

The Millennium Soul will be welcoming in 2014 in Barcelona



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A big celebration featuring water, fire and the appearance of the figure of Millennium Soul will be held on Avda Maria Cristina and the Montjuïc fountains, to usher in the New Year. Promoted by Turisme de Barcelona and orchestrated by La Fura dels Baus, the event is intended to be a meeting point for citizens and a new way to raise the profile of the Barcelona brand.

A 15-metre tall human-figure made of iron, the Millennium Soul will have the privilege of seeing off 2013 and ushering in the New Year. It will be doing all that at Avda Reina Maria Cristina, opposite Montjuïc's Magic Fountain, in an event Barcelona is preparing for the New Year celebrations.

This event, promoted by [Turisme de Barcelona](#), bears the [La Fura dels Baus](#) stamp and will combine water, pyrotechnics and music in a show that aims to be "lively, family-oriented and open to everybody", according to Xavier Trias, the Mayor of Barcelona.

To start off, the *Castellers de Sants* will build a human tower, where they will perform alongside the Montjuïc fountains; water show. Then the Millennium Soul, "representing the spirit of this city", will come to life, as Carles Padrissa, the artistic director of La Fura dels Baus, explained. Some hundred performers will be filling the figure up, as the city awaits the arrival of 2014.

The bells, which pay tribute to Wagner's *Parsifal* on the quarter hours, will chime to volcanoes of fire and a huge explosion behind the Magic Fountain. The event will culminate in a pyrotechnic show mixed with the fountains.

And all in all, "this area, featuring the Buïgas fountains, the Catalan flag, the Venetian Towers... will be practically perfect mathematically for everyone to meet up and represent the essence of our culture, the sense of togetherness", stated Padrissa.

Family event

In that sense it is very clear it is going to be a family celebration. That is how the Major of Barcelona put it, having repeatedly remarked that "the intention is not just to make a big do but a singular event... to create a stimulating and exciting atmosphere with confidence in the future".

The event, which will last for 45 minutes, will also be used for promoting the Barcelona brand and raising its profile internationally, to make it part of the group of large cities whose New Year's Eve celebrations are watched on television worldwide..

According to Gaspart, the Chair of Turisme de Barcelona, the city deserves a major celebration on the last day of the year, just like some other cities all over the world, which will be seen on television on New Year's Day by all who wish they could have been part of it.

As explained by Trias, the Mayor of Barcelona, this event is aimed at citizens and tourists who wish to spend New Year's Eve in Barcelona, and it is intended to be established as a firm celebration in the city.

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