

**Focus on Festivals**  
Peralada, 2-4 November 2023

**Programme**

**Thursday 2 November at Mirador Peralada**

11.45	Visit Museu Dalí, Figueres
14.00	Meet at Museu Dalí for bus departure from Figueres to Peralada
14.30	Registration
15.00	<b>Welcome</b> by Oriol Aguilà and Karen Stone
15.15	<b>Are Festivals the Future of Opera?</b> With Oriol Aguilà (Peralada), Joan Matabosch (Madrid), Katharina Wagner (Bayreuth), moderated by Karen Stone
16.30	Coffee Break
16.45	<b>Building an international audience with specialised repertoire</b> Nicole Braunger (Karlsruhe), Polly Graham (Longborough), Jukka Pohjolainen (Savonlinna), Floriana Tessitore (Bergamo / Macerata), moderated by Carlo Fiore (Journalist)
18.00	Visit Museu Castell Peralada
19.00	Concert: <i>El violín de Farinelli</i> by Jorge Jiménez and Tercia Realidad
20.30	Dinner
22.30	Bus to Figueres

**Friday 3 November at Mirador Peralada**

09.00	Meet at Hotel Pireneos for bus from Figueres to Castell Peralada
09.45	<b>Programming a festival and an opera season</b> Paolo Meier (Parma) and Hristina Staneva (Sofia), moderated by Iva Hraste-Sočo (Zagreb)
11.00	Coffee Break

11.30	<b>The unusual experience: from mainstage opera to fringe creation</b> Michael Csar (Bregenz), Amy Lane (Copenhagen), Maja Lozic (Rotterdam/Antwerp), Francesco Micheli (Bergamo)
13.00	Lunch
14.15	<b>Philanthropy at Festivals: a natural habitat?</b> Nicola Creed (Garsington), Jofre Riera (DAMM), Isabel Suqué Mateu (Peralada), moderated by Oriol Aguilà (Peralada)
15.30	<b>Festivals in America</b> Alejandra Martí (Ópera Latinoamerica) and Marc Scorca (OPERA America)
16.15	Coffee break
16.45	<b>The role of the festival for their region - rural vs. urban settings</b> Michael Chance (The Grange Festival), Cristian Della Chiara (Pesaro), Judit Jordana Pons and Laia Tous (Peralada), moderated by Rikke Frisk (Copenhagen)
18.00	End of sessions
18.15	Visit of the newly renovated Wine Cellar Peralada
20.30	Bus to Figueras

#### Saturday 4 November at Hotel Peralada 5\*

09.00	Meet at Hotel Pireneos for bus from Figueres to Castell Peralada
09.45	<b>Digital distribution for festivals</b> – open discussion
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	<b>Elaborating a green strategy for festivals and touring</b> Moderated by Celia Grau (Opera Europa)
12.45	<b>Forum conclusions</b>
13.00	Closing light lunch
14.00	Bus to Figueres-Villafant and Hotel Pireneos

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We recommend you travel from the airport to Barcelona Sants train station, with Metro L9 to Zona Universitària, then L3 to Sants Estació. From there, take the fast train to Figueres-Vilafant. The journey into Barcelona takes 40min and the fast train to Figueres takes 55min.

[Renfe | Train tickets AVE, Avlo Low Cost \(with No Booking Fees\)](#).

**How to get from Girona Airport to Figueres and back:**

The 602 bus from Girona airport will bring you to Figueres in 90min

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