

Today at half past noon in the courtyard of Formentera's artistic centre, organisers unveiled details behind Guitarres de Formentera, a homegrown festival dedicated to all things guitars that turns eight this September. On hand at the Centre Gabrielet for the press conference were Ekkehard “Eki” Hoffman, chair of the event, Damian Soto, who sits on the festival's organising board, and Susana Labrador, the administration's councillor in charge of culture.

Guitarres de Formentera is a festival of blues, jazz and rock music that will take place this weekend in Sant Ferran. The event has become a mainstay on the island's musical calendar, and is put on by the association that Hoffman, himself a musician, founded and continues to front.

The event's 2016 programme of music-themed activities will unfold over two evenings, September 16-17, 10.00pm to 4.00am in the Sant Ferran square. Crowds will see performances from Blues Màfia i es Saligardos, Matthias Baumgarth Band, Kelly&The Jam Factory, Ras Smaïla, Chimichurri, Litus, Sirjo Cocchi Songbook and The Frigolos. Then, from 6.00 to 9.00pm on Sunday, September 18, the Sant Ferran restaurant Sa Panxa will be the scene of a special closing performance by Els Perillosos Gentlemen. Jam sessions will crown the programme all three days.