



madrid in english

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Best of the week



Flamenco feast

Four days of top flamenco at central Madrid theatre. Prize-winning guitarist Paco Cepero is first up (Wed) followed by singers Gabriel Moreno, Miguel Poveda and Fernando Terremoto (Thurs).

XII Festival Flamenco. 9pm nightly. Teatro Albéniz. Paz 11 (Sol). 22 to 25 euros. More info at: www.obrasocialcajamadrid.es

on stage

World music: Grupo de Compay Segundo. Fri. *Divino Aqualung*, Pº Ermita del Santo 48 (Pta del Angel). Adv tickets: 23 euros from Fnac. Following the death last year of the legendary Cuban musician Compay Segundo, the group which used to accompany the *Buena Vista Social Club* star are now touring in their own right including two of Compay's sons, Basilio and Salvador.

Rock/pop: The Jeevas. Wed. *Sala Caracol*, Bernardino Obregón 18 (Embajadores) Adv tickets: 18.50 euros from Fnac. Led by Crispian Mills, ex-frontman of retro-rockers Kula Shaker. Currently promoting new album, *Cowboys and Indians*.

Rock/pop: Desmond Dekker. Fri. *Copérnico Nova Club*, Galileo 67 (Islas Filipinas) Adv tickets: 15 euros from Madrid Rock. Veteran 60's reggae star best-known for hit *Israelites* with backing group, The Aces.

Flamenco: Rancapino. Thurs. *Clamores*, Alburquerque 14 (Bilbao) 15 euros. Classic pure flamenco from this renowned singer.



Dance: Bobos. Fri, Sat & Sun. 9pm. *Sala Cuarta Pared*, Sala Cuarta Pared, Ercilla 17 (Embajadores). High energy modern dance from Madrid choreographer Elena Córdoba.

Film: 21 grams (21 gramos). See Cine section for cinema details. Look for 'VO en inglés sub' (original version in English). New film from Amores Perros director Alejandro González Iñárritu with star performances by Sean Penn, Benicio del Toro and Naomi Watts.

(For adv ticket details see 'more...')



Museum reopens

Welcome return after years of rebuilding for this museum and its rich, collection of paintings including works by artists as diverse as Goya, El Greco, Brueghel, Reynolds and Constable.

Museo Lázaro Galdiano. Serrano 122 (Gregorio Marañón). More info in English at: www.lgf.es

art & exhibitions

Arco '04. Until Mon only. Parque Ferial Juan Carlos I (Campo de las Naciones). Cutting-edge works exhibited by 274 galleries from 29 different countries at this major international contemporary art fair. Plus experimental art and contributions by several young artists.

Maestros... de la colección Edmond de Rothschild del Museo del Louvre. Fundación Juan March, Castelló 77 (Núñez de Balboa). Eighty-four masterpieces from the Rothschild collection in Paris' Le Louvre including works by Rembrandt and Van Dyck.

Rubens: La Historia de Aquiles. Museo del Prado, Pº del Prado (Banco de España). Focusing on artistic role of Flemish artist, Rubens, in the creation of eight tapestries depicting the life of legendary Greek hero, Achilles.

Museo Reina Sofía. Santa Isabel 52 (Atocha). Current exhibitions include 20th century painter André Masson and German photo-montage pioneer Hannah Höch.

Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza. Pº del Prado 8 (Banco de España). Superb permanent collection of works from 13th century to the present-day.

Carteles de la Guerra Civil Española. Círculo de Bellas Artes, Marqués de Casa Riera 2 (Banco de España). Selection from socialist archives of 300 posters by Republican artists from the Spanish Civil War.

Revolving Doors. Fundación Telefónica, Fuencarral 3 (Gran Vía). International contemporary artists explore ambiguity between public/private spaces.

(For adv ticket details see 'more...')



Art in the open

Catch the latest in "public art" in the *Madrid Abierto*, or Open Madrid, project. Main "exhibits" include *House-Madrid*, the simultaneous building and deconstruction of a house in Recoletos as choreography; the anti-noise pollution *Silent*, a huge sheet of transparent plastic in Castellana; and *Sans Façon*, where mirrors cover the pillars of a water tower.

Madrid Abierto. Pº de Recoletos (Banco de España); Pº de la Castellana (Rubén Darío); Depósito Elevado (water tower) de la Plaza de Castilla (Pl de Castilla). More info: www.madridabierto.com.

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Bullfighting

Festival Taurino. Sun 12 noon. *Palacio Vistalegre, Av Pl de Toros (Vista Alegre)* Adv tickets: 5 to 65 euros from *El Corte Inglés*. Several of the country's top toreros, including Juan Antonio Ruiz "Espartaco" and Enrique Ponce, performing for free at this charity event in aid of poor children in El Salvador.

For the family

Disney on Ice: "100 Años de Magia de Walt Disney". From Thurs. *Palacio Vistalegre* (for details see above) Adv tickets: 15 to 40 euros from *El Corte Inglés*. Official "100 years of Disney Magical Moments" show on ice, featuring all the best-known characters, arrives in Madrid.

Gran Circo Mundial. Until Sun only. *Pl de Toros de Las Ventas (Ventas)* Fri: 5 & 7.30pm. Sat & Sun: 12 noon, 4.30 & 7.30pm Thurs: 6.30pm. Adv tickets: *El Corte Inglés*. Performers at this "world" circus include exotic animals, clowns, high-wire and trapeze artists.

Parque de Atracciones. *Casa de Campo (Batán)*. Funfair and rides including *la lanzadera*, or The Drop.

Faunia. *Avda de la Democracia 50 (Valdebernardo)*. Unique nature park with thousands of animals and plants from

around the world in five specially-recreated ecosystems.

Imax Madrid: Misterios del Titanic 3D. *Parque Enrique Tierno Galván, Meneses (Méndez Álvaro)*. Mon to Fri: 5, 7 & 8.45pm (+ 10.30pm Fri) Sat & Sun: 12 noon, 5, 6.50, 8.35 & 10.25pm. Pay a giant screen 3D visit inside the actual wreck of the Titanic (commentary in Spanish only).

Planetario de Madrid. *Parque Enrique Tierno Galván, Meneses (Méndez Álvaro)*. Loads of exhibitions and audiovisual presentations explaining a lot of the hows and whys of the universe.

Sport - Football

Real Madrid v Valencia (sold out). Sun 9.30 pm. *Estadio Santiago Bernabéu, Conche Espina 1 (Santiago Bernabéu)*. All tickets already sold for this top-of-the-table clash.

Advance tickets

El Corte Inglés. Various locations. Tickets available in all branches for host of concerts, theatres, circus, musicals and sporting events.

Fnac. *Preciados 28 (Callao)* Tel. 91 595 62 00. Open 10am to 9.30pm (Sun from 12 noon).

Madrid Rock. *Gran Vía 25 (Gran Vía)* Tel. 91 523 26 52. Open 10.30am to 3.15pm and 4.30pm to 9pm.

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