

The Directorate General of Language Policy launches the first Catalan-Language Manga and Anime Festival (*FEMA*), an initiative to promote the use of Catalan through the Japanese cultural expressions of anime cinema and manga comics.

The festival seeks to promote and energise the culture of manga comics and anime in Catalan as a gateway for the promotion of Catalan among younger audiences. It also aims to showcase Catalan-language publications in the genre and take the pulse of screenings of anime series and films in Catalan.

This is the first festival of its kind to be organised across the Balearic Islands and the first time it is held entirely in Catalan in the Catalan Countries. Formentera's part of the programme will take place 8 and 15 April at the Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

The programme includes various activities:

1) Introductory workshops to manga and kanji, colloquiums with experts in anime and manga in Catalan, karaoke, costume contests and more at Formentera's youth drop-in centre (Casal de Joves). From 10.00am to 2.00pm, Saturday 8 April.

2) Screenings of the recent anime releases *Evangelion: 3.0+1.01 Thrice Upon a Time* (8 April) and *Blue Thermal* (15 April) at Sala de Cultura (Cinema).

Evangelion: 3.0+1.01 Thrice Upon a Time

Tamaki Tsuru is a young athlete who has been in sports clubs until high school. Arriving at university, with the goal of advancing her love life and due to a series of events, she ends up in the campus glider club.

Blue Thermal

Fourth and final instalment of "The Reconstruction of Evangelion". Misato and her anti-NERV group, Wille, arrive in a Paris coloured red by nucleation. The crew of the Wunder ship land on a containment tower with only 720 seconds to restore the city. When a horde of NERV Eves

appears, the upgraded Eva 8 Unit must intercept them. Meanwhile, Shinji, Asuka and Rey roam Japan.

Prices and tickets

Tickets are available on www.entradesformentera.cat for €3. Unemployed people, under-employed freelancers, retirees, under-25s, people with functional diversity, single-parent families and large families pay half price.

Complete information is available at dgpoling.caib.cat.

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