

# 100 YEARS

OF CELEBRATION AND TRADITION

## MOORS AND CHRISTIANS OLIVA



### 5. CHRISTIAN AND MOORISH ENTRANCES

The main event of the festival! The parade of each side entering the town with their victorious troops through the streets. The music, costumes, horses, weapons, dances, and floats...

It is the central act, the most beloved by festival participants and visitors. There are few things in life comparable to experiencing or watching the procession down Loygorri Street, with the street decorated, packed with people, lights shining, and the banners of all the squads hanging proudly, escorting the entrance.

The six Christian squads enter on Friday evening, accompanied by the Ambassador and the Christian Captain, who this year belongs to the **filà Mosqueters**.

The following day, Saturday, it will be the turn of the Moorish Entrance. The six Moorish squads form the army that will open the way for the Moorish Ambassador and Moorish Captain of the **filà Marràqueix**.

Did you know that the Moors and Christians festival of Oliva was the first in the world to have a woman as the highest representative of the festival for both the Christian and Moorish sides? What year do you think that was?

The first **Christian Female Captain** in history was **Isabel Bolinches**, from the Pirates squad, in 1999.



And the first **Moorish Female Captain** in the Moors and Christians festival was **Anna Mena**, in 2004, from the Moriscos squad.

A true source of pride for our town and an example of equality, where since 1976 women have fully taken part in the festival, as official participants, leading squads, firing muskets, acting as first drum major, holding organizational roles in the squads and the federation, and of course, taking on the main festival roles. In Oliva, the festival is made by everyone!

#### CHRISTIAN ENTRANCE

FRIDAY 17TH OF JULY



#### MOORISH ENTRANCE

SATURDAY 18TH OF JULY



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OF THE MOORS AND CHRISTIANS  
FESTIVITIES IN OLIVA



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