

ABANILLA FIESTAS 2019- ENGLISH PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 6th APRIL

20.15h.: Brass band concert in the auditorium VIII Festival de Bandas de Música "Villa de Abanilla", dedicated the Holy Cross, Captains and Pages. With the participation of the Band of the Musical Union "Santa Cruz" and the Municipal Music Band Association from Molina de Segura- Murcia-. **Free entry.**

Organized by: Abanilla City Council, Federation of Moors and Christians, Brotherhood of the Holy Cross and Unión Musical "Santa Cruz".

FROM SUNDAY 14th TO SUNDAY 21st APRIL

Exhibition of photographs "**Remembering Abanilla**". Building of the Encomienda, ground floor. More information at www.abanilla.es

FROM MONDAY 22ND to TUESDAY 30TH APRIL

20.00h.: Celebrations of Mass in honour of the Holy Cross, Santísima Cruz, in San Jose's Church.

FRIDAY 26th APRIL

22.00h.: Coronation–Gala and Opening Speech of the Fiestas. In the sports centre, "Pascual Saurín Cutillas", Región de Murcia Avenue. Coronation of both Christian and Moorish Queens of the current year and opening speech of the fiestas.

23.30h.: Open-air show in the Paseo de la Ermita, by group "La Reina". Then, disco movil.

01.30 h.: Open-air dance (first "verbena" of fiestas) introduced by Moor and Christian Queens.

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

17.00h.: "Tardeo" (Afternoon fiesta), with "Plan B" Pop music concert from 80' and 90's music, at Paseo de la Ermita.

20.30 h.: EMBAJADA (performance representing the Moor and Christian conflict), in the Town Hall square.

01.30h.: Brass bands in the "plaza" in front of town hall. Lights show announcing the beginning of the FIESTAS OF ABANILLA in the "plaza" in front of the town hall. Then, parade to Paseo de la Ermita (park).

02.30h.: Open- air dance, in Paseo de la Ermita, with "Altry" group.

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

12.00 h.: Moorish and Christian children groups parade. Route: La Lonja Garden, Mayor st., Town hall Square, San José st., Juan Carlos I avenue, and Paseo de la Ermita, where the children will represent the Moor and Christian embassy).

MONDAY 29TH APRIL

17.30h.: Happy hour for children at the fair. **2 tickets for the price of 1.**

TUESDAY 30RD APRIL

22.30h.: Open -air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by **the group “Nueva Ruta”.**

00.15h.: Moorish and Christian Queens Presentation (Parade). Route: La Lonja Garden, Mayor st., Town Hall square, San José St., Juan Carlos I avenue and Paseo de la Ermita.

02.00h.: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by **Orquesta “Etiqueta Show”.**

WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY

10.00h.: Celebration of Mass, San José’s Church.

12.00h.: BATUCADA, parade of young percussionists.

12.30h.: Free beer , in the town hall square.

18.30h.: Parade of Christian and Moorish groups.

CHRISTIAN BAND (called “Mesnadas”): Villa de Favarella, Caballeros del Temple, Don Jaime I el Conquistador, Arqueros de Rocafull, Lanceros de Avellaneda, Damas y Caballeros de Castilla, Cruzados de Cuyalbe, Guerreros de Pedro IV, Huestes de Alfonso X, Caballeros y Damas de Calatrava, **Mudéjares del Zurca (CHRISTIAN QUEEN GROUP AND BALLET AL’ZULUM)**, Almogávares, Caballeros del Cid y Santa Ana.

MOORISH BAND (called “Kábilas”): Albayad’Allah, Al’Jarea de Al’Margen, Tuareg Al’Sahués, Aljama, Muladíes de Al’Banyala, Alfaquíes de Al’Zulum, **Al’Bayada (MOORISH QUEEN AND BALLET JAIMA)**, Almohades de Macitavera, Abbasíes de Al’Padul, Musulmanes del Chícamo, Jaira, Muzalé y Omeyas de Mahoya.

ROUTE: (Starting from the Sports Centre) Región de Murcia avenue, Francisco Salzillo st., Town Hall square, Mayor st, la Lonja garden and Canalejas st.

When the parade finishes, everybody is invited to the “cuartelillos”, headquarters of the kábilas and mesnadas, to have a snack.

23.00h.: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by **Orquesta “La Vendetta Project”.** Then, **music disco.**

THURSDAY 2nd MAY

18.00h.: Flower Offering, starting at the Church. Religious procession around the village with the Holy Cross. Captains, Pages, members of Moor and Christian associations.

After a while, the procession will celebrate a religious ceremony in the Church, then the Captains will wave their flags in front of the Town Hall and Paseo de la Ermita.

23.00h.: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by “**Shadow**” Orquesta.

FRIDAY 3RD MAY

06.00h.: Reveille. Bands wake up the village with Pages and Captains finishing at the Church.

07.30h.: Celebrations of **Holy Mass**. After the Mass, **Pilgrimage** from the local church to the Hermitage of Mahoya.

As the procession arrives in Mahoya, the Holy Cross is raised and presented from the balcony of the Hermitage Chapel of Mahoya under a paper ball called “Granada”. The captains wave the flags and the people shoot their guns in the Square of Mahoya. One or two boys pull a little string of the paper ball and liberate the doves contained within. A mechanism inside the cross, streams a jet of water that falls bathing the Cross. Then, a Holy Mass is celebrated in the Hermitage after which all the pilgrims can kiss the Cross and then go to lunch.

After a while the procession walks back to Abanilla and another waving of the flags is made near Santa Ana.

23.30h.: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by Orquesta “**Shakara**”.

SATURDAY 4TH MAY

Midday: Celebrations of Solemn Mass in honour of the Captains and Pages.

17.30h.: Concert “Tardeo” with “Los Kaliqueños” group, at Historiador Torres Fontes St.- Closed Hidrogea Ofi. **Songs** of the famous spanish singers: **Kiko Veneno, Joaquín Sabina, Raphael** or spanish groups such as: Muchachito Bombo infierno, La Cabra Mecánica, Tequila, El último de la Fila... **Organized by the Abanilla City Council.**

23.00 h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by Orquesta “**Royal Music**”. Then, **disco music.**

SUNDAY 5TH MAY

Midday: Holy Mass, San José’s Church. Then, the patroness will be taken to **Corazón de Jesús** in order to **bless the fields.**

FROM THURSDAY 9th TO SUNDAY 19st MAY

Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings **"The Arts in Autism"** by **Antonio Carlos Castillo Gómez de Albacete**, winner of the first Painting Prize of the VII Art, Health and Disability Exhibition Contest of the City Council of Archena. Building of the **Encomienda**, ground floor. **Inauguration**, Thursday at 20.00 h. More information at www.abanilla.es

FRIDAY 10th MAY

23.30h.: In the Paseo de la Ermita, songs of Spanish Groups Fito & Fitipaldis and Hombres G with: "Fitipladis Band" and "Punto G". The night of tributes will be completed by the **Argentinean singer-songwriter, from Abanilla origin, Germán Marco**, with fusions of Argentinean folk and rock. At the end, **disco music**.

SATURDAY 11th MAY

18.00h.: **Concert "Tardeo"**, in the garden of "El Rollo"- near Sport Centre-, **"FYM & 80 and 90"**. Organized by the Abanilla City Council.

22.30h.: At the Paseo de la Ermita, a festival performed by the **"Nueva Guadaira" Orchestra**. At the end, **disco music**.

SUNDAY 12th MAY

17.30h.: **"Octava" Procession**, from the Church. This is the day when all of the religious ceremonies end with a procession of the of the Holy Cross. The Captains, perform for the last time, the waving of the flags and the people shoot "salvos" in different places around the village. **Fireworks**, at Town Hall Square.