

# 42

## Barcelona Fantastic Genres Festival

**6-10 November 2024**  
**Fabra i Coats**



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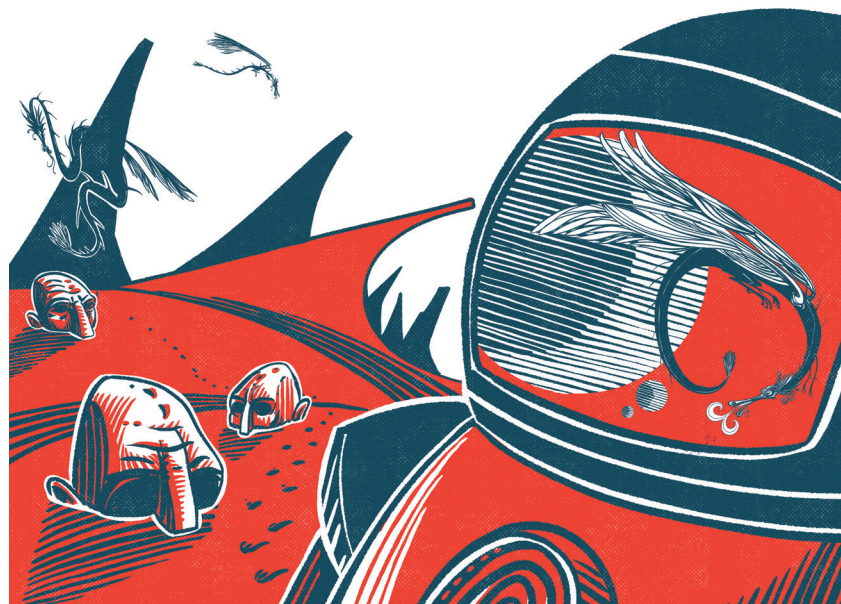
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pictograms of the programme’s thematic lines

	Water		Science-fiction
	Comics and illustration		Dragons and legends
	Fantasy		Fantastic
	Young adult fiction		Theatre
	Horror		Social media and video games

J. R. R. Tolkien said it before, talking about *Beowulf*, in *The Monsters and The Critics*: a dragon is not necessarily a metaphor; it might be an aesthetic feature, a creation, just as a poem may serve no other purpose than to be enjoyed. At this year’s 42 Festival, we’ll have real and fantastic dragons, literary and metaphorical dragons, and horror and science-fiction ones too. And once again we’ll have national and international authors — 150 from 15 different countries — as well as exhibitions, workshops, talks, theatre, roundtable discussions, book signings, a social media night, a ShirleyCon, a LeGuinCon, a big roundtable on Catalan science-fiction, the 42 Awards and even a Cosplay Competition.

**There are other worlds and they are all at the 42: are you ready to enter them?**



# Wednesday, 6 November



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
Opening conversation

## Albert Sánchez Piñol: stories make us human

**Guest:** Albert Sánchez Piñol  
**Moderator:** Ricard Ruiz  
Garzón

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**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Rehearsal Room 2**  
Inauguration of the  
laboratory

## Six notebooks and a new origin: 50 years of Pedroló's Mecanoscrit

**Guests:** Anna M. Moreno-  
Bedmar, Cristina Casalí,  
Glòria Gorchs  
**Moderators:** Edgar Cotes  
and Marta Roig

*\*Organised in collaboration  
with IBBYCAT-ClijCat*

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**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
Roundtable discussion

## The great wave: tales of water, drought and the future

**Guests:** Josep Lluís Pelegrí,  
Inés Macpherson, Gabi  
Martínez  
**Moderator:** Muntsa Mimó

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**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
Play

## Isekai: Història d'un segrest [Story of a Kidnapping]

**Actors:** Loredana Volpe,  
Chap Rodríguez Rosell,  
José Manuel Vieira  
**Director:** Loredana Volpe  
**Music:** Àlvar Llusá-Damiani,  
Estel Tort

*\*Organised in collaboration  
with La Salamandra Theatre  
Company*

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**6.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
Conversation  
with the author

## Mónica Ojeda: disruptions at a volcanic pace

**Guest:** Mónica Ojeda  
**Moderator:** Lucía Leandro

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**6.40 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
Roundtable discussion

## Unthinkable settings: new theatre in fantastic genres

**Guests:** Loredana Volpe, Inés  
Galiano, Leticia Damonte,  
Chap Rodríguez Rosell  
**Moderator:** Cristina Xifra

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**7.45 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
Play

## Cuatrocientas: a science fiction comedy

**Actors:** Carlota Caparrós,  
Leticia Damonte, Quim  
González  
**Director:** Inés Galiano

*\*Organised in collaboration  
with La Literata Theatre  
Company*

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**7.45 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
Official opening of the  
exhibition

## Hic sunt dracones: getting to know history's great literary dragons

**Guests:** Elsa Velasco,  
Jordi Mullor, Sergi Vila  
de Vicente  
**Moderator:** Eduard Martí  
Blanch (curator of the  
exhibition)

*\*Activity organised with  
Biblioteques de Barcelona  
and in collaboration with  
the Agrupació del Bestiari  
Festiu i Popular de Catalunya  
Federation and the Associació  
d'Artistes Huaxing*



# Thursday, 7 November



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
Conversation with  
the authors

## Dark nightmares: Tuttle, Veres and the horror story

Guests: Lisa Tuttle, Attila  
Veres

Moderator: Sergi Viciana

*\*Simultaneous translation:  
English to Spanish*



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
Roundtable discussion

## Fiction with a good dose of science: four successful approaches

Guests: Cristina Jurado,  
Maya G. Vinuesa, Celia  
Corral-Vázquez, Daniel  
Badosa Moriyama  
Moderator: Pablo Mallorquí



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
Talk

## Why the Catalan canon must be rewritten

Led by: Ramon Mas,  
Javier Calvo



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
Conversation with the  
author

## How to commit murder at the end of the world: Stuart Turton's science- fiction

Guest: Stuart Turton  
Moderator: Leticia Lara

*\*Simultaneous translation:  
English to Spanish*



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
Roundtable discussion

## Alba, Dídac and you: 50 years of Pedrolo's bestselling Mecanoscrit

Guests: Antoni Munné-  
Jordà, Albert Villaró,  
Anna Maria Villalonga

Moderator: Edgar Cotes

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with the AELC*



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
Talk

## Scales and pixels: the evolution of dragons in video games

Led by: Borja Lacasta



**6.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
Roundtable discussion

## The role of the indescribable: stones, islands and mermaids that aren't

Guests: Lucia Pietrelli, Berta  
Creus, Gemma Calduch  
Moderator: Aissata M'Ballo



**6.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
Roundtable discussion

## Tintin and Hergé: from adventure to a bent for the fantastic

Guests: César Mallorquí,  
Joan Manuel Soldevilla,  
Enric Reverté  
Moderator: Sergi Viciana



**6.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
Talk

## Jordi Sasanedas myth and myths: celebrating a centenary

Led by: Antoni Munné-  
Jordà, Joaquim Nogueró



**7.45 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
Roundtable discussion

## The major panel on Catalan-language science fiction: taking stock of 2024

Guests: Jordi de Manuel,  
Ricard Efa, Raquel  
Casas Agustí, Jordi Solé  
Camardons, Isa J. González,  
Antoni Munné-Jordà  
Moderator: Karen Madrid  
Ribas



**7.45 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Live podcast

## **Marea nocturna: special 25th anniversary of Matrix**

**Guests:** Desirée de Fez, Àngel Sala, Jordi Sánchez Navarro, Xavi Sánchez Pons

*\*Organised in collaboration with Ràdio Primavera Sound*

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## **Friday, 8 November**



**11.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 ShirleyCon  
 Roundtable discussion

### **Beyond Hill House: the locus horridus in Shirley Jackson's work**

**Guests:** David Roas, Martí Sales, Rosa M. Díez Cobo  
**Moderator:** Gemma Solsona



**12.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 ShirleyCon/Talk

### **Arsenic, stones and haunted houses: the Shirley Jackson revival according to Bernice M. Murphy**

**Led by:** Bernice M. Murphy

*\*Simultaneous interpreting: English to Catalan*



**12.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Workshop

### **Make your own fantasy armband!**

**Led by:** Raquel Gili Parra

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**12.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 ShirleyCon  
 Roundtable discussion

### **Let's talk about Shirley Jackson: A Rather Haunted Life**

**Guests:** Bernice M. Murphy, Astrid Lozano, Javier Calvo

**Moderator:** Gemma Solsona

*\*Simultaneous interpreting: English to Catalan*



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Roundtable discussion

### **The masks of fear: why are we fascinated by being frightened?**

**Guests:** Lisa Tuttle, Bernice M. Murphy, Catriona Ward  
**Moderator:** Daniel Pérez Castrillón

*\*Simultaneous interpreting: English to Catalan*



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Conversation with the authors

### **Jungles, colonies and ecofeminism: Laura Ponce and Elaine Vilar Madruga**

**Guests:** Laura Ponce, Elaine Vilar Madruga  
**Moderator:** Teresa López Pellisa



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Workshop

### **Learn to write fantastic flash fiction at the 42**

**Led by:** Carlos di Urarte



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 International roundtable discussion

### **The major 42 panel: is there a made-in-Europe kind of fantastic?**

**Guests:** Solvej Balle, Lisa Tuttle, Aleksandra Lun, Attila Veres, Emilio Bueso, Stuart Turton, Emanuele Arioli  
**Moderator:** Alexander Pérez

*\*Simultaneous translation: English to Spanish*



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Roundtable discussion

### **Meigas, the deceased and labyrinths in the battle against evil**

**Guests:** Aitziber Saldias, David Luna, Toni Sánchez Bernal, Amparo Montejano  
**Moderator:** Leticia Lara



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Talk

### **Kafka's transformations: a new look for a centenary**

**Led by:** David Roas



**6.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Roundtable discussion

### **Conan Doyle and the Cottingley fairies: fraud, myth and plot**

**Guests:** Félix J. Palma, Alberto García  
**Moderator:** Gemma Solsona



**6.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Talk

### **The Dragon Ball phenomenon and Toriyama at his most fantastic**

**Led by:** Pablo Mallorquí, Oriol Estrada



**7.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Conversation with the author  
**(online)**

### **Fly or die: Rebecca Yarros's Emphyrean magic**

**Guests:** Rebecca Yarros, Maria Guitart  
**Moderator:** Marta Sasot

*\*Simultaneous translation: English to Spanish*  
*\*\* Admission is free, but capacity is limited*



**7.45 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Book club

### **Let's read: fascinated by Shirley Jackson**

**Led by:** Gemma Solsona

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*\*\*Activity organised by Biblioteques de Barcelona*



**8.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Awards ceremony

### **The moment of (the other) truth: The 42 Awards Ceremony**

**Panel:** Karen Madrid, Miquel Codony, Tatiana Dunyó, Cristina Xifra (Catalan), and Leticia Lara, Borja Bilbao, Daniel Pérez Castrillón, Carla Plumed (Spanish)

**Led by:** Ricard Ruiz Garzón  
**Music:** Milo J. Krmpotić

## **Saturday, 9 November**



**10.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Roundtable discussion

### **The labyrinth of the origins: Solsona, Coch, Masó**

**Guests:** Elisenda Solsona, Roger Coch, Jordi Masó  
**Moderator:** Laura Tomàs



**10.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Literary workshop

### **Retelling: the art of explaining the big issues again**

**Led by:** Sofia Rhei



**10.30 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Conversation with the author

### **A space in time: the European phenomenon of Solvej Balle**

**Guest:** Solvej Balle  
**Moderator:** Adam Martín Skilton

*\*Simultaneous interpreting: English to Catalan*



**11.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Roundtable discussion

### **History or fantasy? And why not the best of both?**

**Guests:** Beatriz Alcaná, David Uclés, Bruno Puelles, Claudia Casanova  
**Moderator:** Carla Plumed



**11.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Workshop

## Silent reading: dare to be quiet... or not

Led by: Joan Antoni Martín Piñol



**11.30 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Conversation with the author

## Ted Chiang: science fiction as an art form

Guest: Ted Chiang  
 Moderator: Karen Madrid Ribas

*\*Simultaneous interpreting: English to Catalan*



**12.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Conversation with the authors

## Palma and Álvarez: two trilogies full of indefatigable adventures

Guests: Victoria Álvarez, Félix J. Palma  
 Moderator: Carla Campos



**12.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Literary workshop

## Dissecting Joe Abercrombie: Best served cold

Led by: Sergi Viciana

*\*Organised in collaboration with Phantastica.com*



**1.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Conversation with the author

## Djèlí Clark: monsters, magic, steampunk and confronting racism

Guest: P. Djèlí Clark  
 Moderator: Aissata M'Ballo

*\*Simultaneous interpreting: English to Catalan*



**1.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Conversation with the authors

## Edgar Cantero and Marc Pastor: gender as critique

Guests: Edgar Cantero, Marc Pastor  
 Moderator: Tatiana Dunyó



**1.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Conversation with the authors

## Two YA crazes: Javier Ruescas and Belén Martínez

Guests: Javier Ruescas, Belén Martínez  
 Moderator: Manel Medina



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Conversation with the authors

## The winners of the 42 Awards: roundtable of the award winners

Guests: the winners of the 42 Awards  
 Moderators: Miquel Codony, Borja Bilbao



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Conversation with the authors

## Two Planetas and two Nadals: Ana Merino and Manuel Vilas

Guests: Manuel Vilas, Ana Merino  
 Moderator: Milo J. Krmpotić



**4.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Workshop

## How to draw a dragon, according to the great Ciruelo Cabral

Led by: Ciruelo Cabral



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Conversation with the author

## T. Kingfisher: magic, cookies, feminism... and bookseller

Guest: T. Kingfisher  
 Moderator: Júlia Baena

*\*Simultaneous interpreting: English to Catalan*



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Conversation with the authors

## Bueso, Biurrun and the ghosts lying under the surface

Guests: Emilio Bueso, Ismael Martínez Biurrun  
 Moderator: María Pealva



**5.15 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Workshop

## Eva Espinosa's pop-ups: make your own folding dragon, grimoire or cemetery

Led by: Eva Espinosa

*\*Activity requiring prior registration at barcelona.cat/festival42*



**6.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Roundtable discussion

## The major 42 panel: international creatures and settings

**Guests:** Ted Chiang, T. Kingfisher, P. Djèlí Clark, Lisa Yaszek, Edgar Cantero, Catriona Ward  
**Moderator:** Alexander Páez

*\*Simultaneous translation: English to Spanish*



**6.30 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Roundtable discussion

## The fantastic roundtable: symbols, metaphors and vibrations

**Guests:** José Ovejero, Aleksandra Lun, Diego Sánchez Aguilar, Beatriz Alcaná, Elaine Vilar Madruga  
**Moderator:** Milo J. Krmpotic



**7.45 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 Book club

## Special 42 book club with Edgar Cantero

**Guest:** Edgar Cantero  
**Moderator:** Mariló Álvarez Sanchis

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*\*\*Activity organised by Biblioteques de Barcelona*



**8.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Social Media Night

## Digital Jurassic: Pakozoico live on dragons

**Guest:** Francesc Gascó (Pakozoico)  
**Moderator:** Eduard Martí Blanch



**8.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Social Media Night

## How to become a booktoker or bookstagramer: Ruescas' and Brune's secrets

**Guests:** Javier Ruescas, Raquel Brune  
**Moderator:** Sergi Viciano

# Sunday, 10 November



**10.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Conversation with the author

## Segurant, the knight of the dragon: Arioli's discovery

**Guest:** Emanuele Arioli  
**Moderator:** Natàlia Sánchez



**10.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Roundtable discussion

## Forbidden love, vampires and songs: beyond young adults

**Guests:** David Cirici, Selena Soro, Marc Artigau, Joan Antoni Martín Piñol  
**Moderator:** Isabel del Río



**11.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Conversation with the author

## The Future Is Female!: Lisa Yaszek and the female pioneers of science fiction

**Guest:** Lisa Yaszek  
**Moderator:** Teresa López Pellisa

*\*Simultaneous translation: English to Spanish*



**11.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Conversation with the authors

## Neimhaim and the Jing Empire: the worlds of Aranzazu Serrano and Belén Martínez

**Guests:** Aranzazu Serrano and Belén Martínez  
**Moderator:** Cris T. Nash





**11.00 am**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 LeGuinCon  
 Roundtable

## From Ekumen to Earthsea: why we love Ursula K. Le Guin

**Guests:** Laura Huerga, Loredana Volpe, Inés Macpherson

**Moderator:** Cristina Xifra



**12.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 1**  
 Roundtable discussion

## From myth to legend, from legend to darkness

**Guests:** Iván Ledesma, Clara Cortés, Marta G. Andilla, Ferran d'Armengol

**Moderator:** Elena Polanco



**12.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Roundtable discussion

## The major 42 panel on comics

**Guests:** Ricard Efa, Laura Pérez, Luis Bustos, Marcos Martín

**Moderator:** Sergi Viciano



**12.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats**  
**Function Room**  
 LeGuinCon  
 Roundtable

## How to illustrate and design Ursula K. Le Guin's books

**Guests:** Maria Picassó, Agustín Comotto, Tono Cristòfol

**Moderator:** Laura Huerga



**1.00 pm**  
**Fabra i Coats. Room 2**  
 Closing event

## 42 Festival closing event: a cosplay contest to conclude

**Panel:** Sofía Guerrero, Mara Antón, Víctor Prieto  
**Present:** Sofía Guerrero, Víctor Prieto

*\*Activity requiring prior registration at [barcelona.cat/festival42](http://barcelona.cat/festival42)*

*\*\*Organised in collaboration with the Barcelona Cosplay Association*

## Tours

### Literary tour 1

Start in Plaça de Catalunya

### 42 tour: fantastic genres in Barcelona

Led by: Inés Macpherson

- \* **Thursday, 7 November, at 4.30 pm**
- \* **Sunday, 10 November, at 4.30 pm**

*\*Activity requiring prior registration at [barcelona.cat/festival42](http://barcelona.cat/festival42)*

### Literary tour 2

Start at Parc de la Ciutadella

### Dragon tour at the 42 Festival: fire-breathing Barcelona

Led by: Iker Mons

- \* **Wednesday, 6 November at 11.00 am**
- \* **Sunday, 10 November at 12.30 pm and 4.30 pm**

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## Exhibitions

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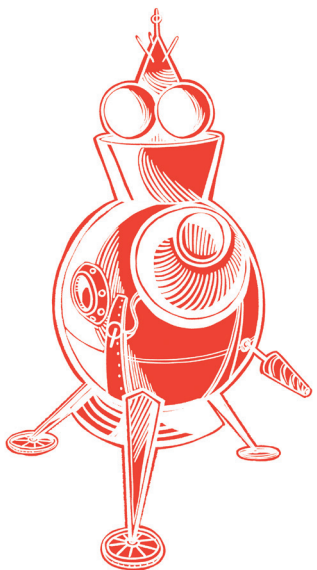
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### Fabra i Coats, Rehearsal Room 2

### Exhib-lab: "Six notebooks and a new origin: 50 years of Pedroló's Mecanoscrit"

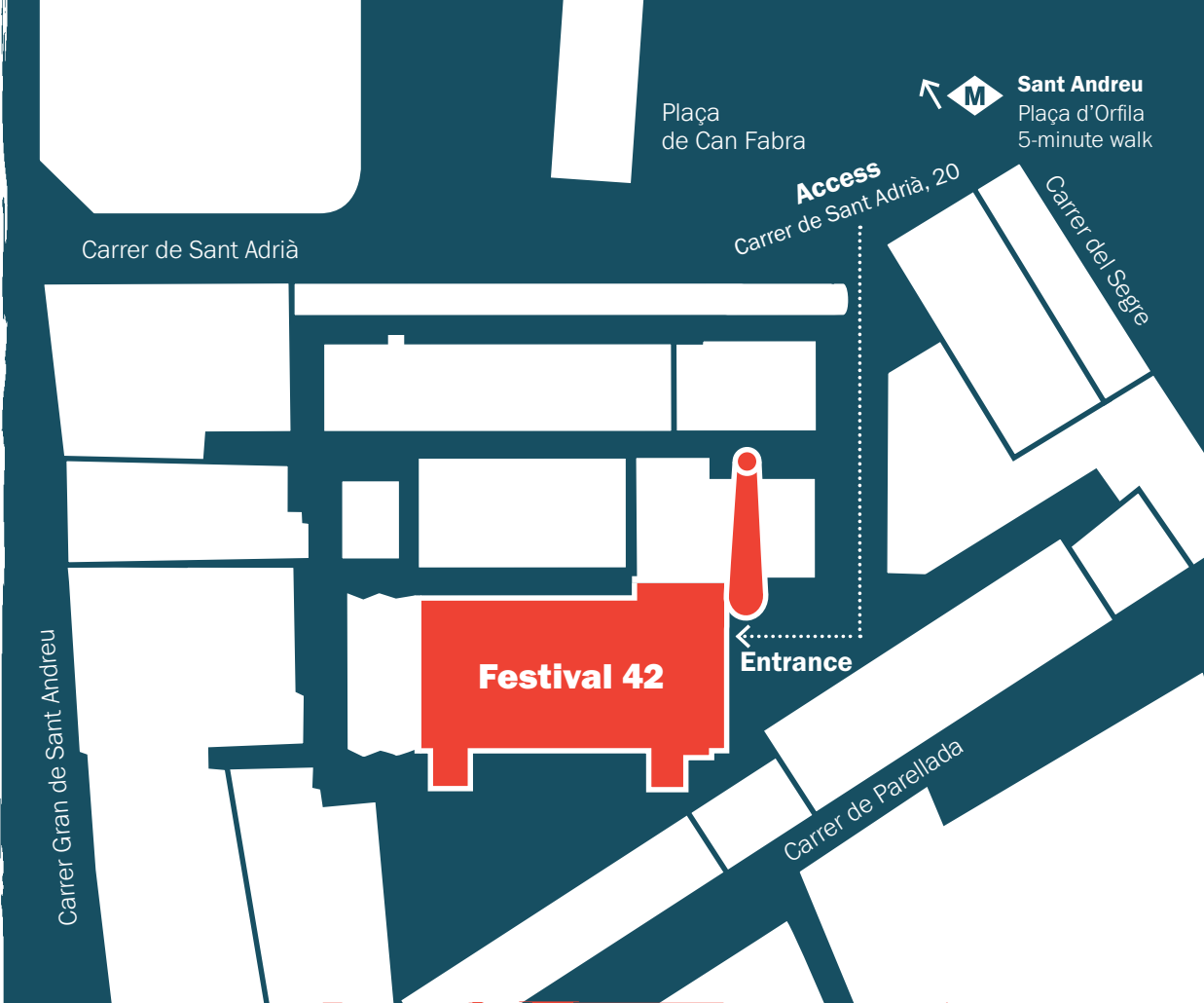
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**All the activities are free, but places are limited**



## Festival Spaces

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(map)



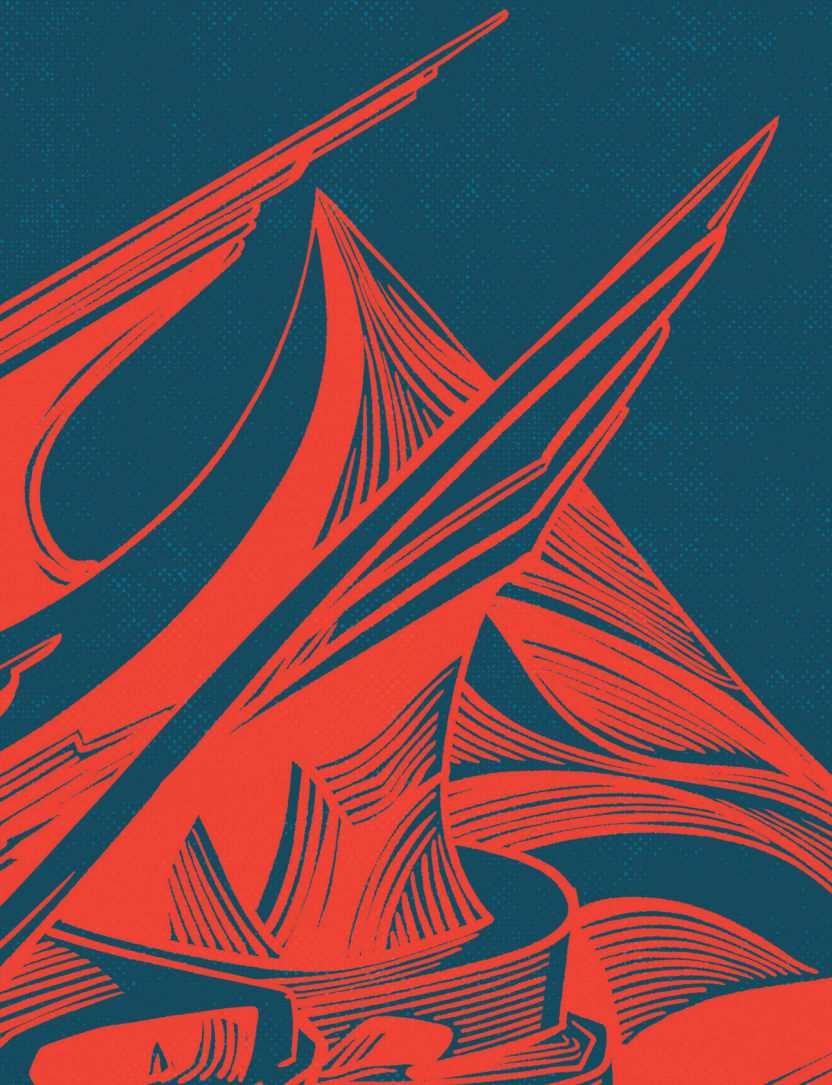
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