. **Masks Ball.** Originating from the French court of the 15th century, the masked balls are synonymous of mystery, glamour and secrecy. An exclusive event with limited capacity in which elegance, masks and sensuality will converge in a venue converted into a stately and mysterious space. A party presided by the Carnival Queen and her Concubine where fun, ball and surprises are guaranteed. The only essential requirement is to wear a mask and follow a suggestive or cocktail dress code. We'll take care of the food, the laugh and the drink!

Price: dinner + ball + fun: €70.

Bookings: www.balldemascarestgn.com / info@balldemascarestgn.com

Friday, February 13th. The Children's Carnival.

1:30 p.m. Central Market. **The Carnival Queen and her Concubine visit the Central Market** to have vermouth and visit all the Market Stalls.

5:45 p.m. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **Entry into the square of the Carnival Queen and the Concubine**, who will give the proclamation to the children's show and gather strength for the walk, which will keep them entertained all afternoon. They will be accompanied by Bombastik Percussion.

6 p.m. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **The Children's carnival: Tumàcat Music Show!, by the company Més Tumàcat.** A mix of imagination, clowns, humour and music, with its own formula, where young and old will experience a show that invites them to dance and have a great time!

6 p.m. Plaça de les Cols Square. **Masks Ball: Nighttime enigma.** Grotesque mouths, bulging eyes, viper tongues and deformed cheeks. Scattered around the city, stone watchmen observe everything that happens in the streets and squares. Brackets, capitals and walls are home to gargoyles and other fantastic beings.

Free entry, with prior registration at www.tarragonajove.org (from 16 years old).

7 p.m. Plaça de la Rumba Catalana Square. **Children's party.** In the evening, the Carnival will be for the little ones. Children's party with inflatable, hot chocolate with coca for everyone and a fun costume contest.

7:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Teatre El Magatzem, C. Reding Street, 14. **Xirigotes (Comedy troupes) at El Magatzem.** Like every year, "Las de la Chiri" come with criticism, humour and very little shame. This year they bring a very deep message that will not leave you indifferent. Take a breath, they are coming!

Price: €6.

Tickets: <https://entradium.com/ca/events/carnaval-al-teatre-el-magatzem-amb-las-de-la-chiri>

7:30 p.m. Plaça de la Font Square. **The (Traditional) Farra dels Ninots. La Plantada.** The *Ninots* are set up in the square to warm up the *Farra*. You can purchase tickets in advance on the website: www.entradas.tarragona.cat from Wednesday, January 21st, until stocks last. On that day, the ticket will have to be exchanged for drink tickets at the same Plaça de la Font Square.

Price: €12 or €15 (including a tapa).

Tickets: www.entrades.tarragona.cat and at the Teatre Tarragona box office at the usual time (from Wednesday, February 21st, at 11 a.m.).

8:15 p.m. Plaça de la Font Square. **The (Traditional) Farra dels Ninots of Colla La Bota.** To warm up the engines, *Colla La Bota* invites you to discover a few ethno-gastronomic corners of the city accompanied by the *Ninot* of the Carnival Queen and her Concubine, before being able to enjoy the physical presence of the Carnival Queen and her Concubine. Let's all accompany them through the streets of the city dancing to the rhythm of the Tarragona charanga band TomaNota.

11 p.m. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **La FarraFest.** A live concert by the D'Spoilers orchestra, who could be compared to musical chefs, as they take the original recipes and adapt them with a touch of creativity. They add a dose of rock, a little reggae and a touch of ska. The music will continue until dawn with the most festive selection of Guspira DJs - JM López and MBA.

11:30 p.m. Pl. de la Rumba catalana. **Matalassera party** by Colla Xiquets de Tarragona. A party without limits with a selection of the best DJs in the city and the surroundings. Music and party until all night.

Saturday, February 14th. Carnival Parade.

9:30 a.m. Plaça del Rei Square. **Reception of the participants of Baixada del Pajaritu** (Soap Box Derby). Arrival of the participants, who will be able to show off their satirical and amusing works of art, and the spectators will be able to admire them before they move on to the action.

11 a.m. Plaça del Rei Square. **Start of the 19th edition of the Baixada del Pajaritu** (Soap Box Derby). We will be able to see all the participants in action, with their thrilling descents. We are ready!

Itinerary: *Baixada Pescateria, Cós del Bou Street, Baixada Misericordia, de la Nau Street and Plaça del Rei Square.*

Registration and terms and conditions: <https://jovedetarragona.cat/baixadadelpajaritu/>

12 noon. C. Cós del Bou Street. **Carnival-like JoVermouth.** Carnival and festive music.

12 noon. 1 Moll de Costa. **Carnival's great party** by Xiquets del Serrallo. Don't stay at home and come and enjoy these activities. You will find a children's entertainment group that will make everyone dance and vibrate, especially the little ones, a costume contest, and the best music compilation of the season and bar service throughout the morning. A party open to young and old; we are waiting for you!

12:30 p.m. C. del Cós del Bou street. **Award ceremony of the 19th Baixada del Pajaritu.** And then, vermouth with DJ Oki.

1 p.m. Social club of the Colla Jove Xiquets de Tarragona, Cós del Bou Street, 23. **Lilac Carnival.** Fancy dress competition for children from all over the city, children's entertainment, and confetti shower. Show off your fancy dress!

5:30 p.m. Ramón y Cajal Avenue, in front of the Parc Central and the Necropolis. **Arrival of the floats participating in the Parade.** You will be able to see all the floats taking part in the Parade on display before their departure.

6 p.m. From Ramón y Cajal Avenue towards Catalunya Avenue. **La Rua de l'Artesania (Carnival parade)**, with troupes, floats, *senyeres* (Catalan flags) and the entourage of the Queen and the Concubine.

Itinerary with approximate time of arrival of the first troupe: *Ramón y Cajal Avenue, Rambla Nova (6:30 p.m.), C. Rovira i Virgili Street, Plaça Anselm Clavé Square (7:15 p.m.) and Catalunya Avenue at the URV Campus (7:45 p.m.).*

11 p.m. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Plaça Corsini Square). **Carnival open-air dance.** We are sure that after watching the spectacular Carnival Parade we will still have enough energy left to enjoy a night of good music and a good atmosphere. And what better way to do it than with the company of **DJ Chus** and **DJ Christian**, from the Totem Discotheque. We will enjoy hits from the 80s and 90s, but also the music that has been accompanying us these days through the streets of the city and, who knows, maybe some other surprises. We are waiting for you!

12 midnight. C. Cós del Bou Street. **Carnaval, a la Jove! (Carnival at Colla Jove Human Towers Group Club).** We close the best day of Carnival at Cós en el Bou. As every year we enjoy the traditional carnival night, accompanied by good music with **DJ's PD Murdock** and **DJs D-Broma**, that will make us dance until the early hours of the morning!

12 midnight. Totem Cafè, Rambla Vella, 15. **Opening Carnival Party.** Fancy dress party enlivened by the *Amics de la Part Alta* troupe with a selection of the best carnival music. At 2 a.m. individual and group fancy dress competition.

Sunday, February 15th. Rua de Lluïment (Shine parade).

11 a.m. Marina Port Tarraco. Moll de Costa Dock, Tinglado (Storage shed) 3. **Dinoacuae: Discover the dinosaurs.** After seeing them parade on Saturday with a troupe inspired by Jurassic Park, ACUAE (*Associació Cultural Unió d'Arts Escèniques* - Cultural Association Union of Performing Arts) offers you the opportunity to spend a morning with your family, and to interact with the dinosaurs and learn curiosities about these fascinating prehistoric creatures. During the day, attendees will be able to get up close to the dinosaurs, (which recreate different species from the Jurassic and Cretaceous times), touch them and take pictures with them. All this, accompanied by informative explanations adapted to all ages.

Price: €2

Open to all ages (recommended for ages 3 to 12).

12 noon. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Plaça Corsini Square). **Holi party before going on trial.** The flour war (ancient fights between butchers and fishmongers) is modernised and returns many years later, transformed into the party with coloured powder that you are all waiting for at vermouth time on Carnival Sunday. We are waiting for you to wear your best costume for the last time and fill it with colours in the great bacchanal of *holi* powder.

12 noon. Mediterranean Balcony. **Photo with the characters from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.** Take a photo with the characters from the film and live the experience with Jack and Sally, and many other surprises.

1 p.m. Streets of the Part Alta (old town). **The Carnival vermouth street.** The group *Amics de la Part Alta* would like to thank its neighbours and businesses for the involvement and support they have given them over the years, filling the streets of their beloved neighbourhood with music and colours and offering a good vermouth on their terraces.

6 p.m. Ramón y Cajal Avenue, in front of the Parc Central and the Necropolis. **La Rua de Lluïment (Shine parade)**. The parade of the most spectacular troupes, as well as the entourage of Queen Carnestoltes and the Concubine.

Itinerary with approximate time of arrival of the first troupe: Ramón y Cajal Avenue, Rambla Nova (6:30 p.m.), Rovira i Virgili Avenue, Anselm Clavé Square (7 p.m.) and Catalunya Avenue at the URV Campus (7:30 p.m.).

Monday, February 16th. The Trial.

6:30 p.m. Tarragona City Hall, Plaça de la Font Square ,1. **First session of the Trial of the Carnival Queen and her Concubine, performed by Colla La Bóta**. Will the Queen and the Concubine manage to escape the tragic end of their predecessors? Come and see the verdict!

8 p.m. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Plaça Corsini Square). **Second session of the Trial of the Carnival Queen and her Concubine, performed by Colla La Bóta**. Once the trial has been performed in the Plenary Hall of Tarragona City Council, the play will be repeated in Plaça Corsini Square. The *Colla La Bota* is performing this small play for another year in which, in addition to the kings, personalities, authorities and residents of Tarragona and the country will be judged through the sharp tongues of its performers. This year the show will also be performed outdoors and, therefore, will be open to the entire city. Will the Queen and the Concubine manage to escape the tragic end of their predecessors? Come and find out the verdict!

9:30 p.m. Tarragona Theatre, Rambla Nova, 11. **20th Drag Queens and Drag Kings Contest**. The 20th edition of the Tarragona Drag Contest welcomes the best drag artists on the national and local scene. Drag-queens, drag-kings and many other performing artists come to Tarragona year after year to show that, with good make-up, wigs, heels and a bit of a nerve, everything is better.

Registration and rules: www.tarragonadrag.cat

Tickets: www.entradas.produccions.cat (from Tuesday 21st January, at 11 am)

Price: €18 and €20

12 midnight. Totem Cafè, Rambla Vella, 15. **Tarragona Drag Party**. You come out of the Tarragona Drag gala and you want more? Don't miss the big party of the *Amics de la Part Alta* at Totem Cafè: Tarragona Drag, the best drag party in the city of Tarragona, where we will enjoy good music, company and a safe space. What better way to end the Carnival than a good party with the winning artist of Tarragona Drag, and lots of surprises!

Tuesday, February 17th. The grief, the burial and the burning.

10 a.m. From the Antic Ajuntament, 41 Major Street, towards Plaça de la Font Square. **The obituaries: Mascarada del Dol (mourning masquerade) by Colla La Bota and Ministrers del Camp i del Llamp**. The Carnival Queen and her Concubine have been executed, and their entourage take to the streets to mourn them throughout the city. A series of bizarre characters, led by the bishop of the *Colla La Bota*, accompany all the Queen's lovers, who cry inconsolably and distribute obituaries to inform them of her burial. The Masquerade will be accompanied by the funeral bells of the *Ministrers del Camp i del Llamp*. **Itinerary:** C. Major Street, Plaça. de la Font Square, C. Sant Fructuós Street, C. Comte de Rius Street, Rambla Nova and Plaça Corsini Square.

11:30 a.m. Central Market. **Arrival of the Mascarada del Dol (mourning masquerade) and the Ministrers del Camp i del Llamp** to share this sad moment with everyone.

6 p.m. *Antic Ajuntament* (Old Town Hall), 41 Major Street. **The wake of the Carnival Queen and her Concubine.** The *Colla La Bóta* will watch over the two corpses until it is time to bury them. This year we are celebrating our 41st anniversary, and that's why we have proposed to surprise you with a very different celebration! *Colla La Bóta* reinterprets and evolves this satirical act to turn it into a must-attend event. Don't let them explain it to you! **Price: free entry.**

6:30 p.m. Anselm Clavé Square. **Music of the Catalan Carnival.** Carnival music from all over Catalonia with traditional Catalan instruments.

8:45 p.m. Santiago Rusiñol Square, and Antic Ajuntament, 41 Major Street (mortuary house). **Gathering of the mourning troupes**, mourners, *Ball de Diables*, *Drac*, *Bou*, *Víbria*, *Griu*, *Colla Diables Voramar del Serrallo*, various drummers, Mourning Masquerade, the *Cremallers* of Teia and the entourages of the Queen Carnestoltes and her Concubine, and the *Cobla de Llardons del Tecler*.

8:50 p.m. Santiago Rusiñol Square. **Delivery of the Testament to Lucifer, royal notary**, by the mourners of *Colla La Bota* and *Cobla de Llardons del Tecler*. Afterwards, the groups will go with firecrackers to the De la Font Square.

Itinerary: *Plaça Santiago Rusiñol Square, C. Major Street, C. Baixada de la Misericòrdia and Plaça de la Font Square.*

9.45 p.m. Plaça de la Font Square. **Reading of the Carnival Testament by Lucifer, Royal Notary.**

10 p.m. Plaça de la Font Square. **Burial of the Carnival Queen with the cremation of the *Ninot*, the *Ninota* and the *Bota* lit by the *Cremallers*.** The burial will be attended by the mourning troupes, mourners with artichokes and candles, *Ball de Diables*, *Drac*, *Bou*, *Víbria*, *Griu* and *Colla Diables Voramar del Serrallo*, Mourning Masquerade, *Cremallers* and entourages of the Carnival Queen and the Concubine.

Immediately afterwards, in the Plaza de la Font: **verdict of the parade floats competition and presentation of the awards.**

11:30 p.m. Totem Cafè, 15 Rambla Vella. **End of the Carnival party 2026.**

11:50 p.m. approximately. **Belfry of the Cathedral.** *Toc de Quera* (bells chime) or entrance to Lent.