

# Sevillanas Social Club



**Change of venue**  
Raquel Peña invites everyone to the next get-together of the Sevillanas Social Club, on Sunday January 31 at 8pm at La Abuela María Restaurant, Avda de la Aviación Española, 23, San Javier, Murcia.

Our own soloist of the Raquel Peña professional dance company, Moises Carmona, is the new owner of this venue and he has promised to dance. It is easy to find, on the same road as the Parque Almansa and the outdoor theatre where the Jazz & Theatre Festivals are held.

You don't need to know how to dance to enjoy this social group, you can join in by doing hand clapping, watching and learn about Spanish Flamenco culture through a short lecture/demonstration by Raquel Peña where everyone is invited to get up and dance a Flamenco rumba. It's lots of

fun and easy!  
As always members from the Junior Company will do a mini-show and the Sevillanas Club Flamenco Dancers will all be there.

Sevillanas & Rumba music is played throughout the evening and tapas and a beverage is included for €6 members price and €8 non-members. To make your reservation or more information, please call 630 689 431.

2009 finished on a high note with the performance at Aidemar for handicapped young people; some of the audience got up and danced a Sevillanas with the group. We had to promise them to return next year! This was a highlight of our very successful 2nd year as a performing group.

A new Sevillanas class for beginners will be starting in February, call above number for details.

# In search of Fame

The Fame explosion has arrived to la Nucía. The Theatre is at the ready, the cast are well rehearsed, and the tickets are selling.

It is now time for the highly energetic musical production of FAME at the Auditori in La Nucía from January 28 for 4 nights. The opening night will be attended by the Dutch and British Consuls.

One can already believe that 'The School of Performing Arts' has already come to life, as every Saturday at RETORETES in Benidorm a strong cast of 7 adults & 70 teenage singers, dancers and actors, have been performing the musical songs of "Fame" and the atmosphere has been energetic, to say the least.

We have an international cast made up of English, Spanish, Dutch, Swiss, German, under the directorship of the Dutch & English production team - Rob Barendsma, Director & Musical Director from Teatro Del Sol, Pascalle Bruens, Dance Choreographer and Dance profesora at Karuna in Altea, Joanne Lazarus, Theatrical Director and Assistant Karen Johnson, both of The Actors Studio in Calpe & Benidorm. Not forgetting the lovely Sybille Keller who is in charge of the ticket sales.

FAME will be bringing together a magical mixture of legwarmers, leotards, and will be re-awakening fond memories from your younger days of the original FAME film of the 80s.

Tickets at 10€ are now on sale from RETORETES every Saturday at 5pm, The Ritz in Albir, Frednos Travel in Albir, Mary's Boutique in Alfas, The Auditori in La Nucia and Servi Cam. Or call us on 661 183 017 to reserve to



pay on the door. Performance dates Thursday January 28, Friday 29, Saturday 30, & Sunday 31.

# Beauty and the Beast

**A review by B Davis**  
My review of Careline Theatre's Beauty and the Beast will have to fall into the X-rated category. Not that it was unsuitable for children, nor did it contain any offending material. My X-rating is simply because the complete production had that elusive X Factor - even Simon Cowell would have given it the thumbs-up.

From the opening overture, the huge cast of around 30 actors and dancers gave it their all; if you could bottle energy and enthusiasm, they could have made a fortune.

Careline's version of this fairy story stuck mainly to the traditional plot: three daughters, the youngest, Beauty, being the most kind and pure, and her two ugly self-centred sisters, battling it out for the hand of the handsome prince who is eventually turned into a beast. The story never seems to mention a mother, omitting the possible conflicts a mother would have in allowing her daughter to live with a monster and allow a closer than normal relationship with the father. Definitely non-PC. At one point Beauty is separated from her Beast, sheds a tear and eventually effects his transformation back to being the handsome Prince and all live happily ever after.

There were no weak performances, everyone from 6-



year-old Max Davis to the more experienced thespians contributed to making this production one big colourful, happy and memorable occasion. Special mentions must go to Candy Wright for her comedy timing, Kelly Thomas for being the epitome of a thigh-slapping Prince alongside the innocent Beauty played by Natasha Lakin, and Peter Clague for his wonderful and energetic Buttons-type performance. Ugly sisters Neil Carter and Dennis Arthurs camped their way through several remarkable costume changes and the usual innuendos, with daddy, Ian Coleman, looking on helplessly. Fairy Brenda Taylor was perfect, especially with her throw-away lines, while her opposite Linda Arthur used the evil lighting to its best advantage as Countess

Cruella with Bodyguards Ben Davis and Alan Gill always threatening nearby. Andy Crabb was perfect for his lovable and controlled version of a sad beast, a part more difficult to play than it appears.

A special mention goes to Careline Press Consultant Bernard King on his debut performance in skirts with the company as the old Granny. He was very good, but will never live it down. Finally thank you dancers and choreographer Suzanna Mace for your creative routines, the kids for being just kids, musical director Roger Dean for an excellent score, the superb costumes, sets and wigs, etc and of course the person ultimately responsible for putting the whole thing together, Director Marian Carter. Careline are definitely 'Back in the Zone'.



## "Valentine's Fair"

**Friday 5 February 11am - 6pm**  
**Saturday 6 February 10am - 6pm**  
**Restaurante "Los Arcos"**  
**Avda. Baleares 32 Torrevieja**

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