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Ramón Tebar, appointed Artistic Director of the Arantzazu Festival

The Columbus Foundation wants to turn the Arantzazu Festival into a benchmark where science and culture have their maximum expression and appoints Ramón Tebar Artistic and Music director.

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The **Columbus Foundation** appoints **Ramón Tebar** Artistic and Music Director of the 1st Arantzazu Festival (Basque Country), which will take place from **September 8th to 10th, 2022**. The festival was born with a vision of permanence, consolidation and with the ambitious goal that this initiative become a tradition with deep cultural and human roots as an inspiring example of what music can do as an instrument of development and social cohesion.

The Festival, with its main base in Arantzazu, where the main concerts will be held, will have other locations, in cities as San Sebastian and Bilbao, where benefit concerts will be held which, under the theme 'Longing for Hope', aims to raise funds for Advanced Therapies for minors affected by rare diseases that until now had no cure.

This first festival has scheduled four concerts that include symphonic, choral, chamber and lyrical performances. It will feature the **Euskadiko Orkestra** and the **Bilbao Choir** in two of the concerts; and with top-level artists such as the soprano, **Rocío Pérez**, the baritone **Damián del Castillo**; the principal cello of the Spanish National Orchestra, **Ángel Luis Quintana**; all under the artistic leadership of maestro **Ramón Tebar**, who will act as conductor and pianist.

The inaugural concert will take place on **September 8 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Miramón Auditorium** in San Sebastián and its closing concert at the **Arantzazu Sanctuary** on **Saturday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Important works such as Fauré's Requiem will be performed, together with Madina's Aita Gurea, Ravel and Fauré's Pavanas, and Bruch's Kol Nidrei with **Ángel Luis Quintana** as soloist, all conducted by **Ramón Tebar**.

On Friday, **September 9 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Bilbao Philharmonic Society** there will be a lyric concert with the soprano **Rocío Pérez**, the baritone **Damián del Castillo** and with the maestro **Tebar** at the piano, with arias and duos from Italian and French repertoire as well as zarzuela works.

On **September 10 at 12a.m.**, in the **Crypt of the Arantzazu Sanctuary, Angel Luis Quintana**, with Il Soldato cello (a Guadagnini from 1800 that belongs to the **Columbus Foundation**) will perform Suites No. 2 & 3 for solo cello by J. S. Bach.

“It is difficult to find a more noble cause than bringing together music and helping children with illnesses. This is possible thanks to the Columbus Foundation. Leading another artistic project with the foundation is very gratifying, and after the successful Galiaica tour in 2021 with the Munich Chamber Orchestra (Münchener Kammerorchester), 2022 required an ambitious project in a unique location, such as the Foundation Columbus has been betting for. Therefore, the birth of this Festival is a sign of the artistic consolidation of the Foundation”, assures Tebar.

The **Columbus Foundation** has already had maestro **Tebar** as musical director or pianist in places such as Washington DC, Moscow, Valencia, Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, Santiago de Compostela, Orense, Pontevedra, San Sebastián, North Carolina and many others..., enjoying masterful performances in emblematic places. Thanks to these initiatives, it has been possible to treat dozens of children with rare diseases with advanced therapies, radically changing their lives.

Tickets for the concerts are available on the Foundation's website:
<https://fundacioncolumbus.org/evento/i-festival-arantzazu/>.

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