

LA LAGUNA AND TACORONTE

Christian celebrations

One of the biggest Christian festivals of the year takes place this month in the two northern towns of La Laguna and Tacoronte.

In La Laguna, the Fiestas en honor del Cristo (Festivals in honour of Christ) begin on the evening of September 13 at 8pm with the Caballos de Fuego (Little Fire Horses), which travel from the Plaza del Cristo through the town centre. They will be accompanied by fanfares, giants and big-headed figures. At around midnight, a large fireworks display will take place by the Montaña de San Roque.

The main part of this festival on September 14 is a more religious affair. At 10.15am the festivities are announced by military salvo. At 10.45am, Archbishop Bernardo Álvarez will welcome political, military and social dignitaries in the Plaza de La Catedral as well as a representative of the Spanish royal family. After the festivities, the 17th century silver cross will be officially carried in a solemn procession through the historic old town. At 7pm a second festival with a procession and subsequent fireworks display will take place.

The Fiesta del Cristo in Tacoronte begins a little later, on Saturday, September 16. The festive programme features the mixed choir of San Cecilia de Tacoronte, starting at 9.30pm. Afterwards there will be a solemn procession followed by fireworks and dancing until the early hours.

The second day of the Tacoronte festival will be on Sunday September 24. Pilgrims from different parts of the island are expected to arrive from 6am onwards. At 9am the first service begins, and at 10.45am there will be a second pilgrimage service. At the same time, the 33rd art market will open until around 8pm, where you can buy typical Canarian arts and crafts displayed on the square behind the town hall. The main religious service with subsequent procession is scheduled for 12pm.

These festivities mix religious and secular celebrations into a harmonious event that Tacoronte celebrates every year during September. ■



↑ The figure of Christ in Tacoronte



↑ La Laguna's revered silver cross

FESTIVAL BOREAL 2017

Ecology and Culture



In the beginning, the Boreal Festival was simply an attempt to reconcile ecology and multiculturalism. It was an innovative idea with entertainment for the whole family and a craft market right on the coast. In the meantime, 10 years have passed and the festival has become a true reference for eco-festivals.

selection of international artists. Organisers describe Boreal as "a festival born in Tenerife that is open to the world".

Over 120 activities on 15 different stages are planned, and entry is free. Boreal stands for the harmonious coexistence of people, musical directions and the environment. Over and again there are more conscious calls

was already present during the first week of September, the Portuguese urban artist Bordalo II, who creates large 3D animal images from recycled garbage. This was the first time that he has been a guest in the Canaries.

Bordalo II is considered to be one of the great artists of his genre, who continually directs attention to the quantities of rubbish that humans produce and often carelessly leave behind. Explaining his work, the artist said: "My art is creating images from nature, in this case animals, from the waste that contaminates them."

He left his mark in the form of a work of art in Los Silos from September 1 to 5. The perfect match for a great festival that combines ecology, music and multicultural people. The full programme of events is available at: www.festivalboreal.org. ■



↑ Bordalo II is famous for his unusual artwork made from recycled materials

Nowadays a large urban festival is celebrated in the centre of the village, with a big eco-market and activities for the whole family. It is unique, attracting artisans from the Canaries, Spain and all over the world including Africa, Venezuela and Argentina. This multicultural mix is expressed in different music worlds with a great

for caring for nature and dealing responsibly with waste.

One of the festival posters says: "There is no Ocean B and no Earth B". Right here, right now, everyone must contribute to making the Earth a bit cleaner and more environmentally friendly". The festival itself is celebrated from September 13 to 16, but an exceptional guest



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