

SAVE  
THE DATE

MADRID  
2018

EXHIBITIONS  
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SPECIAL EVENTS

### ***So many tales to tell***

What was Madrid like two hundred years ago? Like many of the buildings that are now part of our heritage, Gran Vía avenue did not exist yet, but the city was already starting to take on its present-day appearance. On 23 April 1818, the first stone was laid for what would become the **Teatro Real**, the city's new opera house. This year the iconic building is celebrating its bicentenary, and it's doing so in style, revisiting some of the classics in its regular repertoire, like *Aída*, and staging major premieres such as *Dead Man Walking* -many will remember the film version- and *Street Scene*. The **Prado Museum** will also commemorate its two-hundredth anniversary in 2019, although the celebrations will officially kick off at the end of 2018. Fortuny and Rubens are two of the masters whose works will be featured in temporary exhibitions at the museum which was originally built to house the Royal Cabinet of Natural History. They won't be the only artists Madrid will pay tribute to this year, however, as the 2018 exhibitions calendar will feature shows with artworks by Andy Warhol, Toulouse-Lautrec, Giacometti, Sorolla, Vasarely and Monet.

We'll feel the weight of history at extraordinary exhibitions like *Auschwitz* and at the theatre, thanks to stage adaptations of plays as representative of our heritage as *Divinas Palabras* (Teatro Español) and *El Concierto de San Ovidio* (Teatro María Guerrero). Madrid's theatre scene is more vibrant than ever and theatregoers seeking more **avant-garde** alternatives will also be well served thanks to a packed calendar with a strong representation of female artists, including Sara Molina, Mónica Valenciano and Angélica Liddel. In Madrid there is something for everyone and to paraphrase Billy Elliot, the star of this year's **musical programme**, 2018 promises to be electric.

# EXHIBITIONS



Andy Warhol, *Marilyn Print*, 1967. © 2018, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc / VEGAP, Madrid, 2018

## WARHOL. MECHANICAL ART

31 JANUARY-6 MAY

CAIXAFORUM MADRID

Not only is Andy Warhol's (1928-1987) work key in the history of art, it has also taken root in the contemporary collective imagination. This exhibition focuses on the creative development of the American artist, the leading exponent of pop art, from his early days as a graphic designer in New York to his death in 1987, by which time he had become a global legend.

## DERAIN, BALTHUS, GIACOMETTI

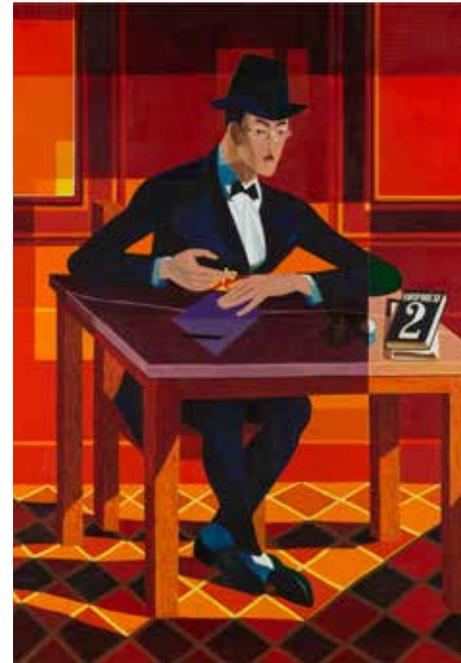
2 FEBRUARY-6 MAY

FUNDACIÓN MAPFRE. SALA RECOLETOS

The Mapfre Foundation explores the friendship between three of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's greatest artists: André Derain (1880-1954), Balthus (1908-2001) and Alberto Giacometti (1901-1966). Their viewpoints were never opposed, and they shared the same exacting standards for what a work of art should be. Beyond the mutual admiration and honest affection that bound them together throughout their lives, the element that underpins this show is the profound aesthetic communion that existed between them.



André Derain, *Geneviève à la pomme*, h. 1937-38. © Thomas Hennocque. © André Derain, VEGAP, Madrid, 2018



José de Almada Negreiros, *Retrato de Fernando Pessoa*, 1964. Museu Calouste Gulbenkian-Coleção Moderna. © Almada Negreiros, VEGAP, Madrid, 2018

## PESSOA. ALL ART IS A FORM OF LITERATURE

7 FEBRUARY-7 MAY

MUSEO REINA SOFÍA

This exhibition aims to examine the artistic period of Portuguese modernity, through the lens of the Lisbon-born writer's aesthetic postulates (1888-1935). With a prolific output of texts written under more than one hundred pseudonyms, Fernando Pessoa created his own avant-garde, becoming an outstanding interpreter of the crisis of the modern subject and the beliefs thereof.

## SOROLLA AND FASHION

13 FEBRUARY-27 MAY

MUSEO SOROLLA  
MUSEO THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA

A jointly organised exhibition focusing on how fashion influenced the work of Valencian painter Joaquín Sorolla, an impeccable chronicler of changes in clothing trends and styles between the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. In addition to his paintings, accessories and clothing from the period will also be displayed.

## TOULOUSE-LAUTREC AND THE PLEASURES OF THE BELLE ÉPOQUE

8 FEBRUARY-6 MAY

FUNDACIÓN CANAL

For the first time ever, Madrid will showcase all 33 posters created by the post-Impressionist painter who depicted the vibrancy of late 19<sup>th</sup> century Paris like no other. The exhibition is rounded out by posters by other artists including Alphonse Mucha, Jules Chéret and Théophile Alexandre Steinlen. All of their works reflect the fact that the Belle Époque was a period of innovation, not only for technology but also for the way in which modern life was understood.



Harris & Erwing. Dance, 1924. Washington, Library of Congress

## THE FUTURE DANCER. FROM JOSEPHINE BAKER TO ISADORA DUNCAN

23 MARCH-24 JUNE

ESPACIO FUNDACIÓN TELEFÓNICA

Dancer Isadora Duncan (1877-1927) was an advocate of free movement of the female body. With a vision of dance that clashed with social conventions and the rigid norms of Romantic ballet, her creativity, revolutionary staging and way of life had a profound impact on her peers. This exhibition looks at Duncan and other female pioneers of modern dance, such as Loïe Fuller, Joséphine Baker and Martha Graham.

## HARRY POTTER™: THE EXHIBITION

UNTIL 2 APRIL

FERIA DE MADRID

Welcome to the fabulous universe of the most famous wizard in world literature and cinema! Featuring hundreds of objects, costumes and original props used in the films, the show includes some of the saga's most popular settings, such as the Gryffindor common room and dormitory, Hagrid's hut and the mysterious Forbidden Forest. Madrid is the only Spanish city where you'll be able to catch this exhibition, which will transport you to J.K. Rowling's wonderful fantasy world.

## RUBENS. PAINTER OF SKETCHES

10 APRIL-5 AUGUST

MUSEO DEL PRADO

Rubens is the most notable creator of oil sketches in the history of European art. While there are barely a dozen known oil sketches from before his time, almost 450 created by him have been preserved, 70 of which will be showcased here in Madrid. The exhibition, organised by the Boijmans Van Beuningen Museum in Rotterdam, aims to draw attention to this little-known facet of his work and also features 20 paintings and other drawings that help to add more context.



Prisoner functionary armbands.  
© Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum-Musealia

## AUSCHWITZ. NOT LONG AGO. NOT FAR AWAY

UNTIL 17 JUNE

CENTRO DE EXPOSICIONES ARTE CANAL

For the first time ever, a monographic exhibition aims to convey to the world the horror of Auschwitz and the historic and human repercussions of the Holocaust, seventy-two years after the liberation of the concentration and extermination camp in Nazi Germany. Over 600 artefacts are on display, including an original barrack.

## VICTOR VASARELY. THE BIRTH OF OP ART

5 JUNE-9 SEPTEMBER

MUSEO THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA

This exhibition illustrates the fundamental role of one of Op Art's principle exponents in the development of postwar geometric abstraction, while giving us a look at the experiments he conducted to integrate art into society.

## RUSSIAN DADA

5 JUNE-22 OCTOBER

MUSEO REINA SOFÍA

Featuring over 450 works consisting of paintings, collages, photographs, documents, publications and films, this exhibition begins in 1914, with Marcel Duchamp's *readymades*, and continues with the success of the Russian revolution right up until Lenin's death. It ends with a set of works reflecting the connections between Russia, Paris and Berlin.



Alesei Morgunov. *Composition n° 1*, 1916-17. The Krasnodar Regional Art Museum named after F.A. Kavalenko

# THEATRE & DANCE

## LA JOVEN COMPAÑÍA

FEBRUARY–MAY

TEATRO CONDE DUQUE

La Joven Compañía's aim is to further the creation of future professionals, artists and technical experts with an educational project that fosters dramatic research and seeks to bring young audiences into the theatre fold. In 2018 the company, which comprises nearly 50 actors aged 18 to 27, will stage *Playoff* (2-24 February) and *En la Fundación* (6 April-5 May) at Conde Duque Cultural Centre.



## EL ÁNGEL EXTERMINADOR

18 JANUARY-25 FEBRUARY

TEATRO ESPAÑOL

Fernando Sansegundo's stage adaptation of *The Exterminating Angel* invites us to view one of Luis Buñuel's greatest films with new eyes, from the perspective of today. Directed by Blanca Portillo and starring Cristina Plazas, Inma Cuevas, Alberto Jiménez and Alex O'Dogherty, among others, the piece pulls us into a mysterious world where a spell prevents everyone from leaving a house that is not actually locked.



## Major Events

Every year the art season kicks off with the **ARCOmadrid** International Contemporary Art Fair. Over 200 galleries are taking part in the 2018 edition (21 to 25 February), which has the inspiring slogan: *The future is not what's going to happen, but what we're going to do*. Coinciding with the fair, **JustMad**, **Art Madrid** and **Drawing Room** will also show their commitment to the avant-garde, and design will be the sole focal point of a new event: the **Madrid Design Festival**. Between May and August, various exhibition halls in the city will host shows associated with **PHotoEspaña**, the International Photography and Visual Arts Fair. In September over 40 galleries will usher in the new season with **Apertura Madrid Gallery Weekend**, which features extended opening hours and various activities. In October three events, **Architecture Week**, **Open House Madrid** and **Madrid Otra Mirada (Madrid from a Different Perspective)**, will offer guided tours of some of the city's unique buildings.



## EL CONCIERTO DE SAN OVIDIO

TEATRO MARÍA GUERRERO

23 MARCH-20 MAY

Mario Gas directs an adaptation of Antonio Buero Vallejo's classic play, set in a Paris hospice in 1771. The merchant Valindín convinces the nun that runs the institution to allow six blind beggars who live there to play musical instruments in the upcoming Saint Ovide festival, in exchange for two hundred *livres*.



## AUTUMN TO SPRING FESTIVAL

VARIOUS STAGES

UNTIL 21 APRIL

The 35<sup>th</sup> edition of this well-established festival is full of contrasts. Master performers, including **Toni Servillo** (19-21 March, El Pavón Teatro Kamikaze), and established companies like **Chapitô** (23 February-4 March, Sala Cuarta Pared) will be countered by creative revolutionaries such as **Vincent Macaigne** (22 February, Teatro de la Abadía), and one of the matriarchs of Spanish avant-garde, **Sara Molina** (9-11 March, La Casa Encendida).



## IMPRENTA ACÚSTICA EN (14 BORRONES DE UNA) APARICIÓN

11-27 MAY

NAVES MATADERO  
CENTRO INTERNACIONAL ARTES VIVAS

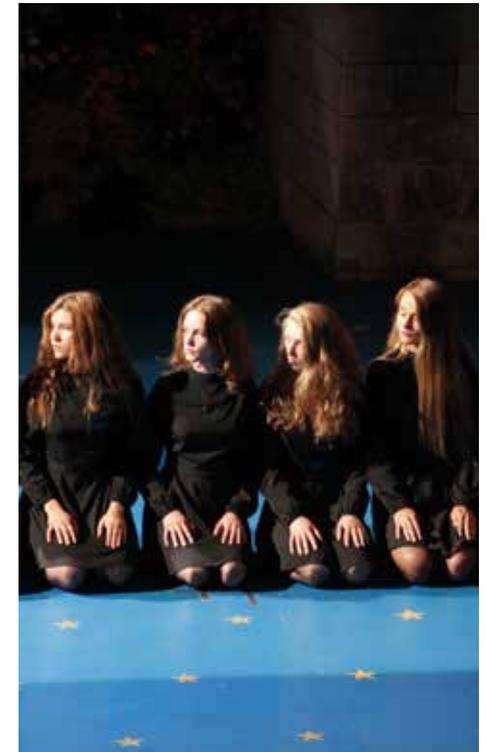
Mónica Valenciano, winner of the 2012 National Dance Award for Creation, is an important figure in contemporary dance. Guided by the truth, she opens the doors to her sanctuary to reveal to us something which she is intimately familiar with but which the rest of us can merely sense. Together with Raquel Sánchez and Tania Arias Winogradow, she reaches in and extracts the very essence of pain, humour, poetry and life.

## TRILOGÍA DEL INFINITO

23-30 MAY

TEATROS DEL CANAL

Playwright and actress Angélica Liddel returns to Madrid with her *Trilogía del Infinito*, three plays that will be staged on consecutive days: *Esta breve tragedia de la carne* (23-24 May), a piece inspired by the poet Emily Dickinson; *¿Qué haré yo con esta espada?* (26-27 May), which pits the rhetoric of the State against the passion of the Spirit; and *Génesis 6, 6-7* (29-30 May), which draws on the poetic universe of the Old Testament and the mythical energy of *Medea*.





## FLAMENCO MADRID

MAY-JUNE

FERNÁN GÓMEZ.  
CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA VILLA

Madrid is hosting the fourth edition of this original festival, which was created at the request of the artists themselves. Boasting a top-class programme renowned for its freshness and innovation, it features both established and up-and-coming flamenco guitar-players, singers and dancers. The festival will strive to outdo itself, to be bigger and better than ever. Packed with dance and music offerings, the programme will also include an endless range of parallel activities, from exhibitions to master classes.



## KYLIÁN / GALILI / DUATO. COMPAÑÍA NACIONAL DE DANZA

29 MAY-10 JUNE

TEATRO DE LA ZARZUELA

Following a seven-year absence, Nacho Duato returns to the fold of the Compañía Nacional de Danza with one of the most often-performed and acclaimed choreographic numbers during his stint as director: *Por vos muero*, a piece which he originally created for the troupe. The audience will also be treated to the work of great Israeli and Czech choreographers Itzik Galili and Jirí Kylián.

## EL MAGO POP. NADA ES IMPOSIBLE

ALL YEAR ROUND

TEATRO RIALTO

Antonio Díaz is determined to surpass himself and dazzle the world with a production that invites us on a journey full of joy, surprises, rhythm and exhilaration. An adventure that will serve to remind us that nothing's impossible once the illusionist, who's been hailed by *Forbes* as Europe's biggest box-office draw, gets up on stage.





### ***What a show!***

**Madrid is the undisputed capital of Spanish musicals, with both new productions and old classics enriching the city's events calendar.**



## EL REY LEÓN

TEATRO LOPE DE VEGA

*The Lion King* is the largest production ever staged in Spain and one of the biggest musicals in the world. An incredible show that has become one of the city's top attractions, it has already been watched by over 85 million people around the globe.

## BILLY ELLIOT

NUEVO TEATRO ALCALÁ

This musical tells the story of young Billy, born in a northern English town where men box and work down in the mines. But Billy is different. Several boys take turns playing the lead role in a cast that includes Natalia Millán, Carlos Hipólito and Adrián Lastra. With a soundtrack by Elton John.



## LA LLAMADA

TEATRO LARA

A musical comedy about coming of age, friendship, awakening, the right to change and how to forge your own path. An ode to first love which its creators Javier Calvo and Javier Ambrossi have also managed to turn into a successful film.

## EL GUARDAESPALDAS

TEATRO COLISEUM

Packed with scenes that exude passion and glamour, this musical version of *The Bodyguard* includes Whitney Houston's greatest hits. Based on the hit film starring Kevin Costner and the great diva, it features Fela Domínguez alongside Iván Sánchez and Maxi Iglesias, who take turns playing the male lead.





## CASI NORMALES

TEATRO LA LATINA

UNTIL 28 JANUARY

A Spanish adaptation of *Next to Normal*, a rock musical written by Brian Yorkey with music by Tom Kitt that tells the story of a family that struggles to be normal when adversity strikes. Strength and humour blend together in this show, which comes as a relief in these times when there's no such thing as perfect. Starring renowned Spanish artist Nina.

## LA FAMILIA ADDAMS

TEATRO CALDERÓN

UNTIL 25 MARCH

Welcome to a grim, ominous and hilarious night in which the characters created by illustrator Charles Addams, internationally famous since their debut on the silver screen, take to the stage. Morticia, the matriarch, who was played by Anjelica Huston in the film, will be portrayed by Spanish actress Carmen Conesa.



## HISTORY OF ROCK

TEATRO CALDERÓN

5 APRIL-6 MAY

A powerful show spanning the period from the emergence of rock in the 1950s to the present day, performed by a cast of extraordinary singers and brilliant musicians. Featuring a top-class soundtrack with the likes of Elvis Presley, the Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin and Metallica.

## WEST SIDE STORY

FROM OCTOBER

TEATRO CALDERÓN

Featuring a soundtrack composed by Leonard Bernstein, the film directed by Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins and starring Nathalie Wood won ten Oscars in 1961. Now the Sharks and the Jets bring their feud to the Madrid stage, in this *Romeo and Juliet*-style tale.

## MADAGASCAR

8 FEBRUARY-13 MAY

TEATRO DE LA LUZ PHILIPS GRAN VÍA

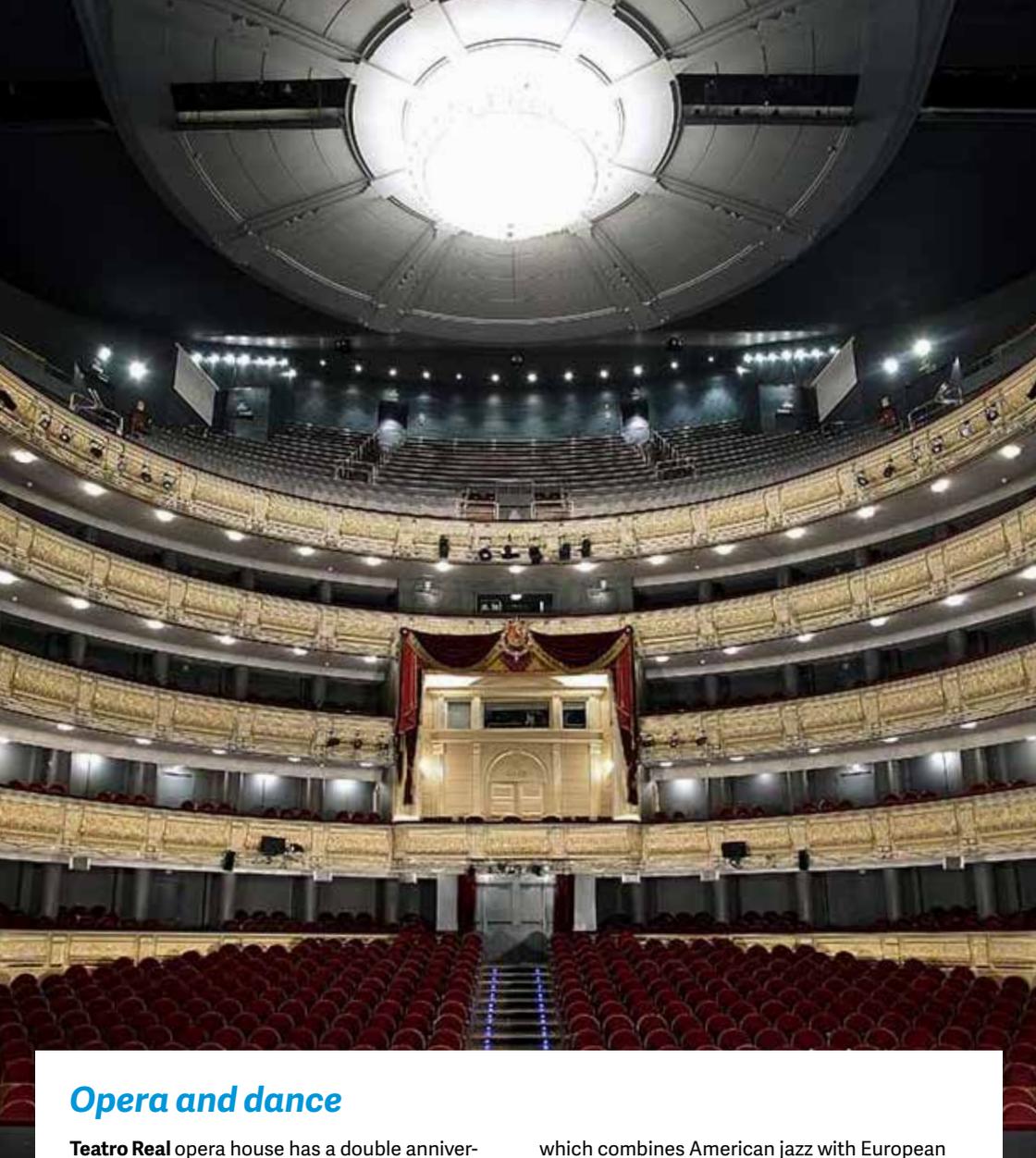
A zoo in New York's Central Park is home to Alex the lion, Marty the male zebra, Gloria the hippo, and Melman the male giraffe. One day a group of penguins tries to escape to Antarctica by digging a tunnel... The musical based on the animated DreamWorks film arrives in Spain for the first time. Get ready to go on an adventure!

## FOREVER. THE BEST SHOW ABOUT THE KING OF POP

UNTIL 11 MARCH

TEATRO NUEVO APOLO

International critics have labelled it the best show in the world about Michael Jackson. It's a unique production with elaborate staging and audiovisual effects as well as fantastic actors, musicians and dancers who breathe new life into the King of Pop's greatest hits.



## Opera and dance

**Teatro Real** opera house has a double anniversary to celebrate in 2018: 200 years since it was founded and 20 years since it reopened. This year's programme will include such classics as *La Bohème* (until 8 January) and *Aida* (7-25 March), as well as major premieres like composer Jake Heggie's first opera *Dead Man Walking* (26 January-9 February), based on Sister Helen Prejean's book by the same name; *Street Scene* (13-18 February and 26 May-1 June) by Kurt Weill,

which combines American jazz with European operatic tradition; Benjamin Britten's *Gloriana* (12-24 April); and *Die Soldaten* (16 May-3 June) by Bernd Alois Zimmermann. *Thaïs* (26 July), by Jules Massenet and starring acclaimed baritone Plácido Domingo, closes the lyrical season at Teatro Real, which will also host The Royal Ballet's production of *Swan Lake* (18-22 July).

# MUSIC

## INVERFEST

12 JANUARY-4 FEBRUARY

TEATRO CIRCO PRICE

Who said winter isn't festival season? The best Spanish indie music and some of the leading exponents of genres like flamenco and folk will come together to welcome the new year. Bebe, Stereoparty, Goran Bregović, Mayte Martín, Zenet and Iván Ferreiro, among others, make up the line-up of a festival that will help us battle the post-holiday January blues.

## LOVE THE 90'S!

12 MAY

WIZINK CENTER

90s dance music shaped an era that this festival wants to recapture by bringing together Gala, Rozalla, 2 Fabiola, Alexia, Taleesa, Twenty 4 Seven, Alice DeeJay, Just Luis, Paradisio, Ku Minerva, Viceversa, Marian Dacal, Double Vision, Chimo Bayo, Spanic and Paco Pil, all on the same stage. It will also feature presenter Fernandisco, who will once again act as MC for all of the concerts, as well as the Jumper Brothers, who will liven things up with their special 1990s DJ set.



## TOMAVISTAS

25-26 MAY

PARQUE ENRIQUE TIERNO GALVÁN

This time of year marks the beginning of the high season for outdoor performances. This weekend of concerts at the height of spring gathers together various groups and solo artists in a festival committed to showcasing a range of styles and celebrating musical experiences. Indie bands and recent discoveries will be included in a line-up that will also feature The Jesus and Mary Chain, Superchunk and La Casa Azul.

## MULAFEST

22-24 JUNE

FERIA DE MADRID

Electro pop and ambient house, street hip hop and much, much more in a key event that draws all sorts of fans of alternative talent. An urban trends and culture festival, Mulafest features DJs and live shows which you can dance to but that are also meant to be watched, heard and felt.



## DOWNLOAD FESTIVAL

28-30 JUNE

CAJA MÁGICA

The UK's most famous rock and metal festival, heir to Monsters of Rock, will land in Spain for the second time with a line-up featuring top bands from around the world. Guns N' Roses, Ozzy Osbourne, Judas Priest, Marilyn Manson and A Perfect Circle are some of the acts already confirmed for this year.

## UNIVERSAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY

TEATRO REAL

Madrid's opera house will host the fourth edition of the Universal Music Festival, which will once again be headlined by top national and international artists. This year the festival will join in the celebrations for Teatro Real's bicentenary with a special programme featuring pop, rock, jazz and flamenco artists.

## MAD COOL FESTIVAL

12-14 JULY

ESPACIO MAD COOL

Named Best Major Festival and Best New Festival by the European Festival Awards for its first edition, Mad Cool is a global experience which brings together different artistic expressions in a sustainable and responsible manner. Depeche Mode, Nine Inch Nails, Queens of the Stone Age, Massive Attack, Jack Johnson, Fleet Foxes, MGMT and Future Islands are the biggest names confirmed so far for its third edition.



## DCODE

SEPTEMBER

CAMPUS DE LA UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID

Last but not least we bid the summer farewell with the final outdoor festival of 2018. Every year DCODE features some of the best national and international bands and solo artists which over the festival's six-year history have included The Hives, Kasabian, The Killers, Franz Ferdinand, Beck, Suede and Mark Ronson. It also caters for the youngest members of the family with a special area called Dcode Kids packed with games and storytellers.

## JAZZ MADRID

NOVEMBER

FERNÁN GÓMEZ. CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA VILLA / CONDE DUQUE

Every year music venues from across the city join forces for the Madrid International Jazz Festival, taking the city by storm with performances by masters of the genre's different varieties, flavours and styles.



## 24<sup>TH</sup> LOS GRANDES DEL GOSPEL FESTIVAL

DECEMBER

FERNÁN GÓMEZ. CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA VILLA

Almost a quarter of a century bringing the best American gospel music to Spain, the Gospel Greats Festival, featuring the genre's leading exponents, returns each year eager to lift our spirits.

# SPORTS

## EUROPEAN MASTERS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

19-24 MARCH

CENTRO DEPORTIVO MUNICIPAL GALLUR

Madrid will be hosting the twelfth edition of the European Masters Athletics Indoor Championship 2018, which will draw the continent's top athletes. The event is organised by the Royal Spanish Athletics Federation, Madrid City Council and the Madrid Athletics Federation.

## EDP ROCK 'N' ROLL MADRID MARATHON & ½ MARATHON

22 APRIL

PLAZA DE CIBELES-PARQUE DE EL RETIRO

National and international athletes take part each year in Spain's most important running event which now boasts more than forty editions. Those who feel that the 42,195 meter long race has a few kilometres too many can instead run the half-marathon or even the parallel 10-kilometre race. Last year over 33,000 runners participated in the event which has a fantastic atmosphere thanks to crowds of cheering spectators and live bands along the course.



## CARRERA DE LA MUJER

MAY

CALLE PRINCESA-PASEO DE CAMOENS

The biggest celebration of women's sport in Madrid raises funds to fight breast cancer. The circuit is 6.3 kilometres long and passes by iconic places like Puerta del Sol, Gran Vía avenue and the Royal Palace.

## Let's rock and roll!

In addition to festivals, Madrid hosts countless major concerts every year, and 2018 will be no exception. **Metallica**, one of the most legendary heavy metal bands of all times, will perform songs from their new record from 3 to 5 February in the WiZink Center. Ten days later, the 1980s British band **OMD** will give a concert in La Riviera, the same venue that will host former Oasis singer **Liam Gallagher** on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. On 24 May **Roger Waters** will headline two concerts featuring Pink Floyd's best songs. A month later, on 22 June, **Bruno Mars** will perform at Wanda Metropolitano Stadium, which will also host **Iron Maiden** on 14 July. If you're keen to keep up with the latest in sound experimentation, you'll want to head to La Casa Encendida or MediaLab Prado. Throughout the year both venues host a variety of festivals and concerts to discover and reveal the latest trends. Classical music will also play a big part in the city's events calendar with a recital by German tenor **Jonas Kaufmann** at the Teatro Real on 25 July. In spring **Bob Dylan**, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016, will perform at the National Auditorium on his *Never Ending Tour* (26 to 28 March).



## MUTUA MADRID OPEN

4-13 MAY

CAJA MÁGICA

This fantastic tournament is part of the ATP men's Masters 1000 and the WTA women's Premiere Mandatory. Its clay courts draw the world's top tennis players, and last year's edition was won by Rafa Nadal and Simona Halep. Who will be lifting the cups this May, we wonder?



## 2018 KARATE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

6-11 NOVEMBER

WIZINK CENTER

Madrid will host the 24th edition of the most important championship in the sport of karate, which will be an Olympic discipline for the first time ever at the 2020 Tokyo Games. The biggest names in the martial art, practised by 50 million people all over the world, will be taking part in the event.

## MADRID INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

MAY

CLUB DE CAMPO VILLA DE MADRID

Every year the world's top horse riders compete in this event, which for the sixth year running forms part of the official Longines Global Champions Tour programme, the most prestigious show jumping circuit in the world.

## TRIATHLON WORLD CUP

SEPTEMBER

LAGO DE LA CASA DE CAMPO

A new edition of the Triathlon World Cup will be held this September. The starting pistol will be fired at the lake in Casa de Campo Park where athletes will complete the first event. After a 40km bike race ending at Plaza de Oriente, the competition will conclude with a 10km running race finishing next to the Royal Palace.

## CHALLENGE MADRID

23 SEPTEMBER

BUITRAGO DE LOZOYA-PUERTA DEL SOL

Participants will have to cover a total of 226 kilometres in this tough long-distance triathlon. The swimming component will take place in the Riosequillo reservoir in Buitrago de Lozoya. From there, competitors will be transferred by bus to Terminal 1 of Adolfo Suárez-Madrid Barajas Airport, where they will begin the bike race, traversing Madrid's mountains before crossing Casa de Campo Park and arriving at Madrid Río Park. The marathon will begin at the park, with participants doing five laps around it before running up Cuesta de La Vega, joining Calle Mayor and reaching Madrid's Kilometre 0 in the centre of the city.

## SAN SILVESTRE VALLECANA

31 DECEMBER

SANTIAGO BERNABÉU-PORTAZGO

Every year a sea of runners hits the streets to take part in this prestigious 10-kilometre race. There are two options: a fun run, and a professional race which draws some of the world's top athletes. The race begins in Avenida de Concha Espina and passes by landmarks such as Puerta de Alcalá gate and Plaza de Cibeles. The finish line is located at Vallecas Stadium.

## FINAL LEG OF LA VUELTA

16 SEPTEMBER

PLAZA DE CIBELES

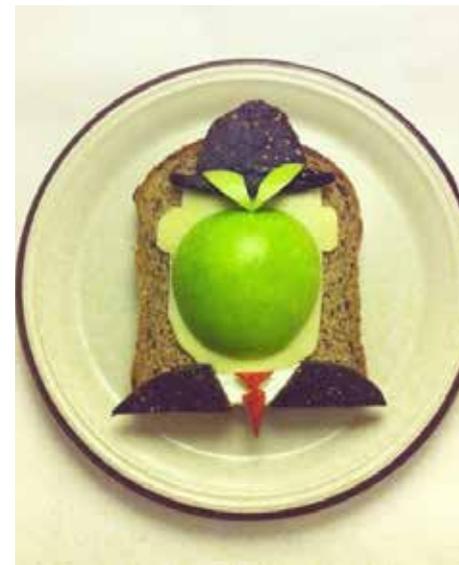
All the cyclists share one goal: to stand at the top of the podium in Plaza de Cibeles wearing the coveted red jersey, after battling it out in the final leg of the La Vuelta Ciclista a España annual bike race, which passes through such iconic spots as Paseo del Prado and Gran Vía avenue.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## ***This is Football***

Madrid's sports calendar is always packed with major events, including the **La Liga** **ACB** basketball matches and horseraces at **La Zarzuela Racecourse** from March to November. However, if there's one thing that Madrid is really known for that's for being the world's football capital. Home to two top teams, **Real Madrid** and **Atlético de Madrid** -the latter of which just moved to its new stadium Wanda Metropolitano- watching a **La Liga** first division match is a real spectacle, with local stars like Cristiano Ronaldo, Sergio Ramos, Antoine Griezmann and Fernando Torres, up against world-class rival teams from both the national league and European competitions. On 8 April you'll have a chance to watch a Madrid derby at the Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabéu Stadium. The city is also home to a third team with a large fan base: **Rayo Vallecano**.



## **GASTROFESTIVAL**

**20 JANUARY-4 FEBRUARY**

VARIOUS VENUES

Every year, over the course of fifteen days, Madrid's restaurants, shops, museums and cultural centres take part in this large event where art is one of the guests of honour. It's a complete experience, a major feast for the senses that invites us to enjoy every aspect of gastronomy with a programme comprising special set menus, culinary routes and cooking classes, as well as other enticing offerings.

## **MERCEDES BENZ- FASHION WEEK MADRID**

**25-29 JANUARY & 5-9 JULY**

FERIA DE MADRID

Aimed at industry professionals, the biannual fashion show turns Madrid into the best showcase of Spanish design and gives us a sneak peek at the season's main trends. Just like in previous years, the fair will feature Samsung EGO, a space designed to gather and showcase alternative creations, enabling new designers to gain visibility.

## **SAN ISIDRO FESTIVITIES**

**MAY**

VARIOUS STAGES

In the days around 15 May, Madrid honours its patron saint with a comprehensive cultural and leisure programme that blends the traditional with the modern. Music, fireworks and storytellers fill the fiestas' main venues: Las Vistillas Gardens and San Isidro Park. The latter is a large green space where revellers typically wear traditional *chulapo* costumes, drink water from the fountain and eat out in the open air (don't leave without trying the *rosquillas*, small doughnuts typically eaten during San Isidro!).



## MADRID BOOK FAIR

25 MAY-10 JUNE

PARQUE DE EL RETIRO

For two weeks El Retiro Park's Paseo de Cochés (vehicle path) is lined up with stalls where booksellers and publishers from all over Spain give the public a chance to pick up their latest literary offerings. It's a great outdoor celebration of literature where readers can get today's hottest authors to sign their purchases. The event is a long-standing tradition in Madrid, and 2018 marks its 77<sup>th</sup> edition.



## DECORACIÓN

JUNE

BARRIO DE LAS LETRAS

It's time for a new edition of this large outdoor interior design fair, which turns the streets of the Literary Quarter into a creative, eye-catching showcase. There will be an Antiques and Pop-Up Market, where you can buy decorative items, fashion and accessories, as well as over one hundred original installations set up by decorators in window displays and shopfronts.

## GAY PRIDE

29 JUNE-8 JULY

VARIOUS STAGES

The arrival of summer in Madrid brings us one of the city's liveliest and hottest events. The rainbow flags in the Chueca neighbourhood mark the start of the Gay Pride celebrations; a true testimony to what this open, cosmopolitan and diverse city's all about. Many scheduled events and activities will be held during Gay Pride, although the most eagerly-awaited event will undoubtedly be the Pride Parade on 7 July, which will see thousands of people march through the city's main streets.



## VERANOS DE LA VILLA

JULY-AUGUST

VARIOUS STAGES

In the summer months Madrid hosts one of the most eagerly-awaited events in its cultural calendar: a new edition of its most participative festival, featuring an endless range of outdoor activities (concerts, theatre, nights at the circus, puppet shows, etc.), held in each and every one of the city's 21 districts.

## LOCAL SUMMER FIESTAS

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

VARIOUS NEIGHBOURHOODS

To be able to fully understand Madrid's traditions you must first experience its summer *verbenas* (open-air festivities). The most famous ones are those held in the city centre: San Cayetano (on the 7<sup>th</sup>) in the area around El Rastro flea market, San Lorenzo (10<sup>th</sup>) in Lavapiés, and La Paloma (15<sup>th</sup>) in La Latina. But there are even more fiestas you won't want to miss, including those of San Antonio de la Florida (13 June) in the district of Moncloa-Aravaca, the fiestas of Puente de Vallecas (16 July), with its Naval Battle, and those of La Melonera (8 September) in Arganzuela.



## VOGUE FASHION'S NIGHT OUT

### SEPTEMBER

BARRIO DE SALAMANCA, LAS SALESAS AND FUENCARRAL

Over 200 boutiques, hotels and restaurants will reward those who come out for this event, known as "the big shopping party", with irresistible offers, live music and a whole host of surprises. It's an event you simply can't miss, held by Vogue magazine simultaneously in various countries.

## CHRISTMAS

1 DECEMBER-6 JANUARY

VARIOUS VENUES

The lights that illuminate every corner announce the arrival of the festive period, the liveliest and most vibrant time of the year. The city's Christmas programme has offerings for all ages, from markets to concerts and theatre. La Navideña International Fair of Cultures teaches us a little about how Christmas is celebrated in other parts of the world, and the Procession of Light in Madrid Río Park invites us to enjoy the winter solstice in a very special fashion. Two events you really don't want to miss: eating the traditional twelve grapes in front of the clock tower in Puerta del Sol on 31 December and hitting the streets to watch the Epiphany parade on 5 January.



### Flavour, Flavour

Myriad gastronomic events take place in Madrid year-round. Some of them are held on a regular basis, like the **Madrid Productores** farmers' market, whose stalls are set up in Matadero Madrid on the last weekend of every month. It is the perfect place to buy seasonal produce and learn healthy eating habits. From 22 to 24 January the Municipal Conference Centre will host **Madrid Fusión**, an international summit that draws today's top chefs. There's also **Salón de Gourmets**, an event exclusively for professionals that

will be held from 24 to 27 April at Feria de Madrid. For the general public there's **Tapapiés**, an utterly multicultural gastronomic and music festival in the neighbourhood of Lavapiés, and the **Market of Flavours**, tapas and beer in the Glass Gallery at Cibeles Palace, both of which are held in October. Two more suggestions: **Madrid Exquisito** in spring and autumn, where you can enjoy gourmet cuisine at affordable prices, and **Hotel Tapa Tour** in June, which proves just how well you can eat in hotels.

