The culture wing of the Consell de Formentera announces that two of the 2019 Christmas programme's heavy-hitters are gearing up for an evening of concerts, this Saturday, 14 December, in the Sa Senieta tent in Sant Francesc. The show starts at 10.30pm with a performance from Joven Dolores, followed by the popular Catalan act, Itaca Band.

Culture and festivities councillor Susana Labrador encouraged the whole island to come out for an opening event so replete with music and festive spirit she called it "a tone setter as the Yuletide season kicks into gear".

Joven Dolores
Starting the show at 10.30pm is Joven Dolores, an amalgamation brought to life by the union of singer-guitarist pair David Serra and Joan Barbé with the rhythm section composed by Frederic Torres (bass) and JC Marí (drums). Unlike anyone else on the domestic music scene, Joven Dolores don't just play songs to pull on heart strings, they deliver guaranteed high-octane performances. A product of 21st-century rock, Joven Dolores' first album, *Galopa los días,* is jam-packed with references to their youth, anchored by reflections on the power of positivity, on human relations, on the importance of women and their situation today.

Itaca Band
Wrapping up the evening, it's the Itaca Band. The Catalan group have made a name for themselves blending apparently disparate musical styles, and are known for concerts most readily compared to hurricanes. Anthems like "Temerari", "Ara i aquí" and "Com si no hi hagués demà" are irresistibly catchy, and will have the entire crowd dancing and singing along. Masterfully crafted lyrics in Spanish and Catalan, Jamaican rhythms, overdriven tempos and the surging energy of the group's brass section are all part of what makes Itaca Band guaranteed crowdpleasers.

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