



SOCIAL PROGRAM:

- **Monday 22nd, June: Welcome Reception** (included in the fees)
 - 20:00: Concert given by the *Renaixença* chamber music group (Renaissance music) at *Capilla de La Sapiencia* (*Universitat de València*)
 - 21:00: Appetizer



Capilla de La Sapiencia



Renaixença group

- **Tuesday 23rd, June: San Juan night**

The San Juan night coincides with the Summer solstice and is celebrated with a big and crowded *Fiesta* at Valencia (and almost all the cities in Spain). Hundreds of bonfires are burning at the beach, there are fireworks, music, dancing.... According to tradition, if people jump three times over a bonfire on San Juan's night, they will be cleansed and purified, and their problems burned away.

There will not be an organized trip but tram and buses are expected to operate during all the night, if you wish to go to the beach and see this *Fiesta*.



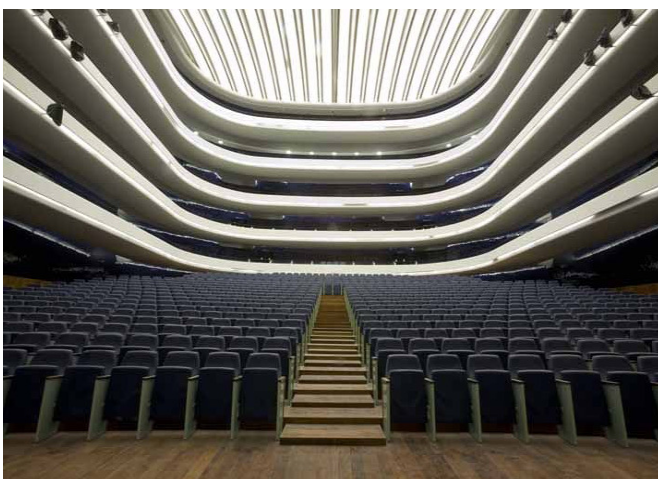
(More info: <http://www.donquijote.org/culture/spain/fiestas/sanjuan.asp>)



- **Wednesday 24th, June: OPERA** (not included in the fees)

The *Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía* is a majestic building designed by the Valencian architect Santiago Calatrava. Its sculpted form is highly symbolic, looking like a ship stranded in the old riverbed of the Turia river. This monumental landmark has become a dynamic feature of the urban area.

During June, the *II Festival del Mediterrani* is celebrated, which under the presidency of Zubin Mehta and with the theme “South of the Rhine”, offers two complete cycles of the monumental opera *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, by Richard Wagner. On June 24th *Die Walküre* is performed. The prize of the tickets is 130€ per person (Zone 1) . 50 tickets have been booked for people participating in the BaBar Collaboration Meeting. People willing to enjoy this opera should contact the organizers and **pay the ticket prize by bank transfer BEFORE 6th APRIL** stating clearly their name. Afterwards tickets can only be bought at <http://www.lesarts.com/> with no guaranty of availability. Details of the opera are indicated below.



Opera (19:00, about 4h)

DIE WALKÜRE

Die Walküre

RICHARD WAGNER

Coproducción

Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía

Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

Sala Principal

Orquestra de la Comunitat

Valenciana

Lorin Maazel, director musical

Dirección musical

Zubin Mehta

Dirección de escena

La Fura dels Baus

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Torsten Kerl

Plácido Domingo

Hunding

Matti Salminen

Stephen Milling

Wotan

Brünnhilde

Juha Uusitalo

Jennifer Wilson



- **Thursday 25th, June:** Conference Lunch at *Racó de L'Olla* at El Palmar. (included in the fees)

The restaurant *Racó de L'Olla* is close to the Valencia's biggest and most prominent natural habitat, *La Albufera* nature reserve. The reserve lies in the south of the city, behind *Playa del Saler*, Valencia's best beach. A series of dunes and pine groves protect the park from the Mediterranean waters and in the centre of the reserve there is a large freshwater lake. Hundreds of bird species nest and breed here including flamingos and herons. This area is embedded in rice paddies fields, and in this restaurant you will be able to taste the original *paella*, the most famous and traditional dish at Valencia. Buses to the restaurant will leave from IFIC after the end of the meeting and will arrive back at the city at about 20:00. Since we expect to have a walk on the surroundings after lunch, please book your flight tickets having this time schedule in mind.





INFOS AND ADDRESSES:

- Monday 22nd, June: Welcome Reception

What time?

20h concert, 21h cocktail

Where?

Capilla La Sapiencia:
Inside Edificio de La Nau,
Calle de La Universidad 2,
Valencia (downtown)

Contact:

Phone: 96 386 43 77





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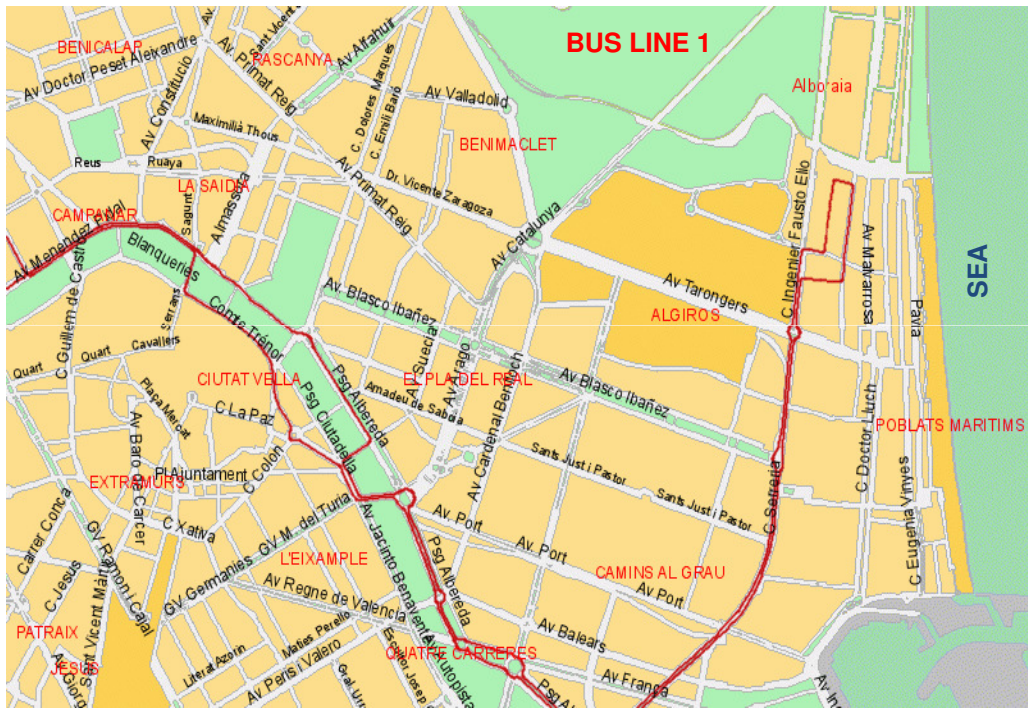
- Tuesday 23rd, June: *San Juan night* (not organized by us)

What? *Fiesta* on the beach

What time? During all the night

Where? *Las Arenas beach* and *La Malvarrosa beach*

Best way to go: by tram or bus



TRAM LINE 4





INFOS AND ADDRESSES:

- Wednesday 24th, June: **OPERA** (not included in the fees)

What? Die Walküre performance

What time? 19:00 (about 4 hours duration)

Where? Valencia Opera House, Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía



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Information and Tickets Sales

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Bus:

Valencia's bus station is situated on the strip beside the old course of the River Turia. All the regular coach lines from all over Spain arrive there. To get to the Palace of the Arts one only has to cross the river and take the EMT (red metropolitan buses) bus nº 95. The following EMT bus lines arrive at the Palace of the Arts: 19, 35, 95 and 40.

Metro (Underground):

The metro lines that are nearest to the Palace of the Arts are nº 3 and nº 5. It is recommendable to alight at Alameda metro station, which is about 15 minutes walk from the venue.



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What time? Around 14h

Where? Restaurante Nou Racó del Olla

Address: Carretera El Palmar, 21, Valencia 46012

<http://www.nouraco.com/>

