Castellers de Vilafranca

International brochure



one of the most spectacular cultural traditions in the world

Presentation



Castellers de Vilafranca is a cultural and sporting association whose main objective is to build castells (human towers). The human towers construction was recognized by the UNESCO in 2010 by adding it to the world Intangible Cultural Heritage list. The group was founded in 1948 as a response to the increased interest in human tower building activity in Vilafranca del Penedès. Castells is an ancient Catalan tradition coming from the XVIIIth century popular dance. Nowadays, Castellers de Vilafranca has about 400 active members of all ages, with no discrimination on grounds of race, religion, sex or social status. Castellers de Vilafranca shares the common goal of building human towers, democratic values, cooperation and team work, a constant desire to surpass themselves, and a will to maintain the lead over a select and competitive group of rival human tower associations. Group's headquarters is Cal Figarot, a building located in city center and especially adapted for human tower building activity (high, indoor ceilings for winter use and an open-air courtyard for spring, summer and fall). Castellers de Vilafranca is one of the most known and popular institutions all over Catalonia and has represented Catalan culture abroad numerous times: France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, England, Netherlands, Belgium, Chile, Luxembourg, Denmark, Slovenia... The association has more than five hundred official supporters, and has the support of several public and private institutions. In addition to hosting and participating in human tower exhibitions, it also organizes other cultural activities, such as small-scale concerts, a poetry contest, a massive bicycle event, a dominoes tournament, food events and a human tower school for kids.

'Castells' were recognized by the UNESCO as world Intangible Cultural Heritage









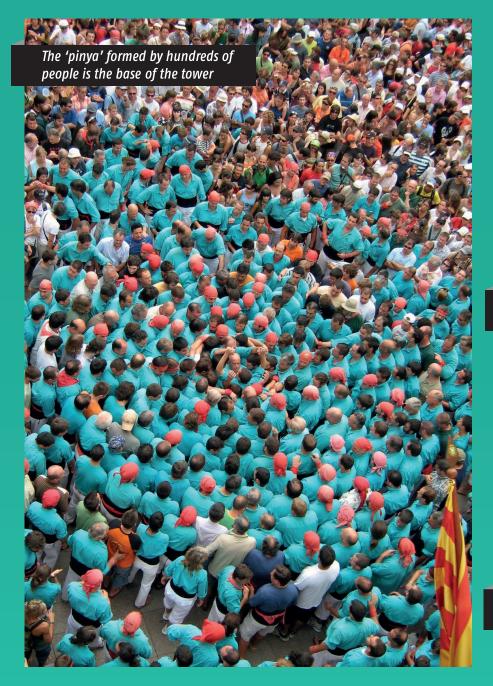


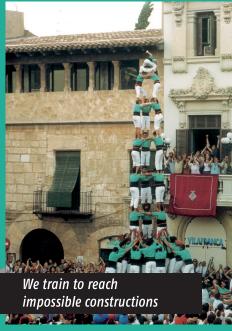














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Exhibition formats





8-9 floor structures



100-125 persons 7-8 floor structures

Awards

- * 8 times winners of the Human Towers Championship of Tarragona
- ★ Golden Medal of Vilafranca del Penedès City Council
- ★ Saint George Cross of Generalitat de Catalunya, the Catalan Government





International events

1992 Sevilla. EXPO Universal

1992 Barcelona. Olympic Games

1993 Santiago de Compostela. Xacobeo

1996 Copenhagen. European Capital of Culture

1999 Barcelona. FIFA world player of the year gala

2002 Salamanca. European Capital of Culture

2004 Barcelona. Universal Forum of Cultures

2007 Frankfurt. Book Fair

2007 Vilafranca del Penedès. Noah Gordon's

"The Bodega" presentation

2009 Barcelona. Red Bull Air Race

2010 Valparaíso. Universal Forum of Cultures





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