

The Formentera Council office of culture reports that Saturday April 13 at 8.30pm the cinema will host a free concert with Joan Isaac and Giorgio Conte. The show marks the close of the Barnasants cultural initiative's 2019 Formentera programme, part of an artistic partnership with the Formentera Council.

With *Dues cultures, un sol mar*, singer-songwriters Isaac (who is Catalan) and Conte (who is Italian) invite us into their world of friendship and mutual admiration. It's an admiration that led them to dream up and bring to life an evening of signature music where singing duties aren't the only thing alternating: languages will be switched up, too. Conte's Italian-language singing will trade jabs with Issac's Catalan-language fare in a style that organisers say is not wholly unlike the negotiating banter of Venice merchants. Their performance on Formentera is a way for the singers to pay tribute to the sea that unites the pair's music.

Singing workshop

From 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Friday April 12, Isaac and pianist Antoni Olaf Sabater will offer students of the music and dance school and the Eivissa-Formentera conservatory a clinic on singing. Taking place in the music and dance school and made possible thanks to collaboration between Barnasants and Plataforma per la Llengua, the event is aimed at fortifying a "cultural network" in Catalan-speaking territories through concert-related activities.

Saturday's concert announces the end of the Council and Barnasants' first joint initiative, one which saw a local performance from Roger Mas and Estel Solé on February 16 and a performance at Barcelona's Harlem Jazz Club by local act Maria José Cardona (February 7). The full programme can be found at www.barnasants.com.

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