



## **CAP ROCAT FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM AUGUST 4 TO 6 IN MALLORCA WITH STARS SUCH AS ELINA GARAŇÇA, PRETTY YENDE, NADINE SIERRA, NICOLA LUISOTTI OR ARCADI VOLODOS**

- Under the artistic direction of the prestigious Ilias Tzempetonidis, the festival bursts with force in the summer lyrical panorama with the performance of outstanding figures of today's classical music.
- The conductor Pablo Mielgo, the soprano Pretty Yende, the pianist Arcadi Volodos or the soprano Nadine Sierra, are some of the well-known artists who will participate in the 2023 edition.
- The mezzo-soprano Elina Garanča, the tenor Michael Fabiano, the soprano Maria Agresta or the conductor Nicola Luisotti will also pass through the festival,
- One of the singularities of this musical event is the space in which it takes place: the imposing and magical Hotel Cap Rocat, a former military fortress declared an asset of cultural interest and located in the middle of a Protected Natural Area.
- Festival Cap Rocat is the brainchild of architect Antonio Obrador, the result of his passion for classical music and his interest in promoting and promoting culture in the Balearic Islands.
- Tickets will be on sale on the website [festivalcaprocat.com](http://festivalcaprocat.com) from March 22nd.

**Madrid, March 2023.** Cap Rocat Festival will hold its next edition from August 4 to 6, 2023 at the Cap Rocat Hotel in Mallorca. This was announced by **María Obrador**, coordinator of the festival and daughter of Antonio Obrador; along with **Ilias Tzempetonidis**, artistic director of the festival, at a ceremony held at the Hotel URSO in Madrid. The presentation was also attended by **Pablo Mielgo**, director of the Symphony Orchestra of the Balearic Islands; **Nicola Luisotti**, director emeritus of the Teatro Real; and the famous soprano **Pretty Yende**.

Organized by the Madina Mayurga Foundation in collaboration with the Hotel Cap Rocat, the event will bring together internationally renowned artists to offer three musical events in a unique setting, the imposing and magical Hotel Cap Rocat: a former military fortress declared of cultural interest and located in the middle of a **Protected Natural Area**, next to the sea.



After two smaller editions, this year the festival bursts with force into the summer lyrical panorama with a program full of great stars and the firm objective of positioning the Balearic Islands within the national circuit of classical music events.

Antonio Obrador, an internationally renowned architect, created the festival in 2021 with the idea of promoting and boosting culture on the islands, as well as offering a unique musical experience, with concerts in the unusual auditorium that is the Hotel Cap Rocat, the fortified citadel that he himself rehabilitated, surrounded by wild nature and turquoise blue waters. Festival Cap Rocat is, in fact, the only classical music event of these characteristics that exists in the Balearic Islands.

The 2023 edition will kick off on Friday, August 4 with the popular opera ***Cavalleria Rusticana*** by Pietro Mascagni in concert version. The work will be performed by the famous mezzo-soprano **Elina Garanča**, in the role of Santuzza; tenor **Michael Fabiano** as Turiddu, baritone **Luca Salsi** (Alfio), soprano **Maria Agresta** (Lola), and the Orquesta Sinfónica de las Islas Baleares, under the baton of the renowned conductor **Nicola Luisotti**.

On Saturday, August 5, it will be the turn of **Arcadi Volodos**, who will offer a piano recital in tribute to Alicia de Larrocha, whose birth centenary will be celebrated this year. The Russian pianist, one of the most praised worldwide, will perform pieces by Mompou and Scriabin, in a special evening that will take place inside the restaurant Fortaleza de Cap Rocat. It will be a unique opportunity to listen to Volodos' talent up close, in a very intimate atmosphere.

Finally, on Sunday, August 6, the festival will put the finishing touch to its 2023 edition with an Opera Gala performed by two of the most acclaimed female voices of recent times: the sopranos **Nadine Sierra** and **Pretty Yende**. Yende, moreover, will be in Cap Rocat **just a few months after performing at the coronation of Charles III of England**.

Conducted by Maestro Pablo Mielgo, the artists will offer a concert in which they will sing some of the greatest compositions in the history of music, ranging from the Overture to The Marriage of Figaro (Mozart), "Quel guardo il cavaliere" from Don Pasquale (Donizetti) or "È strano... Ah! Fors'è lui... Follie! Follie!" from La Traviata (Verdi) to "A boy like that... I have a love" from West Side Story (Bernstein), through "Les oiseaux dans la charmille" from The Tales of Hoffmann (Jacques Offenbach), among others. They will be accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra of the Balearic Islands.

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## About Cap Rocat Festival

A few years ago, Antonio Obrador, creative architect of the Cap Rocat hotel, the Madina Mayurqa Foundation and Pablo Mielgo, musical director of the Balearic Symphony, began working on the idea of promoting a series of concerts that would bring great opera figures to Mallorca. The aim was to create a unique summer experience that will bring classical music closer to local and international audiences to become, little by little, one of the most desired events by music lovers, as well as a cultural reference in the islands.

This is the germ of the Cap Rocat Festival, whose first edition will be held in the summer of 2021 with the programming of a great lyric recital entitled *The Night of the Senses*, with the participation of the Menorcan baritone Simón Orfila, the Mallorcan soprano Irene Mas and the Balearic Islands Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Pablo Mielgo.

A year later, a second edition of *La Noche de los Sentidos* is programmed with the participation of the American soprano Sondra Radvanovsky and, once again, under the direction of Pablo Mielgo.

It is in 2022 when the renowned Ilias Tzempetonidis, artistic coordinator of the Teatro San Carlo in Naples and one of the most prestigious personalities in the international operatic panorama, enters as artistic director of the event.

In this year's edition, the third, Festival Cap Rocat takes a firm step towards becoming one of the unmissable events of the European lyrical musical summer thanks to a more extensive program and the participation of great artists of classical music.

## About Cap Rocat

Much of the spectacular nature of the festival is due to the imposing setting in which it takes place: the Cap Rocat Hotel, a space rehabilitated by Antonio Obrador, which offers an unparalleled experience of maximum well-being in one of the most splendid places in the Mediterranean.

Cap Rocat is located in an old military fortress, fifteen minutes from Palma de Mallorca, listed as a site of cultural interest.

The fortress is characterized by a unique architecture focused on integrating perfectly with the landscape and its 2 km of virgin coastline. The citadel has a design based on simplicity, which preserves its essence and history, and is transformed by the light of every moment of the day: in the morning the intense blue of the sky and sea contrasts with the sandy color of its walls and, at night, dozens of torches and candles illuminate the fortress to turn it into a magical place that seems taken from a fantasy story.



Cap Rocat has received the highest national and international awards for this restoration, including the Europa Nostra Cultural Heritage Award for its impeccable restoration, the Hispania Nostra Award, as well as the Fortress Study Group Award, among others.

Tranquility, simplicity and vindication of indigenous values are the main hallmarks of the hotel, which is also a pioneer in sustainable tourism.

### **About the Madina Mayurqa Foundation**

Guided by the fact that culture is the source of knowledge that vertebrates our society, the Madina Mayurqa Foundation has as one of its main objectives the realization of high quality cultural events on the island. With this intention, it partnered with Cap Rocat to create the Cap Rocat Festival. In addition to creating cultural events, the Foundation also focuses on preserving local traditions as well as Mallorca's architectural heritage.

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