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080 BARCELONA FASHION

JAN 27 - 31

Running over five days, 080 gives the Barcelona fashion scene a biannual shot in the arm, thanks to the support of the Generalitat de Catalunya. It primarily showcases local designers, from up-and-coming ateliers such as Natalie Capell to globally big-hitting brands such as Mango. The fashion focused fair also tries to be a living reflection of all of the bubbling creativity that exists in the city – a creative vivacity that find expression in

the designers from all over the world who have made their home and set up their businesses in trend setting neighbourhoods like the Born, the Raval and the Gothic Quarter. As well as providing an unbeatable showcase for the new trends that are bubbling up in the city, 080 Barcelona Fashion also aims to transform the show into a benchmark event in terms of the design, production, distribution and commercialisation of the products emerging from the sector, as well as building closer ties with industry and with NGOs and Barcelona's social fabric. www.080barcelonafashion.com/en/home

02

MARITIME MUSEUM

FROM MONDAY TO SUNDAY



Barcelona's history is closely linked to the sea and during its period of maximum splendour, ruled over a maritime empire that stretched from the Balearic Islands to Athens. The city's Maritime Museum, located in the old port area at the end of the Ramblas, in the old Drasannes shipyards, contains examples of old vessels, including a reproduction of a 16th century galley, as well as scale models and naval artefacts. You can also visit the schooner Santa Eulàlia, moored in the nearby Port Vell. www.mmb.cat

03

BEFORE THE HORIZON

UNTIL FEB 16

The Fundació Joan Miró gathers together some sixty works, exploring the horizon as a source of inspiration. Among the artists whose work is included are a number of the key figures from the world of 19th and 20th century painting, photography and sculpture like Arnold Böcklin, Claude Monet, Eadweard Muybridge, René Magritte, Joan Miró, Antoni Tàpies, Ed Ruscha, Carl Andre, David Hockney and Yayoi Kusama. It also features large format works by Catalan artists Modest Urgell and Perejaume. www.fundacionmiro-bcn.org



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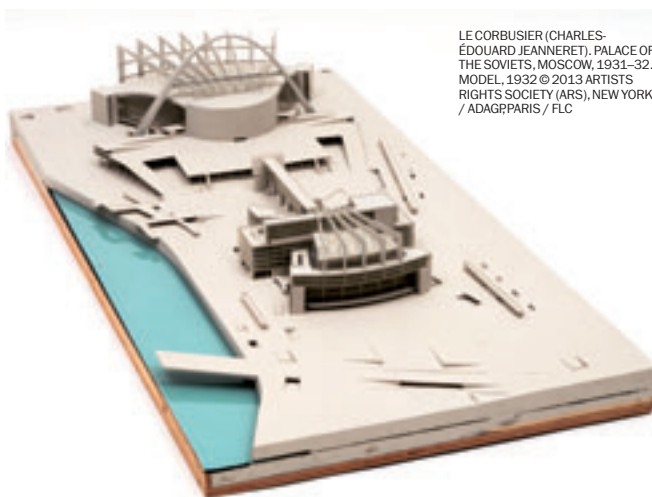
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LE CORBUSIER: AN ATLAS OF MODERN LANDSCAPES

JAN 29 - MAY 11

One of this year's successes at New York's MoMA, this exhibition of the work of one of the most respected architects of the 20th century transfers to Barcelona's CaixaForum. Covering the full range of his career, the exhibition will not look at his creations and ideas, via photographs, sketches and models of some of his large scale projects, but also his life – through a selection of documentary footage. All of these myriad elements allow us to follow and understand the way in which Le Corbusier envisaged and imagined his environment. The exhibition takes us from his early watercolours and drawings, made on his travels, to his landmark work as part of the International Style. It also allows us to appreciate the sheer breadth of his interests, encompassing his work as architect, interior designer, artist, city planner, writer, and photographer, presenting everything from his theories of urban planning, which are still influential today, to his designs for furniture and even tools.

www.laCaixa.es/ObraSocial



LE CORBUSIER (CHARLES-ÉDOUARD JEANNERET), PALACE OF THE SOVIETS, MOSCOW, 1931-32. MODEL, 1932 © 2013 ARTISTS RIGHTS SOCIETY (ARS), NEW YORK / ADAGP PARIS / FLC



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BCN GUITAR FESTIVAL

FEB - JUN

Now in its 25th year, the BCN Guitar Festival doesn't stand still and has expanded to include not only classical guitar and established virtuoso performers, but an increasingly amount of alternative bands and musicians. It has also become more international over time, and in 2013 featured stellar names like Eels, Ron Sexsmith, Lucinda Williams and Marisa Monte, among many other respected artists. The festival has always stayed true to its original mission of offering a programme that is eclectic and cosmopolitan and, with the pedigree that the festival has shown in the past in terms of both musicians and the level of musicianship, from flamenco master Paco de Lucia to the dazzling fret board acrobatics and wizardry of Paul Gilbert, this year's edition is unlikely to disappoint fans of the world's favourite six stringed instrument. www.theproject.es

06

MAHLER'S FIFTH SYMPHONY

FEB 6

Valery Gergiev takes the baton in front of the Mariinsky Orchestra for Mahler's Fifth Symphony, at the Auditori. Generally considered to mark the beginning of the composer's middle period, the Fifth Symphony shows "man in the full light of day," as Mahler himself claimed. Valery Gergiev has devoted much of his activity to the study, interpretation and recording of Mahler's symphonies, both with the London Symphony Orchestra and, as on this occasion, with the Symphony Orchestra of the Mariinsky.

www.auditori.cat

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CASTELLERS AND LA FESTA CATALANA

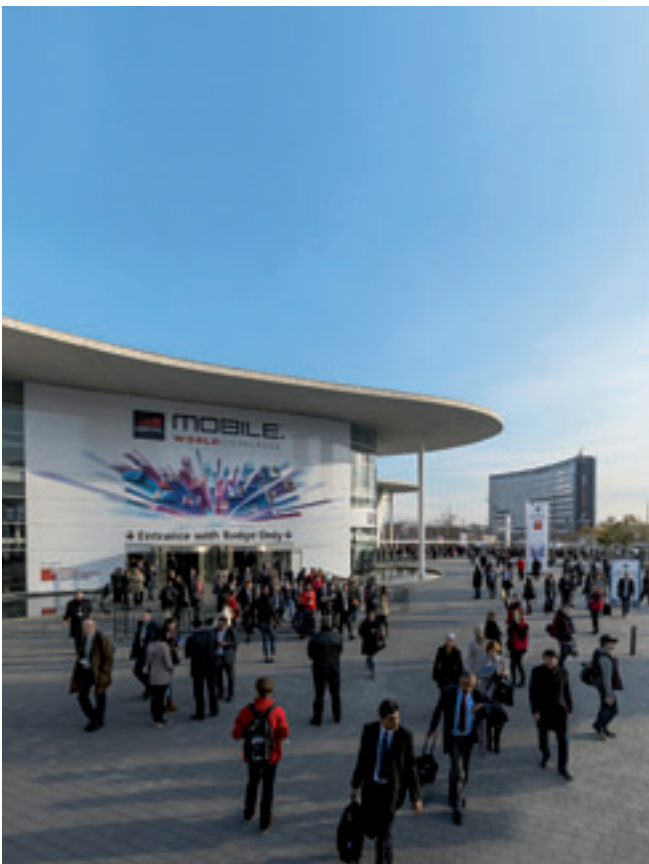
FEB-NOV



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The deeply loved local tradition of building human towers, in various formations, can be seen during festivals all over Catalonia. It consists of groups of enthusiasts, called colles, who team up on feast days to build and then dismantle human towers. This and other Catalan traditions, from papier-mâché giants to sardana dancing can also be seen every Saturday at 7.30pm in various Old City locations such as the square in front of the Cathedral.

www.cccc.cat / www.bcn.cat



08

GSMA MOBILE WORLD CONGRESS

FEB 24-27

The world's largest and most important event in the mobile industry has taken place right here in Barcelona every February since its inception in 2009, and attracts up to 70,000 people, who take part in literally thousands of industry meetings. The main exhibition and conferences take place out at the Fira Gran Via, a short train ride from the centre. And while the city's hotels and restaurants are kept buzzing in the evening with hi-tech

executives the action at the Gran Via trade fair complex is equally intense, with 1,700 exhibitors keen to show off their cutting edge products and technology, among whom are numbered industry giants like Samsung Electronics, Nokia and Sony, battling it out to present the newest and most exciting smartphone models. It's also an unmissable event for service providers and software developers, while applications developers even have their own App Planet to catch up on the latest developments in their field and network away to their heart's content.

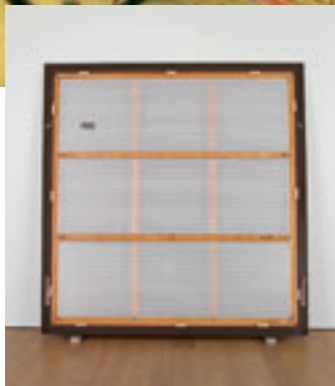
www.mobileworldcongress.com



09 POST-PICASSO: CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS' RESPONSE TO HIS ART

MAR 6-JUN 29

The Museu Picasso will host an exhibition of 80 works by artists from around the world, in a look at the ways in which Picasso's work influenced, and was explored by, later generations. These pieces will include work by Jean-Michel Basquiat, Rineke Dijkstra, Rachel Harrison, among many others. For them, as well as for a remarkable and hitherto unacknowledged variety of artists from all around the world, from Africa, Asia, the



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Middle East and South America, as well as from Europe and North America, who are working in a range of mediums that run from video and photography to painting and sculpture, engagement with Picasso's work has provided a liberating and polyvalent model that allows them to address the phenomena of the globalization and diversification of contemporary art in our century.

www.museupicasso.bcn.cat



10 ALIMENTÀRIA

MAR 31-APR 3

Alimentaria is one of the biggest food and drink fairs in the world. Aimed at professionals, it brings together almost 150,000 people over a four-day period. Visitors from over 140 countries include importers, distributors and those who work in catering or the hotel and restaurant industries, and attend exhibitions, seminars and conferences. Its mission is basically to be a business hub and creative think tank for all of the professionals involved in the food industry. To this end it's one event that offers a number of different specialized trade shows based on the category of products – organic food, meat, frozen goods, dairy products, olive oil, fish, water, soft drinks and beer are just some examples – featuring a comprehensive programme of exhibitions, talks, workshops, seminars and meetings revolving around the themes of innovation, nutrition, internationalization, distribution, marketing and corporate social responsibility.

www.alimentaria-bcn.com



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ZURICH MARATÓ BARCELONA

MAR 16

Since celebrating its first edition in 1978, the Zurich Barcelona Marathon has climbed to the fourth place in the European ranking – currently only London, Berlin and Paris have more runners. The reasons behind the marathon's appeal to runners are not difficult to find – the reasonably flat route passes by some of the city's major monuments and sites such as the Agbar Tower, the Pedrera and the Sagrada Família, between its starting and finishing points in Avinguda María Cristina, near the monumental Plaça Espanya. Those who prefer to cheer on the runners rather than competing themselves may be interested in the forty-one animation points dotted around the route that the race will follow, which will provide entertainment for spectators in the shape of music (everything from Venezuelan rock and roll to percussion), to folklore groups and traditional dance.

www.zurichmaratobarcelona.com



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FESTA DE SANT JORDI

APR 23

On the feast day of Sant Jordi (St George), the patron saint of Catalonia, nearly every building bears the red and gold Catalan flag, while red roses decorate the Palau de la Generalitat and the city's many statues and paintings of George in all his dragon-slaying glory. For more than five centuries, this has been the Catalan version of St Valentine's Day, when couples exchange red roses and books – this is also 'Day of the Book', perhaps because the date coincides with International Book Day and, not by happenstance, with the date of death of both William Shakespeare and Miguel Cervantes. It's a great day to simply stroll around the streets of the city, browsing the book stalls, smelling the roses and enjoying the atmosphere, or you can take advantage of the fact that its open doors day at the city hall in Plaça Sant Jaume and visit its ancient galleries and halls.

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BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL – TROFEU CONDE GODÓ

APR 19-27

Barcelona's major annual tennis tournament, of which Rafa Nadal remains the unchallenged king. This tournament is held at Spain's oldest

tennis club, the Real Club de Tennis de Barcelona, and is set to celebrate its 62nd anniversary this year. It's one of the top events on the Spanish tennis calendar, as well as an important date on the Barcelona social scene. With Spain's current position of strength on the international team, it's no surprise that Spanish players have won the last 11 editions.

www.barcelonaopenbancsabadell.com





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GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA SANTANDER DE FÓRMULA UNO

MAY 9-11

Spain's Grand Prix alternates its venues every year, but in 2014 will take place at the Circuit Barcelona-Catalunya in Montmeló, half an hour from Barcelona by (frequent) train. One of the oldest motor races in the world, it celebrated its 100th year in 2013, when the ever popular Fernando Alonso once again walked away with the trophy.

The 2014 edition promises to be every bit as exciting for motor racing fans as Monteló once again hosts the year's first FIA event to be staged in Europe. Spanish fans will, of course, be hoping that Alonso will be able to repeat last year's victory for Ferrari, though drivers like Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel and Mark Webber, Lotus's Kimi Räikkönen and Romain Grosjean, Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg racing for Mercedes and McLaren's Jenson Button and Sergio Perez are sure to make things as difficult as possible for him.

www.circuitcat.com

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BCN INTERNATIONAL COMIC FAIR

MAY 8-11



The Fira Barcelona trade fair zone hosts everything for the comic enthusiast, from videos to conferences and, of course, collectibles. So, it's a dream come true every May for the thousands of comic fans, many dressed as their favourite comic book characters, who descend on the trade fair complex to mingle with other enthusiasts and professionals and immerse themselves in the countless exhibitions, conferences and workshops centred on the world of graphic novels and comics.

www.ficomicon.com

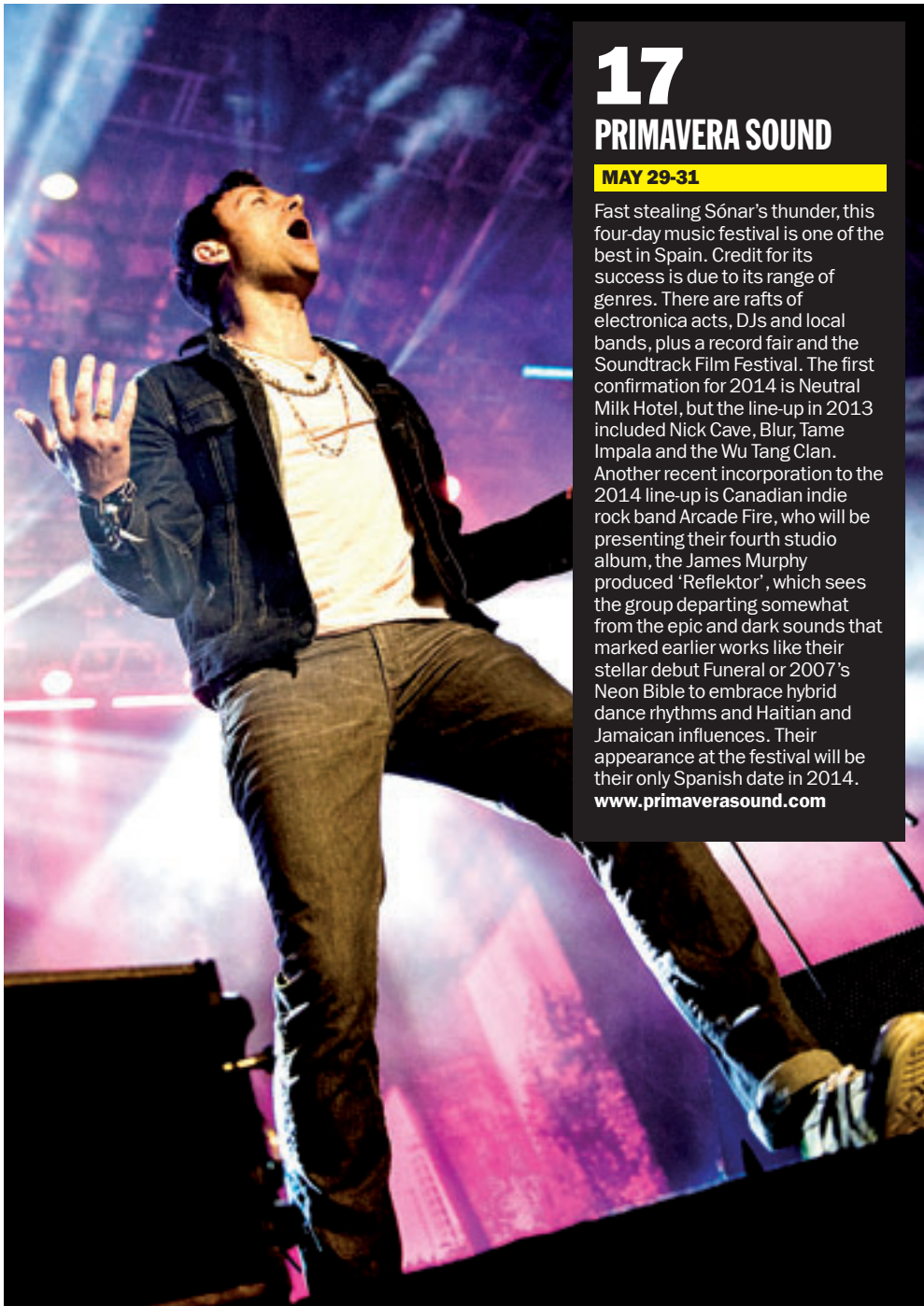
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BACH: GOLDBERG VARIATIONS

MAY 12

Acclaimed young pianist Alexei Volodin presents Bach's 'Goldberg Variations' at the stunning Palau de la Música. Having worked with orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic and the NHK, the Mariinsky Theatre, and the London Symphony, and conductors like Valery Gergiev, Vladimir Fedoseyev, Marc Albrecht, and Semyon Bychkov, Volodin is ready to demonstrate that he is one of the great pianists of our time with Bach's masterful take on the Baroque variations form.

www.palaumusica.cat



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PRIMAVERA SOUND

MAY 29-31

Fast stealing Sónar's thunder, this four-day music festival is one of the best in Spain. Credit for its success is due to its range of genres. There are rafts of electronica acts, DJs and local bands, plus a record fair and the Soundtrack Film Festival. The first confirmation for 2014 is Neutral Milk Hotel, but the line-up in 2013 included Nick Cave, Blur, Tame Impala and the Wu Tang Clan. Another recent incorporation to the 2014 line-up is Canadian indie rock band Arcade Fire, who will be presenting their fourth studio album, the James Murphy produced 'Reflektor', which sees the group departing somewhat from the epic and dark sounds that marked earlier works like their stellar debut Funeral or 2007's Neon Bible to embrace hybrid dance rhythms and Haitian and Jamaican influences. Their appearance at the festival will be their only Spanish date in 2014. www.primaverasound.com



18 OFFF BARCELONA 2014 FESTIVAL

MAY 15-17

Dubbed a “creativity festival,” OFFF has been functioning as a reference point for creators, artists, programmers, theorists, students and enthusiasts interested in post-digital culture and free contemporary creation in the worlds of art and design for just over a decade now. The 2014 edition will see contributions from a huge variety of creators including

Pomme Chan a Bangkok born designer who is passionate about typographical illustrations, Aaron Marshall Becker, a director for film and television with a focus on main title design, Aaron Koblin, an artist and designer specializing in data and digital technologies, Second Story, an innovation center pioneering new interactive experiences, award-winning freelance illustrative designer Steve Simpson, design strategist Robert L. Peters and painter and book illustrator Oliver Jeffers.

www.offf.ws

19 THE VALKYRIE

MAY 19-31/ JUN 3

The familiar sounds of Wagner's stirring opera will ring out at the Liceu theatre for nine nights. This production by Cologne's Bühnen der Stadt Köln organization, with stage direction by Robert Carsen and music by the Symphony Orchestra of the Gran Teatre del Liceu conducted by Josep Pons, features Anja Kampe and Eva Maria Westbroek as Sieglinde, Klaus Florian Vogt and Frank Van Aken as Siegmund, Irene Theorin and Catherine Foster as Brünnhilde and Albert Dohmen and Greer Grimsley as Wotan.

www.liceubarcelona.cat

20 LOOP FAIR

JUN 5-7



The only ‘fair exclusively devoted to the moving image’ that showcases artists’ video and short films in venues around town, Loop is returning from the 5th to the 7th of June with its usual mix of art fair and city festival. Its three sections – the Loop Fair itself, the Screen Festival and the Loop Studios spaces – provide an innovative space to foster interactions between galleries, artists, distributors, collectors, curators, museum directors and the general public.

www.loop-barcelona.com

21 SÓNAR

JUN 12-14

The International Festival of Advanced Music and Multimedia Art remains a must for anyone into electronic music, urban art and media technologies. SónarDay comprises multimedia art, record fairs, conferences, exhibitions and sound labs, while DJs play – it takes place in the trade fair area at Plaça Espanya, while SónarNight is out in the vast hangars of the site in Hospitalet. In 2013, the line-up included Kraftwerk, the Pet Shop Boys, Skrillex and Laurent Garnier. Though the line-up for 2014 was yet to be confirmed at the time of writing, Barcelona's premier International Festival of Advanced Music and New Media Art, featuring a mash up of music, film and video, in the shape of everything from installation art, audiovisual concerts, and medialab presentations to DJ sets is sure to attract once again some of the top names in the genre.

www.sonar.es



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FESTIVAL JARDINS DE PEDRALBES

JUN-JUL

Launched to great acclaim in 2013, when acts included Crosby, Stills & Nash; Antony & the Johnsons; Lana del Rey; Roger Hodgson, and Earth, Wind & Fire, this new festival takes place al fresco, among the cedar and cypress trees of the gardens of the Palau Reial (Royal Palace) in Pedralbes. Look out for the pergola designed by Gaudí, parabolic in shape and covered with climbing plants, as well as the Hercules fountain, with a forged iron dragon head, which was also designed by Gaudí and was forgotten about until its rediscovery in 1984. So, it's a good idea to arrive before the concerts begin in order to enjoy in equal measure the music and the garden's treasures, among which are a collection of trees, including 23 Himalayan cedars, and the Royal Palace, which is the Spanish royal family's official residence for their trips to Barcelona.

www.festivalpedralbes.com/en



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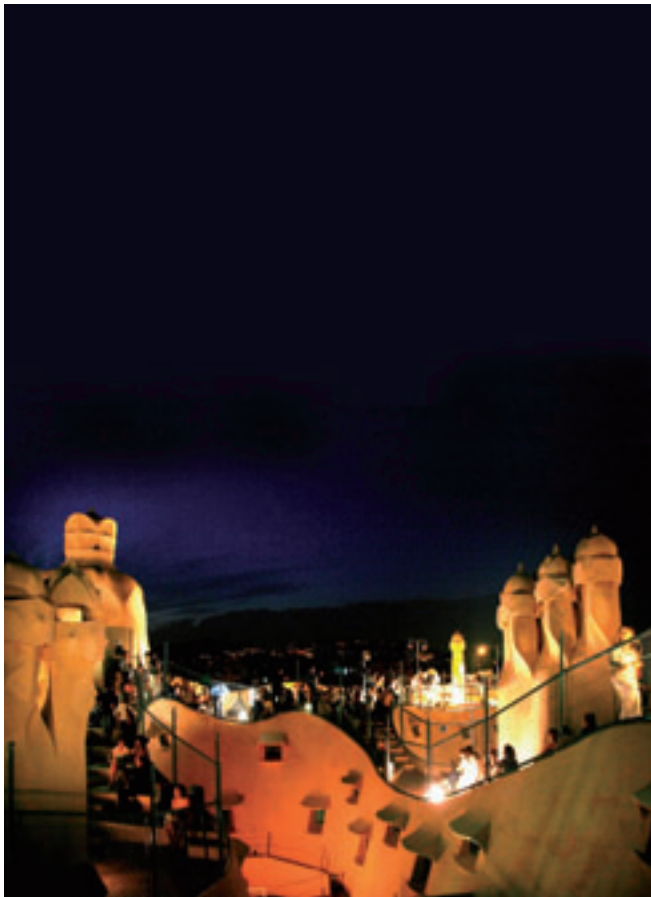
JUN 13-15

This motorbike racing event, held in Montmeló, just outside Barcelona as part of the Grand Prix, sees the Catalan circuit



become, once again, the stage for a ferocious showdown between last year's winner, Yamaha's Jorge Lorenzo and a field of competitors that includes his stable mates Valentino Rossi and Cal Crutchlow and riders from other manufacturers' teams like Marc Marquez and Dani Pedrosa, both from the Repsol Honda Team.

www.circuitcat.com/en



24 SUMMER NIGHTS AT LA PEDRERA

JUN-SEP

Nits d'Estiu sees live jazz from local bands on the magical rooftop terrace of Gaudí's undulating apartment block, in the shadow of his warrior-like chimneys. Concerts take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and the price includes a visit to the 'Espai Gaudí' exhibition and a glass of cava. A fixed tapas menu is also

available. It's a great chance to take in the essence of Gaudí and his most emblematic work, together with a large and varied programme of live jazz music. While the visit to the Espai Gaudí, a museum exhibition located in the attic of the building, uses audiovisuals, models and furniture to provide visitors with a fascinating introduction to the work of this unique architect, access to the terrace provides some of the most spectacular views of Barcelona available in the city in the cool of the evenings. www.lapedrera.com/en

25 A VISTA D'HOTEL

JUN

For one week some of Barcelona's best hotels open their rooftop terraces to the public, serving special menus and hosting special events. So, it's a great opportunity to see Barcelona from a different angle and, while enjoying the views, sample some of the activities on offer, which range from concerts, magic shows and chill-out sessions to cocktail workshops, wine tasting and cooking master classes.

www.avistadhotel.cat

26 FESTIVAL PIKNIC ELECTRONIK

JUN-SEP



Family-friendly, open-air festival of electronic music on Montjuïc every Sunday afternoon in summer. Something more than just a picnic, Piknic Electronik aims at reconciling two apparently contradictory worlds and provide a way to bring family and friends together in a pleasantly green environment while enjoying electronic music. Activities designed specifically for kids can include anything from skateboarding lessons and inflatables to hip hop classes and recycling workshops.

<http://piknicelectronik.es/en>



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GREC FESTIVAL DE BARCELONA

JUL

Named after the Greek amphitheatre (Teatre Grec) that forms such an integral part of its programming, this is the major cultural festival of the year. It brings together dozens of shows from around the world, encompassing dance, music, theatre and circus. Increasingly there are performances in English, with Catalan subtitles. From its humble beginning, when the Greek Theatre (which was actually built especially for the 1929 Universal Exhibition on the site of a disused quarry) was the only venue used, the festival has grown to become both a highlight of the Barcelona summer cultural calendar and a major event on the European performing arts scene. The festival now takes place at a number of venues in the city including the Mercat de les Flors for dance performances, the neo-classic TNC Catalan National Theatre and the Teatre Lliure, a bastion of independent theatre production in Catalonia.
www.bcn.cat/grec



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THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR THROUGH ART (MNAC)

JUL

This exhibition uses painting, sculpture and evidence of the huge explosion of different techniques in the fields of avant-garde photography, posters, photomontage to explain one of the most important episodes in contemporary history. Presenting the civil war in its social, historical and artistic context, it traces the web of relationships and connections between the work of artists such as Julio Gonzalez and Picasso and photographers like Augustí Centelles and Català Pic.

www.mnac.cat



PERE CATALÀ PIC, AIXAFEM EL FEIXISME



AGUSTÍ CENTELLES, NO TITILE (CAMP DE CONCENTRACIÓ DE BRAM, 1939 ©2012 ARXIUS ESTATALS, MECIE



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CRUÏLLA BCN

JUL 11-12

Cruïlla snuck quietly on to the scene in 2008 with an unassuming clutch of bands, before launching into something quite special two years later. Recent line-ups have included Cat Power, Iggy Pop, the Specials, MIA, Suede, Rufus Wainwright, Morcheeba and Cypress Hill, and there's usually an impressive range of local bands, from the Pinker Tones to Muchachito

Bombo Inferno and Macaco. Set in the sun-baked Barcelona Parc del Fòrum complex, the festival now attracts thousands of music fans who are avid to enjoy an eclectic and genre-crossing line-up of great bands and musicians in an outdoor setting for two jam-packed days, together with an ever-growing programme of additional on-site activities which range from circus acts and games to workshops of all types, together with stands run by a variety of social foundations.

www.cruillabarcelona.com

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SAN MIGUEL MAS I MAS FESTIVAL

JUL-SEP

This tasteful music festival stretches over the summer months, and has gone from concentrating on Latin sounds to providing a little bit of everything. Concerts take place at various venues, including the Palau de la Música, the Liceu Opera House, the Jamboree jazz club and even local art and history museums. Previous acts have included Brazilian legend Hermeto Pascoal, Level 42, techno DJ Angel Molina, and a smattering of classical music. More of a musical marathon than a traditional-style festival and responsible, practically single-handed, for revitalising the hitherto spartan summer music agenda in Barcelona, especially during the month of August, it's the ideal festival for open-minded music fans willing and able to appreciate everything from jazz, techno and soul to world and classical music.

www.masimas.com



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EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY CONGRESS

AUG 30 - SEP 03

Europe's major event for medical professionals in the cardiovascular field takes place every summer in the trade fair zone at L'Hospitalet, on the outskirts of Barcelona. The event brings together thousands of visitors, who can choose between more than 500 talks and conferences, looking at all the latest research. The 2014 edition is putting the spotlight on the theme of 'Innovation and the Heart' and offers Clinical Practice, Experts and Abstract Sessions on guidelines, the most challenging cases faced by leaders in the field and controversial topics in the discipline. Attendees will also have the opportunity to find out about the latest developments in scientific research and even to 'Meet The Legends' in a programme designed to provide younger practitioners with a unique opportunity to interact with some of the key figures who have shaped cardiology as we know it today.

www.escardio.org/congresses/esc-2014



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FESTA MAJOR DE GRÀCIA

AUG

The main event at Gràcia's extravagant festa major is its street competition, where residents transform some 25 streets into pirate ships, rainforests and Jurassic landscapes. The festival opens with giants and castles in Plaça Rius i Taulet, and climaxes with fire-running and a castell de focs (castle of fireworks). In between, there are some 600 activities,

from concerts to bouncy castles. And all of these events and activities see the neighbourhood taken over by an estimated 1.5 million revellers every August in an eclectically festive mix that includes everyone from local pensioners to inebriated air guitarists, all out to have a good time. While the daytime is packed with activities for kids and families, the real fun usually begins sometime in the early evening and doesn't start to wind down until the early hours of the morning.

www.festamajordegracia.cat



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CIRCUIT FESTIVAL

AUG

The Circuit Festival has grown so popular that it now stretches over nine days and encompasses three festivals in one: Circuit for gay men, Girlie Circuit, and Circuit Bear. Each has its own specific programme of after-dark clubs, parties and shows but share many of the daytime events. Among them is Water Park Day, when some 10,000 participants take over the Illa Fantasia park. Although the day at the water park and the frenetic schedule of nocturnal events inevitably get the most attention, the festival also offers a varied daytime agenda with over 30 activities designed to suit a wide variety of needs and tastes, from workshops, lectures, debates, documentary screenings to sports events like football and beach volley tournaments, fitness workouts, and even open air yoga and tai-chi sessions. .

www.circuitfestival.net



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TROFEU JOAN GAMPER ESTRELLA DAMM

AUG

Friendly football competition held every year before the start of the La Liga season, at the Camp Nou stadium. The Gamper



Trophy is a chance for FCB fans to see new signings in action and begin to prepare for the season ahead. Over the years, an increasingly heavily scheduled fixtures list has forced event to slim down from a tournament style four match format to a one-off game with no extra-time. Last year's edition saw Barça rout Brazil's Santos by 8-0.

www.fcbarcelona.cat

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FESTES DE LA MERCÈ

SEP 24

This week-long event opens with giants and dragons in the Plaça Sant Jaume. It's followed by more than 600 events including sardanes and correfocs (fire-running). Other highlights include dazzling fireworks displays, free concerts, a seafront air show, sporting events including a swim across the port and a regatta, and a heap of activities for children; while many visitors are enchanted by the processions of gegants, large hollow figures made of papier-mâché and carried around by groups of enthusiasts, which were first introduced into the festivities at the beginning of the 20th century. Those visitors brave enough to want to experience the fire-running and view the processions of firework-wielding devils should attend suitably equipped and protected against flying sparks by wearing adequate footwear, hats, protective glasses and thick long sleeved tops.

www.bcn.cat/merce



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HOSPITAL SANT PAU

SINCE FEB

Modernista architect Domènech i Montaner's hospital is made up of 20 pavilions, abundantly adorned with the flourishes that characterise the architect's style and set in peaceful gardens that spread over nine blocks in the north-east corner of the Eixample. It's set at a 45° angle from the rest of the Eixample's grid system, so that it catches more sun. The hour-long guided tour, carried out in small groups, accompanied by a guide speaking in Catalan, Spanish, English or French, covers several major parts of the site and the gardens, offering details and curious facts about the building's history, an overview of the current renovation project and fascinating insights into early 20th-century Barcelona society. English language tours set off from the meeting point on the corner of Sant Antoni Maria Claret and Independència.

www.visitsantpau.com/en



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2014 BASKETBALL WORLD CUP

AUG 30 - SEP 14

The celebration of the Basketball World Cup in Spain in 2014 will give Barcelona, one of the six host cities, alongside Bilbao, Granada, Gran Canaria, Madrid and Seville, another opportunity to demonstrate its ability to organize world class sporting events. The main venue for the event, which will run from the 30th of August to the 14th of September, will be the Sant Jordi arena, with capacity for

17,960 spectators. Among the teams competing for the ultimate prize in world basketball will be Spain as host nation, the USA as gold medallist at the last Olympic Games, France, Lithuania, Croatia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Serbia representing Europe, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Argentina and the Dominican Republic representing the Americas, Angola, Egypt and Senegal representing African basketball, Iran, Philippines and Korea as the top Asian teams, Australia and New Zealand from Oceania and four wild cards.

www.fiba.com/spain2014

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ART & LANGUAGE UNCOMPLETED

SEP 19-APR 2015

This exhibition at the MACBA will feature an extensive selection of works from the Art and Language Collection of Philippe Méaille, which, while mainly associated with Conceptual Art, challenges the existing vocabulary of art history by refusing affiliation to any artistic identity. The collection includes everything from written notes, manuscripts, documents, essays, photocopies, and newspapers to books, drawings and paintings, and even fragments of a conversation.

www.macba.cat

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39 FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE JAZZ DE BARCELONA

OCT-NOV

One of Europe's most well-respected jazz festivals has grown to embrace everything from bebop to gospel, around a core of mainstream performers that have included some great names in the genre such as Chick Corea, Wayne Shorter, Bebo Valdés, Al Green, Herbie Hancock, Caetano Veloso and

even Katie Melua. Venues range from the Palau de la Música, Luz de Gas and Razzmatazz to L'Auditori. This is a living festival for a living city; organized and designed for those who live in Barcelona and a testimony of the city's love affair with the genre (it's surely no coincidence that Woody Allen likes to spend so much time staying, and sometimes even playing, here). For more information on the programme of concerts and the venues for the festival's 46th edition, be sure to check out the organization's website.

www.barcelonajazzfestival.com

40 BEEFEATER IN-EDIT FESTIVAL

OCT-NOV

An excellent festival of music documentaries from around the world, held over ten days, Beefeater In-Edit has become a reference point for the genre and a must for music fans. Last year's edition drew some 30,000 spectators and gave awards to Sini Anderson's 'The Punk Singer' in the international category, 'Triana Pura y Pura' in the Spanish national section and 'Bustamante Perkins' in the audience voted category.

www.in-edit.org





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MERCAT DE MERCATS

OCT

The 'Market of Markets' is a gastronomic fair, which brings together food and wine producers from all over Catalonia. The stalls are arranged in front of the cathedral and a €12 ticket allows you to choose four tapas from whichever stalls you like, while €10 gets you four small glasses of wine or cava (plus you get to keep the glass). Some 30 market stalls, 50 local

food producers, 12 of the city's bars and restaurants and 16 wineries took part in last year's edition. Amateur chefs should take good note of the fact that they can get great tips on how to perfect their dishes from world-renowned Catalan chefs. It's a weekend that offers the chance to discover and taste the products sold in the markets, enjoy a variety of tapas and wines and get to know much better the gastronomy of Catalonia.

www.mercatsbcn.cat



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FÒRUM GASTRONÒMIC

OCT 20-23

Two major fairs in the Spanish catering and food sectors, the Gastronomic Forum and Hostelco (International equipment for restaurants, hotels and catering), are teaming up to hold the 2014 edition of the forum at Barcelona's Gran Via trade fair complex from the 20th to the 23rd of October. This is the first time that the Gastronomic Forum will be held in the Catalan capital (until now the host cities have always been Girona and Santiago de Compostela in Galicia). The aim of this collaboration is, while preserving the essence and identity of both events, to make the biennial Barcelona fair a major platform for the exchange of knowledge and networking among professionals in the sector and a showcase and benchmark for the industry at the international level, thereby promoting exports by enhancing and harnessing the image of Catalan and Spanish cuisine abroad.

www.forumgastronomic.com

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SÂLMON DANCE FESTIVAL

OCT

This innovative dance festival will be back for its third edition in 2014, complete, as ever, with new proposals and artists with fresh ideas who are not afraid of swimming against the current. The festival offers an insight into the work being carried out by both local and international artists in the framework of the artistic residencies offered by the El Graner centre for dance creation and the European modul-dance project led by Mercat de les Flors, which includes 19 other dance houses. The festival agenda consists of a jam-packed programme of events lasting two weeks, all demonstrating different formats and an enormous diversity of approaches to the theme of the body and movement, alongside shows, laboratories for professionals, spaces for reflection and spaces for meetings between creators and the general public.

www.mercatflors.cat





44 FESTIVAL DEL MIL-LENNI

UNTIL MAY / NOV - MAY 2015

Running from December to May, Barcelona's Millennium Festival has consolidated itself as one of Spain's leading music festivals through the sheer quality and diversity of the concerts that make up its extensive programme. This year's edition features appearances by a variety of interesting artists ranging from local folk rock outfit

Manel, scheduled to appear at L'Auditori on 2nd of February, and eclectic flamenco singer Miguel Poveda who will be appearing at the Liceu opera house on 6th of February, to German singer Ute Lemper (Palau de la Música on February 7th) and maverick Bosnian musician and composer Goran Bregovic, who will be presenting his latest album with the Gypsy Brass Band accompanied by Bulgarian voices, entitled *Champagne for Gypsies*, at the Palau de la Música on the 29th of April.
www.festival-millenni.com

45 CSIO BARCELONA 2014

OCT 9-14

Barcelona is set to become the capital of the equestrian world once again when it hosts the 103rd edition of the Furusiyaya FEI Nations Cup Jumping Final. This will be the second time that the city plays host to the most important event in show jumping's yearly calendar, featuring the world's best riders. The venue will, once again, be the grounds of the city's Real Club de Polo.

www.csio-barcelona.com

46 BARCELONA WORLD RACE

DEC 31

This will be the third edition of this round-the-world yacht race – for two-person crews – that begins and ends in Barcelona on New Year's Eve. It is the first ever two-handed, non-stop round the world regatta and is set to start on 31st of December 2014 from opposite Hotel W in the Port of Barcelona. The competing boats are expected back in the port in March 2015 after sailing some 25,000 nautical miles (around 46,300 kilometres).
www.barcelonaworldrace.org/en



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FIRA DE SANTA LLÚCIA – CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

DEC 3-23

Dating from 1786, this traditional Christmas fair has expanded to more than 300 stalls, selling all manner of handcrafted Christmas decorations and gifts, along with mistletoe, poinsettias and Christmas trees. The most popular figure on sale for nativity scenes is the curious Catalan figure of the caganer (crapper), a small

figure crouching over a steaming turd with his trousers round his ankles. While the original caganer figure depicted a typical Catalan peasant taking time off from his work in the fields to attend to the call of nature, modern variations incorporate an element of satire on current affairs and you can now find depictions of politicians and even members of some royal families. As well as items for nativity scenes, the market has stalls selling a variety of craftwork products ranging from handmade jewellery to hand woven textile products and wooden toys.

www.bcn.cat/nadal



DESIGN, HISTORY...

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FAD FEST

This festival of all things related to design is a celebration of creative excellence, handing out awards for the year's best designs in the fields of architecture, interior design, graphic design, advertising, industrial design, the handicrafts, art and fashion. Visitors can see the exhibition featuring all of the winning and short-listed designs, getting an invaluable insight into what's happening in the field today.

www.fadfest.cat

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TRICENTENARI

2014 sees the 300th anniversary of the fall of Barcelona to the Bourbon troops during the War of Spanish Succession and the consequent loss of Catalonia's traditional rights and liberties. Tricentenary BCN is a programme of events curated by Catalan journalist Toni Soler designed to commemorate and understand those events, creating a dialogue between the past and the present that will allow us to relate the history of Catalonia to its present and future aspirations.

www.tricentenary.bcn.cat/en



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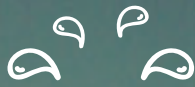
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DHUB: MUSEU DEL DISSENY DE BARCELONA

The city's new design museum will house the collections from the former museums of clothing, decorative arts and ceramics. The clothing museum's collection provides a chronological tour of fashion; the decorative arts' collection is informative and fun, and looks at the different styles informing the design of European artefacts, and the collections

from the erstwhile ceramics museum are equally fascinating. And this is one museum where the outside is as fascinating as what lies inside – the strikingly angular Design Hub building, located next to the equally impressive Agbar Tower, was designed by MBM Arquitectes, the architecture studio formed by Josep Martorell, Oriol Bohigas and David Mackay, together with Oriol Capdevila and Francesc Gual, and uses only two materials for its façade - zinc plates and glass.

www.museudeldisseny.cat



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