

Barcelona Festival of Song 2021

Celebrating its 17th edition, the festival presents eight concerts, both live and streamed, with artists from Catalonia and Latin America and this year we are innovating by rewarding the audience with a cryptocurrency to democratize access to music.

Spain, Barcelona, Jun 23, 2021 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Barcelona, 20th June. Although streaming is new to many, the Barcelona Festival of Song incorporated it in 2013, when it held interactive concerts between São Paulo and Barcelona, using Internet2 infrastructures. In 2021, in addition to streaming the concerts, the festival continues to champion innovation in music by incorporating the XAVE COIN cryptocurrency, a resource that aims to democratize access to music.

The lineup of the 2021 festival is incredible. It opens on July 8th with the recital La casa del Lucero in which the famous soprano Patricia Caicedo and pianist Manuel Ruíz pay tribute to Colombian composer Jaime León (1921-2015) on his centenary.

On July 9th, mezzo-soprano Poliana Alves and pianist Thiago de Freitas from Minas Gerais and soprano Juliana Starling and harpist Soledad Yaya from Sao Paulo, Brazil will present the recital Recomendação, a program of songs by Brazilian composers. On July 10th, American tenor Isai Muñoz, a former student of the festival, and Israeli pianist Oksana Glouchko will perform their CD Visca l'amor, an internationally acclaimed recording, born within the festival.

On July 13th, in the emblematic Sala de Llevant of the Biblioteca de Catalunya, the Greek pianist Nikos Stavlas, presents the recital Haikus for piano, performing pieces by Mompou, León and premiering the works of fellow Greek Theofilos Lambrianidis. On July 14th, Mexican mezzo-soprano Daniela Cortés, pianist Manuel Ruíz and Dr. Enid Negrete perform Marchita el alma, a recital-conference dedicated to the Mexican composer Manuel Ponce (1882-1948). The final concerts will feature the course participants, who are professional singers from the U.S., Colombia, and Mexico.

On July 15th, former participants from different parts of the United States will perform at the Ambassadors Concert, while on July 16th at the Biblioteca de Catalunya, we will listen to the program El goig de cantar. On July 17th at the Reial Cercle Artístic, we will hear the program Cants de l'ànima with the participants of the 2021 course performing songs in Catalan, Spanish and Portuguese by composers from both sides of the Atlantic.

As is a tradition at the festival, the cycle Dues cançons d'amor, by the American composer Brian Field, based on poems by the Catalan Carles Duarte I Montserrat, will be premiered.

With its innovative lineup, in 2021, the Barcelona Festival of Song once again combines its vocation to preserve the Iberian and Latin American musical heritage with its innovative spirit, allowing music to reach all corners of the planet. Organized by Mundoarts, the festival relies on the collaboration of the Biblioteca de Catalunya, the Reial Cercle Artístic, the Institució Cultural del CIC, the Taller de Músics, GoMusic, the Residència d'investigadors and the Barcelona City Council.

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