

# MOORS & CHRISTIANS GUARDAMAR

20th July-29th July 2018

## FRIDAY, JULY 20th

### **9.30 p.m. PARADE OF THE QUEEN OF THE FIESTAS AND MAIDS OF HONOUR WITH ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

Route: Labradores Square, Major Street ending in Constitució Square

**10 p.m. OPENING ADDRESS** by Mr. Manuel Pérez Blanco

### **10.30 p.m. PRESENTATION OF THIS YEAR'S KEY REPRESENTATIVES, FLAG AND STANDARD BEARERS**

#### The Moors

**Musulmanes:** Miss María José Mozos Flores

**Nómadas:** Miss Filo Rios Ortíz

**Abd-al-Azies:** Miss Tamara Lorenzo Madrid

**La Pluma:** Miss Patricia Pérez Gutierrez

**Tuareg:** Miss Andrea Barquilla Anguita

#### The Christians

**Mosquetera:** Miss Puri Ferrer Jiménez

**Labradores:** Miss Luz Divina Torres Rodríguez

**El Cid:** Miss Olga Rodríguez Beltrán

**Piratas:** Miss Silvia Teresa Gilabert Trigueros

**Cruzados:** Miss Victoria Blanc Rastoll

**Captains of the Christians:** Mr. Antonio Blanc Ramírez. And Miss Mari Carmen Rastoll Sánchez

**Captains of the Moors:** Mr. José Marroquí Maciá and Miss Mari Carmen Aldeguer Rodes

**Christian Ambassador:** Mr. Jesús Sánchez Ortíz

**Moor Ambassador:** Mr. Luis Fernando Barquilla Arias

**11 p.m. Town Hall Square: CORONATION CEREMONY OF THIS YEAR'S 'DAMA DE GUARDAMAR' LADY OF GUARDAMAR.** Miss Ana Rodríguez Carrasco, in traditional costume, the age old legend of L'ENCANTÀ, a spectacle of light, water and fire. A stunning performance that tells the story of a young girl who falls under a spell and can only be released by a brave warrior who first has to battle against the forces of evil, a dragon, in order to free her. The spell can only be broken if he bathes her feet in the River Segura. The "happy ending" is that he kills the dragons and washes her feet in the river. They live happily ever after. (Historical note: the Lady of Guardamar sculpture dates from the 4th Century B.C.)

### **Midnight: GASTRO FOOD TRUCK GUARDAMAR and FAIR**

*Located at la Redonda Parking Site, behind the Castle next to the Santa Anna Industrial Estate.*

## **Saturday, July 21th FANCY DRESS PARADE**

**1 p.m. TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL 'BELLRINGING' and 'FIREWORK ROCKET THROWING'** (Town Square)

**10 p.m. FANCY DRESS PARADE AND COMPETITION:** Music and fancy dress for anyone who wants to get involved. The Parades sets off from Major Street on the corner with Nord Street and continues along the País Valencià Avenue, ending in Jaume II Square. Competition bibs and rules can be obtained from the Tourist Information Office. Prizes will be given before the concert.

**Midnight: CONCERT: MODESTIA APARTE and AMISTADES PELIGROSAS**

**GASTRO FOOD TRUCK GUARDAMAR Y FERIA**

*Located at la Redonda Parking Site, behind the Castle next to the Santa Anna Industrial Estate.*

## **Sunday, 22th July**

**12 a.m. OPENING OF THE TRADITIONAL MEDIEVAL MARKET.** Located at Castell Street, behind Guardamar Parish Church, going up to the castle

**1 p.m. TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL "BELLRINGING" and "FIREWORK ROCKET THROWING"** (Town Hall Square)

**5 p.m. CHILDREN'S PARTY** on Els Pins Avenue and Sant Francesc Street

**8 p.m. STREET PARADE** led by our Guardamar del Segura Musical Group. The parade will include the elected ‘Dama de Guardamar’, her ladies in waiting, Captains, standard bearers and representatives of all of the Moors and Christians’

**Route:** Townhall, Enginyer Mira Avenue and Reina Sofia Park.

**8.30 p.m. MOORS AND CHRISTIANS FESTIVAL MUSIC CONCERT**

Led by the Guardamar del Segura Music Group. During this act there will be a tribute to Mr. José Pérez Vilaplana. The programme includes the delivery of awards of the 2018 “Town of Guardamar” Short Story Competition.

**9 p.m. GASTRO FOOD TRUCK GUARDAMAR and FERIA**

*Located at la Redonda Parking Site, behind the Castle next to the Santa Anna Industrial Estate.*

**Monday, 23th July**

**1 p.m. TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL “BELLRINGING” and “FIREWORK ROCKET THROWING”** (Town Hall Square)

**6 p.m. MEDIEVAL MARKET.** Located at Castell Street, behind Guardamar Parish Church, going up to the castle

**9 p.m. Choral Concert** led by the “Aromas de Guardamar Choir” and the “Barcarola Choir” and with the participation of Jacqueline Sánchez, Chari Candela and Sofía Sáchez dance schools.

Located in the Reina Sofia Park

**10.30 p.m. CORREFOCS** Moving Firework Festival by the MSM group “No somos monstruos” (We are not monsters).

Departing from the Town Hall, Miguel Hernández Street, Sant Francesc Street, Ausiàs March Street, Sant Jaume Street, Plaça d’Abastos, Enginyer Mira Street and ending in Constitution Square (Town Hall)

**Tuesday, 24th July**

**1 p.m. TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL ‘BELLRINGING’ and ‘FIREWORK ROCKET THROWING’** (Town Hall Square)

**6 p.m. MEDIEVAL MARKET.**

**8.20 p.m.** Informal entrance of the “Comparsas” of Moors and Christians on different streets of Guardamar ending in Constitution Square (Town Hall).

**9.30 p.m. AMBASSY OF THE TREATY OF TUDMIR’S SIGNATURE**

*Theatrical representation of the Treaty of Tudmir. The signature of the treaty on April 5, 713, when the noble Visigoth Theodemir ceded the territories where Guardamar is located at present to the Muslims of Abd-al-azid ibn Muzá. After the embassy, from there, the traditional informal entrance will begin.*

**PLACE: TOWNHALL SQUARE**

**NIGHT TIME:** bar, music and dancing throughout the night at all of the designated “Comparsa” “fiesta barracks”

**Wednesday, 25th July**

**11:30 a.m.** Little parade with the Guardamar Music Group with the Lady of Guardamar, Maids of Honor, Captains, Ambassador, Standard Bearers, Organising Committee and other officials of the Fiesta. Departure from the Comparsas Headquarters in Colom Street, along Colom Street, Gratiud, Sant Josep, Enginyer Mira, Ausiàs March, Les Vinyes, Luis Rivera, Migdia, Vicente Ramos, Enginyer Mira and ending at the Plaça de la Constitució (Town Hall Square).

**12:30 a.m.** Official Reception of the Captains and Member of the Organising Committee in the Town Hall.

**1 p.m.** Mascletà (Fire crackers and noisy gunpowder event in the Town Hall square).

**8 p.m. HOLY MASS IN HONOUR OF ST JAMES** (celebrated by our Parish Priest, Father Efrén Mira)

**9 p.m. PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF ST JAMES.** The procession includes local councillors, civic and military dignitaries, key members of the Moors and Christians Organising Committee, the ‘Dama de Guardamar’ with her Maids of Honour, the Captains, Presidents and various associations and members and participating Comparsas.

Route. Enginyer Mira Street, Abastos Square, Sant Emigdi, València, Major, País Valencià, Migdia, Vicente Ramos streets and back to the Church

**NIGHT TIME:** bar, music and dancing throughout the night at all of the designated “Comparsa” “fiesta barracks”

**Thursday, July 26th FIRST GUERRILLA AND MOORISH EMBASSY**

**1 p.m. TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL ‘BELLRINGING’ and ‘FIREWORK ROCKET THROWING’** (Town Square)

**8 p.m. FIRST “GUERRILLA”.** The mock battle begins along País Valencià Avenue at the corner with Lepanto Street and continues towards the Town Hall Square. The Christians are in front, expelled by the Moors who take possession of the town.

**9 p.m. ENTRANCE TO THE CASTLE.** Departing from the Plaça Llauradors the “Cruzados” Comparsa enter the Castle. They are followed by the “Tuareg” Comparsa who re-enact the conquering of the Castle and the town of Guardamar by the Moors. After this, both Comparsas parade along the Major Street towards Plaça Llauradors.

**NIGHT TIME:** bar, music and dancing throughout the night at all of the designated “Comparsa” “fiesta barracks”.

**Friday, July 27th SECOND 'GUERRILA' AND CHRISTIAN EMBASSY**

**1 p.m.** TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL 'BELLRINGING' and 'FIREWORK ROCKET THROWING (Town Hall Square).

**8 p.m.** 'SECOND GUERRILLA'. This mock battle begins, after warning gunfire from the Castle's Gunpowder Bastion. The battle then moves along Castell Street, Gratiud Street, Llauradors Square, Major Street to the Town Hall Square. The Moors are first, followed by the Christians, who now take possession of the town.

**9 p.m.** ENTRANCE TO THE CASTLE. The Comparsa 'Tuareg' maintain the Castle's possession. The Comparsa "Cruzados" enter the Castle and once there, the Christians take power. The 'Trial of the Moorish Traitor' then takes place. It represents the conquest of the Castle and the town from the Moors by the Christians. Both Comparsas then march along the agreed upon route from País Valencià Avenue to Pescadors Square.

**NIGHT TIME:** bar, music and dancing throughout the night at all of the designated "Comparsa" 'fiesta barracks'.

**Saturday, July 28th ENTRANCE OF THE MOORS**

**1 p.m.** TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL "BELLRINGING" and "FIREWORK ROCKET THROWING"

**8.30 p.m.** ENTRANCE OF THE MOORS Departing from País Valencià Avenue corner on Lepanto Street. It will then move along País Valencià Avenue, Major Street ending corner of Major and Nord Streets. The Parade runs in the following order:  
THE CHRISTIANS: MOSQUETERA, LABRADORES, EL CID, PIRATAS, CRUZADOS.

THE MOORS: MUSULMANES, NÓMADAS, ABD-AL-AZÍES, LA PUMA, TUAREG

**NIGHT TIME:** bar, music and dancing in all of the designated 'fiesta barracks'.

**Sunday, July 29th ENTRANCE OF THE CHRISTIANS**

**1 p.m.** TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL 'BELLRINGING' and 'FIREWORK ROCKET THROWING (Town Hall Square)

**7 p.m.** THE MUSICAL BAND PARADES

Route: Major Street corner Nord Street (reverse to the parade)

**8.30 p.m.** ENTRANCE OF THE MOORS Departing from País Valencià Avenue corner on Lepanto Street. It will then move along País Valencià Avenue, Major Street ending corner of Major and Nord Streets. The Parade runs in the following order:

THE MOORS: MUSULMANES, NÓMADAS, ABD-AL-AZÍES, LA PUMA, TUAREG

THE CHRISTIANS: MOSQUETERA, LABRADORES, EL CID, PIRATAS, CRUZADOS.

**NIGHT TIME:** Bar, music and dancing throughout the night at all of the designated "Comparsa fiesta barracks"

**0.00 a.m** SEA FIREWORK DISPLAY. La Roqueta Beach