



The Escola de Música i Dansa de Formentera is wrapping up preparations to create the island's first municipal music group. The founding of the group tops the list of changes at the music school and conservatory for the 2015-2016 calendar, and—as the school's director Iván Mérgola explained—would entail “the Formentera Council's acquisition of a supply of instruments like saxophones, trombones, trumpets, whirlwinds and tubas and then providing them on loan to whomever wishes to join the municipal band”.

In addition to receiving a learning plan specific to the particular instrument chosen, students (who, as school director Iván Mérgola clarifies, “need no previous musical experience”) will also receive an hour of music theory instruction per week.

The initial stage of enrolment ('preinscripció') is already open and all applications will be accepted through 4 July. Applications will be collected and processed at the Citizens' Information Office (OAC) in Sant Francesc. The application form is available for download on the Escola de Música website (escolamusica.conselldeformentera.cat).

Workshops for kids and state-recognised studies for all

Pre-enrolment—a mandatory part of the sign-up process—concerns registration for young children into any of the workshops included in the School of Music and Dance catalogue, composed of three highly-successful activities. The traditional music workshop, given by Xumeu Joan, is the opportunity for learners of all ages to try their hands at drums, castañuelas, flute or the *espasí*. Also available are the initiation to music workshop for children aged six to eight and an initiation to dance, for ages three to seven.

Besides attending workshops, students of the music school can pursue state-recognised studies at any age. There are currently 140 people enrolled at the Escola de Música i Dansa.

Year-end festival

Next Saturday at eight in the evening, the music and dance school will host its end of the year festivities. The event is an opportunity for students of the Escola to share with the public their progress made since September.