

# The party continues after an intense San Sebastian Day

The public had the chance to enjoy more than a dozen activities during the opening day after the big day for San Sebastian citizens.

Today some of the details of the *Bridge for coexistence* spectacle have been presented. The city is already prepared for the main event of the inauguration, which will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8.00 pm.

As the echo of the last drumrolls faded away, this 21<sup>st</sup> January has started with the presentation of the *Bridge for coexistence* spectacle in the Tabakalera prism. During the press conference organised to reveal some of the details of the main event of the Capital of Culture's opening ceremony, the creator and director of the spectacle, Hansel Cereza —co-founder of Fura dels Baus—, stated that the opening ceremony of Saturday will be "a window open to the world, a huge showcase for San Sebastian". He wished to to emphasise an idea in particular: "the event will be unique and unrepeatable. We will be able to say: I was there".

The director of San Sebastian 2016's cultural programme reminded those present that "Saturday will be the big day; the day on which we will all build a bridge together". And he called for all citizens to be there, in the vicinity of the María Cristina bridge: "And we would like to ask all citizens to be there and to go with a spirit of coexistence and of having fun".

## ***European dialogues: "The Making of... a European Capital of Culture"***

One of today's highlights was the *European dialogues* session that was held at 7.00 pm at the San Telmo Museum, where there was the opportunity to talk with the director-generals of the European capitals of culture in 2015: Yves Vasseur from Mons 2015 (Belgium) and Jirí Suchánek from Plzen 2015 (Czech Republic).

In what has been the first edition in 2016 of the series of informative sessions related to democratic governance and the construction of a European identity, the public had the chance to learn about some of the possible answers to the question: how is a European Capital of Culture built?

## **Presentation of the *Ahotsak / Voces (Voices)* exhibition**

As part of the inauguration programme, this afternoon the *Voices* exhibition, organised jointly by the Real Sociedad Funsazioa and San Sebastian 2016 with the collaboration of Anoeta Kiroldegia, was opened.

This exhibition, which can be visited starting from tomorrow in the multi-use room of the Anoeta stadium, is built around the central idea of this year's Capital of Culture: coexistence. It contains testimonies of people who voice their thoughts about the Real Sociedad football team as a space of coexistence in Gipuzkoan society.

## **San Sebastian 2016 continues to travel**

While the opening events follow their course, San Sebastian 2016 also continues with its task of publicising the project outside the Capital of Culture's region. In this case, a delegation led by the Mayor of San Sebastian, Eneko Goia, and the Councillor for Economic Promotion, Commerce, Hospitality and Tourism, Ernesto Gasco, along with Manu Narváez, director of San Sebastian Turismo and Pablo Berástegui, director of DSS2016EU have travelled today to Fitur in Madrid to promote the destination as the European Capital of Culture 2016.

Also present at the presentation, which took place at 4.30 pm at the Basque Country stand, were the Minister of Culture, Education and Sports, Iñigo Méndez de Vigo, and the Councillor for Culture, Tourism, Youth and Sports, Denis Itxaso.

## **Special transport services**

Both Euskotren and Renfe will reinforce their services during these days and Dbus will do the same with different lines, some of which will change their route due to the celebration of the main show of the inauguration programme. More information on euskotren.eus, on renfe.com and on dbus.eus.

## **Tomorrow's agenda**

You can consult the schedule of activities for tomorrow, 22 January, [here](#)

## **Photos of the day**

You can see them [here](#)

## **Calls and communications for the media for tomorrow, 22 January**

## **PRESS CONFERENCE:**

### **Gaur Konstelazioak - San Telmo Museum - 11:00 am**

Presentation of the Gaur Konstelazioak exhibition, comprising two exhibits on show in the San Telmo Museum and which are related to the Gaur Group; a modern constellation formed by Oteiza, Chillida, Balerdi, Basterretxea, Sistiaga, Amable, Mendiburu and Zumeta.

Attending:

- Susana Soto, director of the San Telmo Museum.
- Miren Azkarate, deputy councillor of San Sebastian 2016, Culture, Basque Language and Education.
- Pablo Berástegui, director-general of San Sebastian 2016.
- Fernando Golvano, curator of the exhibition.

## **PRESS CONFERENCE:**

### **Biblioteca de Babel (Babel Library) - Carlos Santa María Library - 12:30 pm**

Presentation of the installation by San Sebastian artist J.I. Díaz de Rábago, Babel Library, comprised by books that have been discarded by libraries and which explores the material nature of writing.

Attending:

- Ana Arrieta, vice-rector of the Gipuzkoa Campus of the UPV/EHU (University of the Basque Country)
- Fernando Álvarez Busca, director of communication
- José Ignacio Díaz de Rábago, author of the work

## **PRESS CONFERENCE**

### **San Sebastian 2016 embassies - Town Hall Plenary Room- 1:30 pm**

(Entrance through Alderdi Eder)

Presentation of the San Sebastian 2016 Embassies: Biziz, Europa Transit and Tosta. The Europa Transit embassy can be seen in the city (it will be parked in Alderdi Eder from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm) and immediately afterwards it will set off on its journey.

Attending:

- Pablo Berástegui, director-general of San Sebastian 2016
- Xabier Paya, cultural director of San Sebastian 2016
- Eneko Goia, mayor of San Sebastian

Members of the Basque consular body as well as representatives of the San Sebastian City Hall and of the Regional Government of Gipuzkoa will be present

## **PRESS RELEASE: THIRD DAY SUMMARY**

Time: 7:00 pm

Contents:

- Gaur Konstelazioak exhibition.
- Babel Library exhibition.

- Presentation of the embassies and departure of Europa Transit.
- Rest of activities of 22 January.
- Photo gallery.
- Preview of the main communication activities of 23 January.