

Balearic day celebrations

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THE Balearic Islands became a sea of street celebration and festivity yesterday when the region marked the 24th anniversary of the founding of its own Constitution.

This year witnessed a particular difference, however, as it was the first "Balearic Day" after the signing of an amended Constitution approved by central government on 21st February.

Amongst a myriad of activities on offer yesterday in Palma were the ever-popular street markets with costumed stallholders peddling the wares of yesteryear, along with handmade arts and crafts. Of particular note was a mediaeval market set up in traditional style in Passeig Sagrera. Activities at this event included a classic instrument workshop for the young ones.

For children, and the more energetic, there were plenty of organised games taking place from calle Llotja de Mar down as far as Plaza de la Drassana. These included projects interweaving sport and education with themes related to the Olympic games, music and the Balearic Islands.

Those with a photographic eye had the chance to show their worth with the opening of an exhibition entitled "Past and Present in the Balearics." A total of 181 entrants displayed 350 magnificent photographs.

It was the day of the year when the Balearic government hosts an "open doors" to the public at its offices at Consulat del Mar in Palma from 10am-2pm and 3-8pm.

Regional vice-president Rosa Estarás, accompanied by Institutional Relations direction Antoni Contestí, officially launched a good number of the events on the programme for the day. The agenda culminated in a sea front "get together" of the Spanish regional associations represented in the Balearics. The party took place on Palma's "Old Wharf" (Moll Vell) at the eastern end of the Paseo Marítimo.



■ SOMETHING for everyone on the programme.



■ REGIONAL traditions honouring past and present attracted crowds.



■ THE Balearics united in festivities.

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- ALICIA DÍAZ DE LA FUENTE
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- XENAKIS
- DISNEY

Armando Lorente
percussion

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