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TARRAGONA CARNIVAL 2025

When the cold surround us and the city seems to be going into winter calm, our Winter Festival arrives, the moment to break with routine and fill the streets with energy, illusion and dreams. From 21st February to 4th of March, Tarragona is dressed in a special magic to celebrate an inclusive and unique festival in which everyone, of all ages, origins and forms, is welcome to live the most fun and open Carnival of all.

This Carnival, which brings the city back to life during the winter thanks to the passion and enthusiasm of a group of entities that bring their joy and energy, is now a great celebration of coexistence and diversity. The Carnival of Tarragona is not only a popular celebration; it is also a space to express ourselves, to make a call for freedom and creativity, where everyone can be whoever they want, without barriers. And that is what makes us special: the ability to integrate all collectives, to fill the streets with thousands of dreams and unity, and to show that together, we are stronger.

From the first Carnival parades in 1981, when the festival was small but full of magic, with homemade costumes and improvised music, to the present day, when the groups work all year long to offer us amazing shows, Carnival has always been synonymous of unlimited fun, but also of work and creativity. So, get out there, dress up, enjoy, share magical moments and celebrate together our Carnival, which for me is the best in the world!

Sandra Ramos García
Councillor of Culture and Festivities.

EVENT PROGRAM

Photographic exhibition “Carnival life in Tarragona” at Parc Central. From 21st February to 9th of March, in the passageways of the shopping centre Parc Central you can see the winning photograph of the Photography Contest 2024, as well as a selection of images submitted in the first edition of the Carnival of Tarragona.

Saturday 22nd February. The Xarró

11h. Rambla Nova (Teresianes’ school section), Cuba Square (Sant Pere i Sant Pau) and the Torreforta Civic Centre. Workshops, children's games and face painting for all children who come to enjoy this pre-Carnival Saturday, simultaneously in the three venues.

12 h. 4a Promoció Square (in the district of Sant Pere i Sant Pau). **Carnival Vermouth.** Come and enjoy the first Carnival week-end with the performance of Agustín Aspa and his group Habana.

12.30 h. Casal Popular Sageta de Foc. Sant Domènec street, 18. Before tasting the xarró, **PD Xarronet** will play folk music to liven up the vermouth.

14 h. Casal Popular Sageta de Foc. Sant Domènec street, 18. **10th Popular Xarronada.** El Xarró, the typical Tarragona *escudella* (stew), is celebrating a double celebration: it completes ten years of the first Xarronada in the 20th anniversary of the Casal Popular Sageta de Foc. Music and gastronomy come together to kick off the Carnival. Previously there will be a vermouth with PD Xarronet and popular songs after the dinner. Registration is required prior to the dinner at the link <https://forms.gle/LMtttSMkycXHXR2X7>.

Price: 15 €, for members of the Casal; 18 €, for non-members.

15.30 h. Casal Popular Sageta de Foc. Sant Domènec street,18. **After-dinner conversation of glosa (ad-libbing) and popular song** in which the most expert singers will be mixed with everyone who wants to participate.

17.30 h. Totem Cafè, Rambla Vella,15. **Children's fancy dress costume.** If you want to spend a fun afternoon, as a preview of Carnival, come dressed up at Totem Cafè. There will be children's entertainment, minidisco and coca with hot chocolate for all the children. A very special evening, focused on the kids.

Price: free entrance, limited to the capacity of the hall.

19.30 h. Casal Popular Sageta de Foc. Sant Domènec street, 18. **Presentation of the Carnival beverage at the Casal,** València Pastora water. Come and discover the history of this emblematic beverage that will give the kick-off to the Carnival.

Sunday 23rd February. La Disfressa d'Or (Golden costume)

12 h. Recinte Firal del Palau de Congressos, Pompeu Fabra street (next to the train station). **First session of the Disfressa d'Or special 25 years.** The Disfressa d'Or, which celebrates its 25th edition this year, has been going through different spaces and formats, starting with the de la Font Square as a backdrop for the concert, passing through the Teatre Metropol, the Refugi 1, the Recinte Firal and the Tarraco Arena. The fifteen participating troupes will be performing their best finery in a unique display. Undoubtedly, one of the events that has become more popular in the Carnival of Tarragona, a contest to admire the best individual costumes.

Price: 18 € (plus booking fee), on sale at www.tarragonamusicfestival.com

Opening of doors: 11 h

17 h. Recinte Firal del Palau de Congressos, Pompeu Fabra street (next to the train station). **Second session of the Disfressa d'Or special 25 years.**

Price: 18 € (plus management fees). Tickets sold out

Opening of doors: 16 h

20.30 h. Recinte Firal del Palau de Congressos, Pompeu Fabra street (next to the train station). **Third and last session of the Disfressa d'Or special 25 years.**

Price: 18 € (plus management fees). Tickets sold out

Opening of doors: 19.30h

Tuesday 25th February.

10 h. de la Font Square. **Bastiment de la Bota.** The Association for the Conservation of Festive Figures will install la Bota (barrel) with its satirical connotations for public display until its burning at the Burial of King Carnestoltes and his Concubine.

12 h. From de la Font Square. **Presentation of the Ninot and the Ninota,** by Taller Valua, and the Entourage of the King Carnestoltes and the Queen Concubine, by the groups Disc 45 and Colours Fantasy, respectively. A Ninot and a Ninota that renews the image adapting to the new moments.

17.30 h. Centre Cultural Antic Ajuntament, Major street, 41. **Little reading corner, Carnival special. El cuiner i els lladres, with Gerard Pla.** Come and enjoy the storytelling cycle, where we can all be the protagonists of our favourite stories. Joan is an expert and presumptuous cook. One day like any other, he enters the kitchen to make his best recipe. A secret recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation. Suddenly, some little intruders enter through the door to steal everything he most wants. The thieves will try, in every possible way, to steal his food, and the cook Joan will try to stop them in any way possible.

Wednesday 26th February. The entrance to the city of the Carnestoltes and the Concubine.

18 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **Entrance of the King Carnestoltes XLII, his Concubine XXIX and the Entourage.** After last year's success with the creation of the Plaça de la Disbauxa, this year we continue with this dynamic and we will continue to enjoy this space, a space located in the Corsini square where different acts will be developed within this festive cycle. The first will be the entrance to the city of the King Carnestoltes and his Concubine, and it will also be the first time we will be able to enjoy these characters in full essence. Stay tuned to the main door of the Central Market, because, just when the last note of Amparito sounds (Pasodoble music), they will come out to receive the command staff and start their reign full of fun. As soon as they receive the rod, the King and the Concubine will offer the sermon, which surely will not leave anyone indifferent. We will also be able to enjoy their first -but not the last- Carnival ball. We will also name the figure of **the Boter d'Honor**, an award that will go to a person or group that has worked for Carnival in a disinterested way and has contributed to make ours one of the best in the State. Pay attention, there will be surprises!

19.30 h. Teatre Tarragona, Rambla Nova, 11. **Gala of the King Carnestoltes, his Concubine and the Entourage.** After their spectacular departure to the Market, where we have met the King Carnestoltes and the Concubine in all their splendour, the troupes Disc 45 and Colours Fantasy will offer us a show full of dance, satire and some surprises.

Price: 5 €.

Tickets: entrades.tarragona.cat and at the Teatre Tarragona box office at the usual time (from Sunday, February 11, at 11 h).

21.30 h. Teatre Tarragona, Rambla Nova, 11. Second session of the **Gala of the King Carnestoltes, his Concubine and the Entourage.** In case you missed the first session, here you have another one to enjoy this unique show.

Price: 5 €.

Tickets: entrades.tarragona.cat and at the Teatre Tarragona box office at the usual time (from Tuesday 11 February, at 11 h).

Thursday 27th February. Dijous Gras (Fat Thursday)

9 h. Cañellas street. Gastronomic carnival. **The coca de llardons** (pastry). The day has come to taste one of the most typical products of the Carnival: the "coca de llardons". Come and pick it up at the Colla La Bóta stand.

Price: 1,20 €.

10 h. Inside the Central Market. Gastronomic Carnival. **Distribution of botifarra d'ou** (Catalan egg sausage tasting). The butchers' guild of Tarragona region and Mercats de Tarragona will offer us this typical food of our Carnival (until 14 h while stocks last). This year the initiative has the collaboration of the Estela Foundation.

20 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square) **Presentation of the themes of Carnival 2025.** Have you ever wondered how long it takes to make a costume? How many days do the troupes take to get everything perfect in the streets? Why do they choose that theme? They will reveal everything in this event that was created last year and that was very well received. Don't think, however, that they will keep some secret for the *Rua de l'Artesania* (Carnival Parade) Let's get ready to feel and see some of the best-kept secrets in the coming months.

19.30 h. Casal Popular Sageta de Foc. Sant Domènec street, 18. **Dijous Gras (Fat Thursday) omelettes at the Casal.** Enjoy the best typical omelettes of the Tarragona Carnival in a meeting full of flavour and tradition.

21.30 h. Casa Miret, Rambla Nova, 36. **Masks Ball.** Originating from the French court of the 15th century, the masked balls are synonymous of mystery, glamour and secrecy. An exclusive event with limited capacity in which elegance, masks and sensuality will converge in a venue converted into a stately and mysterious space. A party presided by the King Carnestoltes and his Concubine where fun, ball and surprises are guaranteed. The only essential requirement is to wear a mask and follow a suggestive or cocktail dress code. We'll take care of the food, the laugh and the drink!

Price: dinner + ball + fun: 65 €.

Bookings: www.balldemascarestgn.com / info@balldemascarestgn.com

Friday 28th February. The Children's Carnival

13.30 h. Central Market. **The King Carnestoltes and the Concubine visit the Central Market to have vermouth and visit all the Market Stalls.**

17.45 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square) **Entry into the square of King Carnestoltes and the Concubine,** who will give the proclamation to the children's show and gather strength for the walk, which will keep them entertained all afternoon. They will be accompanied by the Xaranga Suquet Calero.

18 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **The Children's carnival: *Amb ganes de gresca!* by the company Rikus i Els Barretines.** A concert where you won't be able to stop dancing and laughing as a family. Get ready for a show with good music, positive energy, irony and lots of fun.

19h and 20.15 h. Teatre Magatzem, Reding street, 14. **Xirigotes at El Magatzem.** "Las de la Chiri" arrive, one more year, with their show, 'Las Incurables', an irreverent and sketchy performance with which they will make us laugh and reflect in equal parts. The repertoire has a critical look at society and our environment, and satire, irony, sarcasm and humour play an important role. Get ready to have a good time and get excited with their songs.

Tickets: <https://entradium.com/events/las-inkurables-de-las-de-la-chiri>

Price: 4 €.

20.30 h. De la Font Square. **La Farra dels Ninots. La Plantada de la Ninota.** This year the Colla La Bóta celebrates its 40th anniversary as an entity and has wanted to celebrate a very special Ninots party. The Concubine is tired of being the second and has proposed to dethrone the King Carnestoltes. They will fight a duel in a battle of brass bands!

Price: 10 €. Tickets: entrades.tarragona.cat and at the Teatre Tarragona box office at the usual time (from Sunday, February 11, at 11 h).

20.30 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square) **La Farra dels Ninots. La Plantada del Ninot.** This year the Colla La Bóta celebrates its 40th anniversary as an organization and has wanted to celebrate a very special Farra dels Ninots. The Concubine is tired of being the second one and has proposed to dethrone the King Carnestoltes. The two of them will fight a duel in a battle of brass bands! Who will you support? Price: 10 €.

Tickets: entrades.tarragona.cat and at the Teatre Tarragona box office at the usual time (from Sunday, February 11, at 11 h).

23 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **La FanFarra dels Ninots. The open-air dance.** Once the battle of brass bands is over and with a winning team, all the assistants will be able to celebrate the victory or forget the defeat. Music by Kuki Party. Popular prices. We are waiting for you!

23 h. Sedassos Square. **Matalassos als Sedassos.** Rave and hedonism to the rhythm of the mythical PD Petardeig and DJ Seryii and with the premiere of the PD Tarrakonenas. There will be a very special costume contest in different categories and prizes will be distributed throughout the night while the different DJs liven up the night with the best musical selection.

Saturday 1st March. Carnival Parade

9.30 h. Del Rei Square. **Reception of the participants of Baixada del Pajaritu (Soap Box Derby).** Arrival of the participants, who will be able to show off their satirical and amusing works of art, and the spectators will be able to admire them before they move on to the action.

10.30 h. Sant Salvador and Sant Ramon, Sant Salvador Avenue, at the CAP (medical centre). **Sant Salvador and Sant Ramon Carnival Parade.** With the participation of Disc 45, Col-lectiu de Dones de Sant Salvador, ADC Grup Aerodance, AMPA Escola and Centre Obert and Ludoteca del Centre Cívic.

11 h. Del Rei Square. **Start of the 18th edition of the Baixada del Pajaritu (Soap Box Derby).** We will be able to see all the participants in action, with their thrilling descents. We are ready!
Itinerary: Baixada Pescateria, Cós del Bou Street, Baixada Misericordia, de la Nau Street and Del Rei Square.

Registration and terms and conditions: : <https://jovedetarragona.cat/baixadadelpajaritu/>

11 h. From the Rambla de Sant Pere i Sant Pau. **Sant Pere and Sant Pau Carnival Parade,** with the participation of different groups and groups from the neighbourhood. At the end of the parade, popular hot chocolate.

Itinerary: lower section of the Rambla, Sardana sq. and the Pont del Diable path until reaching the Civic Centre.

11.30 h. Torreforta. **Torreforta Carnival Parade.** With the participation of the following groups: Todos en Azul, La Ballaruga, Sinhus, Colours Fantasy, L'Albada, Fotem-li Canya, Spectrum, Platinum, Màgic Dansa, Pandora, Artífex & Golden Time.

Itinerary: Riu Fluvià Street, passing through Menorca, Gran Canaria, Islas Baleares and Gaià streets, corner with Montblanc.

12 h. Cós del Bou Street. **JoVermut Carnavalero with electrònic DJ.** Festive and Carnival music.

12 h. 1 Moll de Costa. **Carnival's great party** by Xiquets del Serrallo. The big Carnival party is finally here! Don't stay at home and come and enjoy these activities. You will find a children's entertainment group that will make everyone dance and vibrate, especially the little ones, a costume contest, the best music compilation of the season and bar service throughout the morning. A party open to young and old; we are waiting for you!

12.30 h. Centre Cívic Sant Pere i Sant Pau, path del Pont del Diable, s/n. **Fancy dress contest!** with different categories and prizes for the most creative, original and spectacular costumes.

12 h. Bar Al Padrí, d'en Vila-roma street,4. **Suca al brou! Calçotada popular.** Come with your costume and enjoy the music and the good atmosphere until 3 pm.

Price: 25 € (includes calçots, sausage, bread, sauce and drink).

More information and registration: @brou_de_____

12 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini square). **Carnival vermouth.** Just when the last note of *Amparito* (Pasodoble music), who is celebrating her anniversary this year, Dijeila (Laura Casadevall) will animate musically the Plaça de la Disbauxa to prepare us for the Carnival parade.

13 h. Social club of the Colla Jove Xiquets de Tarragona, Cós del Bou Street, 23. **Carnaval Lila.** Fancy dress competition for children from all over the city, children's entertainment, and confetti shower. Show off your fancy dress!

13 h. Bar Al Padrí, d'en Vila-roma street , 4. **Beu al brou! Porró** (wine jar) **contest.** Next, we celebrate the first Porró Contest, in which the contestants will have to demonstrate their skills in drinking with porró.

Price: 10 €.

More information and registration: @brou_de_____

17.30 h. Ramón y Cajal Avenue, in front of the Parc Central and the Necropolis. **Arrival of the floats participating in the Parade.** You will be able to see all the floats taking part in the Parade on display before their departure.

18 h. From Ramón y Cajal Avenue and towards Catalunya Avenue. **La Rua de l'Artesania (Carnival parade)**, with troupes, floats, *senyeres* (Catalan flag) and the entourage of the King and the Concubine. Itinerary with approximate time of arrival of the first troupe: Ramón y Cajal Avenue, Rambla Nova (18.30 h), Rovira i Virgili Avenue, Anselm Clavé Square (19.15 h) and Catalunya Avenue at the URV Campus (19.45 h).

23 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa. **Carnival open-air dance.** We are sure that after watching the spectacular Carnival Parade we will still have enough energy left to enjoy a night of good music and a good atmosphere. And what better way to do it than with the company of DJ Chus and DJ Christian, from the Totem Discotheque. We will enjoy hits from the 80s and 90s, but also the music that has been accompanying us these days through the streets of the city and, who knows, maybe some other surprises. We are waiting for you!

24 h. Cós del Bou Street. **Carnaval, a la Jove!** We close the best day of Carnival at Cós en el Bou. As every year we enjoy the traditional carnival night, accompanied by good music with DJ's PD Murdock i DJ Rayo, that will make us dance until the early hours of the morning!

24 h. Totem Cafè, Rambla Vella, 15. **Opening Carnival Party.** Fancy dress party enlivened by the Amics de la Part Alta troupe with a selection of the best carnival music. At 2 h, individual and group fancy dress competition.

Sunday March 2nd *Rua de Lluïment* (Shine parade)

12 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **Holi party before going on trial.** The flour war (ancient fights between butchers and fishmongers) is modernised and returns thirty years later, transformed into the party with coloured powder that you are all waiting for at vermouth time on Carnival Sunday. We are waiting for you to wear your best costume for the last time and fill it with colours in the great bacchanal of holi powder.

12 h. Rambla Nova, balcony section. **Motomami Motorbike Rally.** On the occasion of its theme, the Platinum group invites us to spend a day with good music and dancing.

13 h. Streets of the Part Alta (old town). **The Carnival vermouth street.** The group Amics de la Part Alta would like to thank its neighbours and businesses for the involvement and support they have given them over the years, filling the streets of their beloved neighbourhood with music and colours and offering a good vermouth on their terraces.

18 h. Ramón y Cajal Avenue, in front of the Parc Central and the Necropolis. ***La Rua de Lluïment* (Shine parade).** The parade of the most spectacular troupes, as well as the entourage of King Carnestoltes and the Concubine. Itinerary with approximate time of arrival of the first troupe: Ramón y Cajal Avenue, Rambla Nova (18.30 h), Rovira i Virgili Avenue, Anselm Clavé Square (19 h) and Catalunya Avenue at the URV Campus (19.30 h).

Monday 3 of march. The Trial

18.30 h. Tarragona City Hall, De la Font Square ,1. **First session of the Trial of King Carnestoltes, performed by Colla La Bóta.** This year we celebrate forty years of the reign of the satire, and for this reason the Colla La Bóta has wanted to pay tribute to the different entities that, before it, were responsible for judging the kings of Carnestoltes. For this reason, this time the judging will have two parts: one in verse and the other in music. The event will take place in the Plenary Hall of Tarragona City Council. Come and see the verdict!

20 h. Plaça de la Disbauxa (Corsini Square). **Second session of the Trial of King Carnestoltes, performed by Colla La Bóta.** Once again, the Colla La Bóta will perform this little play in which, in addition to the kings, personalities, authorities and citizens of Tarragona and the country will be judged through the spoken language of its performers. This year the show will also be performed in the open air and will therefore be open to the whole city. Will the King and the Concubine be able to overcome the tragic end of their predecessors? Come and find out the verdict!

21.30 h. Tarragona Theatre, Rambla Nova, 11. **19th Drag Queens and Drag Kings Contest.** The 19th edition of the Tarragona Drag Contest welcomes the best drag artists of the national and local scene. Drag queens, kings and many more come year after year to Tarragona to show that with a good make-up, wigs, heels and a little bit of nerve, everything is better!

Registration and rules: www.catalunyadrag.cat

Tickets: www.produccions.cat (from Tuesday 11 February, at 11 h)

Price: 16€ and 18 €.

24 h. Totem Cafè, Rambla Vella, 15. **Tarragona Drag Party.** You come out of the Tarragona Drag gala and you want more? Don't miss the big party of the Amics de la Part Alta at Totem Cafè: Tarragona Drag, the best drag party in the city of Tarragona, where we will enjoy good music, company and a safe space. What better way to end the Carnival than a good party with the winning artist of Tarragona Drag, and lots of surprises!

Tuesday 4th of march. The grief, the burial and the burning

10 h. From the Antic Ajuntament, 39 Major Street, towards De la Font Square. **The obituaries: Mascarada del Dol (mourning masquerade)** by Colla La Bota and Ministrers del Camp i del Llamp.

11.30 h. Central Market. **Arrival of the Mascarada del Dol (mourning masquerade) and the Ministrers del Camp i del Llamp** to share this sad moment with everyone.

18 h. Antic Ajuntament, 39 Major Street. **The wake of King Carnestoltes and his Concubine.** The Colla La Bóta will watch over the two corpses until it is time to bury them. This year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary, and that's why we have proposed to surprise you with a very different celebration! Colla La Bóta reinterprets and evolves this satirical act to turn it into a must-attend event. Don't let them explain it to you!

Price: free

18.30 h. Anselm Clavé Square. **Music of the Catalan Carnival.** Our country's Carnival music is a treasure to be remembered. The students of the Aula de Música Tradicional i Popular El Tecler will play pieces from this rich heritage.

20.45 h. Santiago Rusiñol Square, mortuary house, Antic Ajuntament, 39 Major Street. **Gathering of the mourning troupes**, mourners, Ball de Diables, Drac, Bou, Víbria, Griu, Colla Diables Voramar del Serrallo, various drummers, Mourning Masquerade, the Cremallers of Teia and the entourages of King Carnestoltes and his Concubine, and the Cobla de Llardons del Tecler.

20.50 h. Santiago Rusiñol Square. **Delivery of the Testament to Lucifer, royal notary**, by the mourners of Colla La Bota and Cobla de Llardons del Tecler. Afterwards, the groups will go with firecrackers to the De la Font Square. Itinerary: Santiago Rusiñol Square, Major Street, de la Nau Street, Baixada de Pescateria, Cós del Bou Street and De la Font Square.

21.45 h, De la Font Square. **Reading of the Carnestoltes Testament** by Lucifer. Royal Notary.

22 h. De la Font Square. **Burial of King Carnestoltes** with the Burial of the Ninot, the Ninota and the *Bota encesa* for the *Cremallers*. The burial will be attended by the mourning groups, mourners with artichokes and candles. Ball de Diables, Drac, Bou, Víbria, Griu and Colla Diables Voramar del Serrallo, Mourning Masquerade, Cremallers and entourages of the Carnival King Carnestoltes and his Concubine.

23.30 h. Totem Cafè, 15 Rambla Vella. **End of the Carnival party 2025.**

23.50 h. approximately. **Belfry of the Cathedral.** Toc de Queda (bells chime) or entrance to Lent.