

SATURDAY, 15TH. PROCLAMATION DAY

18.00h. Parade of the festers accompanied by *dolçaina i tabal* and music bands.

19.00h. Evening mass.

20.00h. Proclamation of the festivity at the basilica by Pepa Grimalt Ausina. To follow, the band of *Societat Lírica I Musical de Benissa* and the *Coral Benissenca* will sing the hymn to the Purissima Xiqueta and hymn of Benissa.

When finished, fireworks displayed by Pirotecnia Valenciana from Llanera de Ranes.

00.00h. Performance of the fabulous orchestra People Band at Paseo Dolores Piera.

01.00 to 04.30h. *Punts Violeta*.

THURSDAY, 20TH. LITERATE PRIZES 25 D'ABRIL AND PAINTING CONTEST SALVADOR SORIA-VILA DE BENISSA 2023

20.00h. Literature awards "*25 d'abril*" and painting contest S. Soria- Vila de Benissa 2023. Presentation of the winning words of 2022 edition at the *Centre d'Art Taller d'Ivars*.

21.00h. Closing of the exposition of the painting contest S. Soria- Vila de Benissa 2023. At the *Centre d'Art Taller d'Ivars*.

22.30h. Parade of the festers of the town to visit the decorated streets accompanied by the *charanga L'Espardenya*.

FRIDAY, 21TH. CORONATION DAY

20.00h. Parade of the festers accompanied by *dolçaina i tabal* and music bands.

21.45h. Gathering of authorities and representatives of the festivity of neighbouring towns at the Portal Square.

22.30h. Ceremony of coronation of the child Queens, Daniela Barrios Bertomeu and Emma Schnier Cuenca, and Queens, Elsa Urbano Mendoza and Ainhoa Pascual Torregrosa, at Passeig Dolores Piera.

At the end of ceremony, the festivities continue with the marvelous orchestra *Mónaco* at Jaume I square.

01.00 to 04.30h. *Punts Violeta*.

SATURDAY, 22TH. OFFERING DAY

08.30h. Liturgical ceremony of greeting to our patron saint Purissima Xiqueta.

11.00h. Child park at Paseo Dolores Piera.

13.00h. Bell ringing and entrance of myrtle by the collaboration of the association of horse riders and bull-drawn carts, accompanied with *Colla El Riberer* and the band of *Societat Lírica i Musical* of Benissa.

18.00h. Gathering at the square of the Convent of the participants of the flower offering to begin the Parade to the basilica, accompanied by the traditional dance group *l'Esbart Dansaire*, which will act during the parade to the square, and the *Colla de Xirimiters Pere Bigot*.

18.00h. Parade of the festers accompanied by *dolçaina i tabal* and music bands, where the emerita Child Queens and Queens of the Purissima Xiqueta festivity will be escorted from Portal square in order to go to the offering.

18.30h. Evening mass and bell ringing.

19.00h. Flower offering for the Purissima Xiqueta at the main façade of the basilica, with the participation of all the Queens of the Purissima Xiqueta festivity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this figure within the festivities. Followed by imposition of medals to the festers inside of the basilica.

00.00h. Evening “*masclètà*” by Pirotecnia Valenciana from Llanera de Ranes at Paseo de Joaquín Piera y Mariana Torres.

00.30h. Great performance of *Dasoul* at Paseo Dolores Piera. Followed by performance of the orchestra Seven Crashers.

01.00 to 04.30h. *Punts Violeta*.

SUNDAY, 23TH. DAY OF THE PURISSIMA

08.00h. “*Despertà*”, bell ringing and parade of music bands.

09.00h. Mass.

10.00h. Parade of the festers accompanied by *dolçaina i tabal* and music bands.

11.30h. Solemn mass and sermon in honor of the Purissima Xiqueta officiated by Mr. Melchor Seguí i Sarrió, Priest Prior of the Royal Basilica of the *Mare de Déu dels Desemparats*, Valencia. The *Coral Benissenca* will sing the mass accompanied by the organist Josep Ortolà Font and under the direction of Javier Santacreu Cabrera.

When the mass is finished, visit to the nursing home San Joaquín y Santa Ana.

14.00h. Fabulous “*masclètà*” by Pirotecnia Valenciana from Llanera de Ranes at Paseo de Joaquín Piera y Mariana Torres.

17.30h. Traditional “*pilota valenciana*” game, “*Escala i Corda*” modality at Trinquet. Sponsored by *Ayuntamiento de Benissa*.

19.00h. Mass and descent of the image of the patron saint.

Following this, solemn procession in honor of the Purissima Xiqueta and ascent of the image.

Followed by fireworks display by the Pirotecnia Valenciana from Llanera de Ranes.

00.30h. Great performance of the orchestra show *La Mundial* in Paseo Dolores Piera.

MONDAY, 24TH. DAY OF THE RIBERER

08.00h. “*Despertà*”, bell ringing and parade of music bands.

09.00h. Mass.

10.00h. Parade of the festers accompanied by *dolçaina i tabal* and music bands.

11.30h. Solemn mass and sermon in honor of the Purissima Xiqueta officiated by Fray Fernando Fuertes, Franciscan Father and Guardian of the Convent of Cocentaina. The *Coral Benissenca* will sing the mass accompanied by the organist Josep Ortolà Font and under the direction of Javier Santacreu Cabrera.

13.00h. Flower offering to the *Riberer* Monument. Tribute to the *riberer* Joaquim Roselló Vidal. Proclamation of tribute by Cecília Berenguer Moragues.

14.00h. “*Masclètà*” under Pirotecnia Valenciana from Llanera de Ranes at Paseo de Joaquín Piera y Mariana Torres.

18.30h. Parade of carriages with child animation in charge of *Scura plats*, accompanied by *charangas*.

Presentation of prizes for the best-decorated streets. Next, big performance *El Reino del León*.

00.00h. Traditional singing of the “*Salve*” to the Purissima Xiqueta at the old house Joan Vives in la Purissima Street. Followed by fireworks.

00.30h. Evening “*masclètà*” in charge of Pirotecnia Valenciana from Llanera de Ranes at Paseo de Joaquín Piera y Mariana Torres.

01.00h. Delivery of the stick of commandment to the Youth Mayors, Marc Cozens-Hardy Vila and David Cabrera de la Calle.

Next, performance of the orchestra *Montecarlo*. Finally, the party will finish with a DJ performance.

01.00 to 04.30h. *Punts Violeta*.

TUESDAY, 25TH. DAY OF THE FADRINS (YOUTH DAY)

08.00h. “*Despertà*”

11.00h. Special child park (up to 8 years old), at the Jaume I square, and teenager park (from 8 years old), at the Dolores Piera park.

12.00h. Tasting of *Anís Tenís* for over 18s in Joaquín Piera and Mariana Torres Park.

13.00h. Paella contest at Joaquín Piera and Mariana Torres park with interesting prizes for the first three, accompanied by charanga. Those wishing to take part should have their paellas ready for serving by 14.00h.

16.30h. Afternoon with dances at nursing San Joaquín y Santa Ana performed by *Francisco Escoda*.

18.00h. Humorous parade with popular participation and music from charangas. The gathering of the participants will take place between Bilbao and San José streets.

When over, prizes will be given out for the costumes, followed by a great snack with chocolate offered by A.A.C.C. from Benissa.

Immediately afterwards, performance for kids with the Mini-Disco *Menuda Festa* in Joaquín Piera and Mariana Torres Park.

22.00h. Rock night. Performance of the groups *Diàspora*, Green Valley, and to follow DJ performance.

22.00 to 00.00h. *Punts Violeta*.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH

11.00h. Traditional bull driving for children.

16.30h. Afternoon with dances at Social Centre *Bèrnia* performed by Francisco Escoda.

18.30h. Entrance of the cows from ranch *Coves*, sponsored by *Toni Mitgeta Fontaneria*.

19.00h. Traditional cows and bull driving from ranch *Benavent*.

23.00h. Entrance of the cows from ranch *Crespo*, followed by traditional cows and bull driving from ranch *La Templanza*.

THURSDAY, 27TH

18.00h. Entrance of chariots and horses, accompanied by the child festers.

18.30h. Entrance of the cows from ranch *Benavent*, sponsored by *Carpinteria Fusta*.

19.00h. Traditional cows and bull driving from ranch *Coves*.

23.00h. Entrance of the cows from ranch *Crespo*, followed by traditional cows and bull driving from ranch *La Paloma*.

FRIDAY, 28TH

17.00h. Entrance of bulls for children and after, traditional bull driving for children.

18.30h. Entrance of the bulls from ranch *La Paloma*, sponsored by *Cristaleria Benissa*.

19.00h. Traditional cows and bull driving from ranch *La Paloma*.

23.00h. Entrance of the cows from ranch *La Templanza*, followed by traditional cows and bull driving from ranch *Benavent*.

00.00h. DJ Revolution Tumbalea by Excelsior productions in Joaquin Piera and Mariana Torres Park.

SATURDAY, 29TH

11.00h. Child Park in Jaume I square.

12.00h. Entrance of inflatable bulls followed by traditional bull driving for children.

12.00h. Gathering of people and *charanga* in Joaquín Piera and Mariana Torres park.

14.00h. Giant paella at Joaquín Piera and Mariana Torres Park sponsored by supermarket *Casa Boira* and entertained by *charanga l'Espardenya*.

17.00h. Afternoon with dances and party with the orchestra *La Tribu*, and "Remember" night performed by *La Ruta*, from *La Tribu* group.

18.30h. Afternoon with dances at Social Centre Bèrnia performed by Francisco Escoda, with snack offered.

18.30 to 22.30h. Traditional bull riding by the winning ranch of the cow and bull riding contest. €300 prize for the best bull.

18.00 to 22.00h. *Punts Violeta*.

SUNDAY, 30TH. VUITÀ DAY

08.00h. "*Despertà*", bell ringing and parade of music bands.

09.00h. Mass.

10.00h. Parade of the festers accompanied by *dolçaina i tabal* and music bands.

11.30h. Solemn mass and sermon in honor of the Purissima Xiqueta officiated by the priest of our Basilica, Mr. Salvador Cebolla i Marrades, sung by the *Coral Polifónica Puríssima Xiqueta*.

After the mass, festers parade with music bands.

14.00h. "*Masclètà*" under Pirotecnia Valenciana from Llanera de Ranes.

18.30h. *Ogro*, the Musical. Tribute to Shrek musical at Paseo Dolores Piera.

20.00h. Concert by the *Marinae Ensemble* chamber orchestra, performing "Music of the 20th Century" in the Basilica. Sponsored by *Ayuntamiento de Benissa*.

21.30h. Fireworks by Pirotecnia Valenciana from Llanera de Ranes.

00.00h. End of the festivity. Performance of the big orchestra *La Fiesta* at Paseo Dolores Piera.

NOTE: The fiestas commission reserves the right to change or modify any of the programmed acts.