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LUCENA
city of music
harmony for tolerance



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LUCENA AND WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO...

LUCENA ► PRIEGO = 33 minutes	LUCENA ► ÚBEDA = 101 minutes
LUCENA ► ANTEQUERA = 40 minutes	LUCENA ► GRANADA = 100 minutes
LUCENA ► CÓRDOBA = 45 minutes	LUCENA ► SEVILLA = 100 minutes
LUCENA ► ALCALÁ LA REAL = 51 minutes	LUCENA ► MADRID = 255 minutes
LUCENA ► ÉCIJA = 53 minutes	LUCENA ► BARCELONA = 540 minutes
LUCENA ► MÁLAGA = 68 minutes	LUCENA ► NEW YORK = 713 minutes
LUCENA ► JAÉN = 69 minutes	LUCENA ► LA LUNA = 8.320 minutes
LUCENA ► RONDA = 90 minutes	LUCENA ► ALFA CENTAURI = 4,37 light years



LUCENA CITY OF MUSIC

Lucena, located right **in the geographical heart of Andalusia (Spain)**, occupies a strategic place in this region, with good transport links via the Malaga-Cordoba highway, offering quick connections to the Costa del Sol, Cordoba, Granada and Jaen, which are around one hour away, with Seville less than two hours away.

Covering an area of 351 Km², it has a population of 42,615 people, clustered around three main nuclei. It is the administrative capital for the surrounding district, with a population reach of close to 175,600 inhabitants.

The closest airports are Malaga (international), which is 1 hour away, and Seville and Granada (1.5 hours away). The two nearest high-speed railway stations are Puente Genil, 25 km away, and Cordoba, 45 minutes away.

In the **Middle Ages**, Lucena was **an example of tolerance and harmonious co-existence** between different cultures. In the 13th Century, Lucena was a gathering place for Jewish, Arabic and Christian intellectuals, writers and musicians. These cultural connections bound together different civilisations right up into the present day, characterising the musical idiosyncrasy of this town.

In recent years, **Lucena has undergone a renaissance of cultural manifestations**, home to over 100 artists, collectives and associations, which strengthen the growth of the different artistic disciplines, making Lucena a creative city for music.

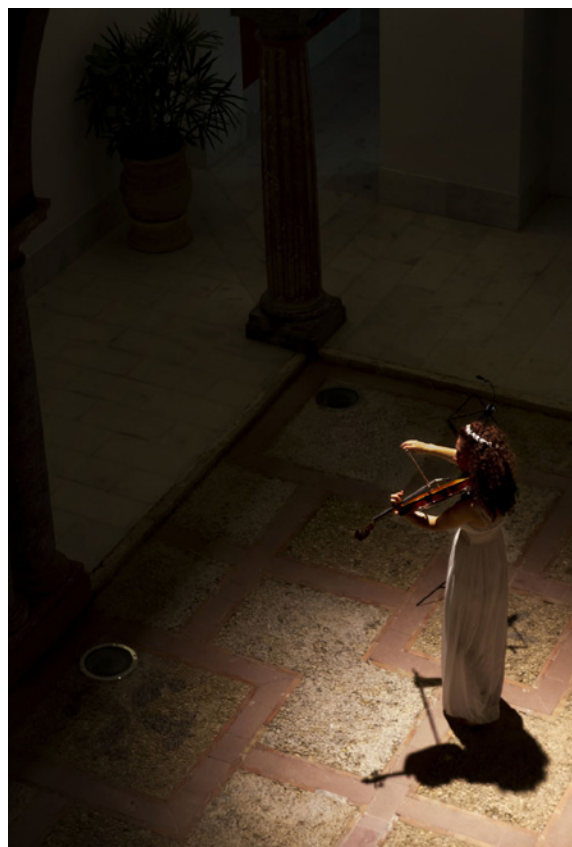
This social and cultural movement has led Lucena to join the Creative Tourism Network, promoting an initiative entitled **“Lucena city of music. Harmony for tolerance” since 2015.**



LUCENA, MUSIC FROM THREE CULTURES



Lucena is set against a **multicultural** backdrop that encompasses the main remnants of the Pearl of Sepharad. During the Middle Ages, Sephardi, Arabic and Christian communities lived alongside one another in what was known at the time as the City of Poets, **a shining example of tolerance, universality and respect.** This miscellany of cultures is manifested through the vast array of musical styles found today in Lucena. **A unique space that paves the way for culture, creativity and music.**



A SPACE FOR ARTISTS



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Lucena is home to a broad range of musical styles, shaped by over forty artists and more than thirty music collectives established in the city. **From flamenco to Sephardi music and modern styles, these are the result of the city's musical dynamism.** A diverse and rich musical mesh that has gradually increased the demand for infrastructures to hold and host musical activities, leading to the creation of over fifty places classified as music infrastructures and spaces to create and enjoy music.



3 MUSIC EDUCATION IN LUCENA

Providing an education in values is one of the most important challenges facing our society. Within the sphere of music, **the harmony and universality of music** have been instruments for peace and social harmony. The “**Maestro Chicano Muñoz**” **Professional Music Conservatory**, the Municipal School of Music and Dance, as well as the various Schools and Academies in Lucena **are the pillars that support the city’s educational vocation within the sphere of music**, as well as spaces for creativity, respect and camaraderie. Centres that, among others, are key agents in the promotion of music, students, and the development of music programmes such as MusIntégrate, or the different music classrooms and workshops at this professional centre. It is undoubtedly a prestigious organisation that plays host to international students through Comenius grants, which further strengthens the students’ educational connections.





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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL-ARTISTIC PROJECTS

In Lucena, creativity programmes are developed for very different audiences, from professionals to children with special needs, functional diversity, autism, or with high capacities, who use music, dance, theatre and sport to bring out their ideas and aspirations, and to amaze and astonish.



One of the most innovative programmes is Psicoballet, which has been running since 2001, aimed at children with Down Syndrome, autism, or functional diversity in learning.

The Duque de Rivas Drama School has been pioneering **cultural exchanges with students from Denmark** for over twenty years. It has even showcased its own musical created and produced entirely by the School.

The Professional Music Conservatory develops the **“MUSIC” programme (Music Universal Symbol in Communication)**, which involves five schools in Sweden, Italy, Romania, Turkey and Spain, along with the Comenius and Comenius Regio programmes, funded by the European Union.

Important musical initiatives include the Southern Youth String Orchestra (SYSO), based in Lucena, which works with the Neighbourhood Watercolour Foundation to create **inclusion projects for young people at risk**, together with programmes run by the Millennium Association and Musintegrate, aimed at children with functional diversity.



LUCENA'S MUSIC RESOURCES

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Lucena, city of music, boasts a set of resources that are the foundation of this recognition. Year after year, hundreds of events are held based around music, which undoubtedly require infrastructure and social capital, all of which make this city the ideal space for the development of culture, music, and the generation of new artists. The on-going activity of these artists has generated the need for spaces and equipment, educational projects and events that mould their way of creating art and music. With over thirty music collectives and more than forty local artists, together with those who travel here from elsewhere, Lucena is a musically dynamic and innovative city. The miscellany found in its streets, including musicians, artists, and its ancient culture, are key to the creation of events with an international profile.

Detailed information about Lucena's music resources can be found at:

<http://lucenacityofmusic.com/recursos>



MUSIC SPACES AND EQUIPMENT

More than fifty infrastructures are available to artists and music collectives, used for staging and developing hundreds of activities put on every year in the city of Lucena.

THE DUAL MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

Inaugurated in November 2014, its design is minimalist and functional. A multipurpose building capable of staging shows and events. Its structure means the stage can be set up outdoors, doubling its capacity, from 435 to 1100 people.

PALACE OF THE COUNTS OF SANTA ANA

Built between 1730 and 1750, it boasts a magnificent façade and two wonderful courtyards, the second of which is arcaded. This building is dedicated to artistic activities and tourist experiences, with six performance spaces for musical, outdoor, and acoustic activities.

ERISANA PALACE

Inaugurated in 1953, it is fully equipped to put on all kinds of artistic events and shows, from concerts to painting exhibitions and plays. Since 1993, it has undergone renovation and refurbishment to improve its visibility and acoustics as well as its capacity, and it is home to the “Duque de Rivas” Municipal Drama School.



HOUSE OF THE MORA

This emblematic 17th Century building has been an oil mill, a winery and an aniseed factory. It retains its arcaded mannerist courtyard with round archways and columns resting on pedestals. The building is open to the public and hosts exhibitions, meetings, and teaching activities in a total of eleven rooms spread over three floors.

MORAL CASTLE

Defensive fortress built during the Almohad period. Its Homage Tower imprisoned the last King of Granada, Boabdil “El Chico”, following his capture at the battle of Martín González (1483). Declared a National Monument in 1931, it is home to the City’s Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Over the years, it has hosted all manner of different musical activities.



ARTISTS, COLLECTIVES AND EVENTS

MUSIC ARTISTS

Currently, **Lucena is home to over forty active artists** who were born in the city, from promising young hopefuls to established international professionals. People with a great artistic vocation, who bring the best human and professional capital to enhance the cultural and musical development of Lucena, spanning over thirty different styles of music.



COLLECTIVES

Thanks to interaction between Lucena's artists, **dozens of collectives have emerged to create art and culture.** From Dance schools to flamenco associations or peñas, along with performing arts groups and orchestras, which give shape to Lucena's cultural structure.



EVENTS

More than sixty events through which art and music are created. More than sixty events a year that give Lucena one of the most complete cultural agendas in the whole of Cordoba province. Entertainment, culture, music and fun for all ages enliven the city's tourist offer all year round.



<http://lucenacityofmusic.com/recursos/#participa>

LUCENA'S MUSIC RESOURCES

LUCENA WOULDN'T SOUND THE SAME WITHOUT YOU; WOULD BE OUT OF TUNE WITHOUT YOUR MUSIC!!

If you are not yet among Lucena's music resources, or you wish to modify your details, fill out our forms.



MUSIC ARTISTS



EDUCATIONAL-ARTISTIC
PROJECTS



EVENTS



CREATIVE
ACTIVITIES



MUSIC SPACES AND
EQUIPMENT



COLLECTIVES

6 INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMMES

SENSXPERIMENT

Proposals that use light, sound, space, perception and time as essential particles of the artistic matter of which they are composed, exploring the enveloping, intimate and even physical qualities of listening and the medium of sound.

SYNAESTHESIA OF WINE

A musical-gastronomic pairing that has marked a turning point in gastro-musical experiences. A great selection of the finest Spanish wines, creative tapas, and a string quartet, sounding of wine and tasting of Lucena.

HOW LUCENA SOUNDS AROUND THE WORLD

Initiative aimed at spreading the culture and musical values of Lucena around the world, and strengthening the exchange of know-how, good practices and experiences with other cities.

“MUSIC FOR TOLERANCE” BIENNIAL

Project built around solidarity, multiculturalism, and respect and tolerance for plurality. It includes all kinds of concerts and musical activities, such as the Music Fair.

MUSIC STAKEHOLDER EXCHANGE NETWORK

Designed to generate experiences and promote discussion about the challenges facing local music industries, as well as promote the private music sector in creative fields, distribution chains, and access to new markets.

LUCENA “HALF MARATHON IN CONCERT”

Road race around the city streets as well as through different buildings, such as the castle and ancestral homes, while groups and bands liven up the race with the best music.





TAPIJAZZ LUCENA

During the month of May, musical and gastronomic events and activities give shape to an international transversal festival, which promotes sustainable urban development and favours musical creativity and citizen participation.

CREATIVE FLAMENCO CONVENTION

Gathering of flamenco artists. Young creators who fuse flamenco with other musical styles come together with traditional creators to extol the creative industry in the world of flamenco.

CULTURE WITHOUT

Music, visual arts, theatre, literature and humour are the amalgam of resources that give shape to a cultural programme held every January. WITHOUT any cost and WITHOUT any age barriers to enjoyment. That is the motto of this programme.

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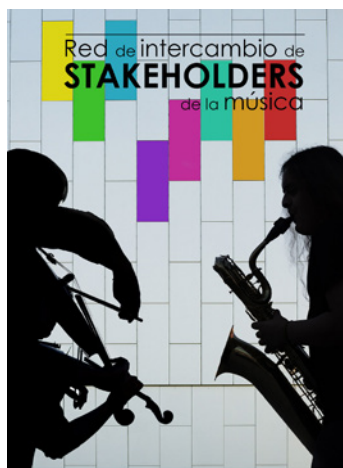
The most esteemed ensembles, together with professionals from the Cadiz Carnival, come together to bring the very best of the carnival to this city, at one of Andalusia's biggest festivals celebrating the 'chirigota' music genre, attracting over 1500 people from all over Spain.

NATIONAL SAETA CONTEST

National event that seeks to extol and preserve the tradition of the 'saeta', a musical genre that has been declared the heritage of humanity, popular with religious organisations and brotherhoods. In each edition, new artists take part alongside more established names.

LUCENA FANDANGO COMPETITION

Competition held biennially at which fandangos from Lucena are performed in their four styles, along with sung fandangos from the area of influence and other general styles, contributing to the preservation of this musical heritage.



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SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MUSIC AND CREATIVITY



RECORDING STUDIOS

Setting down words, notes, ideas and creativity is the task that marks the end of the long journeys artist travel to find inspiration. Lucena has infrastructures and professionals that can make the magic of music a reality.

SOUND AND LIGHTING

What is not stated explicitly in the lyrics can be conveyed when an artist performs. Lucena has professionals with international experience who will make it their mission to adapt to your creativity.



MUSIC SHOPS

A city that lives and breathes music cannot be without shops to supply the instruments and materials required by its artists. These fellow music professionals can advise you in the development of your talent and will be there to boost your inspiration.



RECORD SHOPS

Whatever you are looking for, whatever the format, in Lucena you will find somewhere where you will inevitably lose all sense of time among records, special editions, books and vinyl.

TICKET SALES

Tickets for all events held in Lucena can be bought from the city's web platform, so that you can choose which events you wish to attend from the comfort of your own home.



LUTHIER WORKSHOP

The luthier's main task is to build instruments. A traditional craft that reflects the soul of each artisan, creating unique instruments. Lucena is home to professionals capable of making new instruments or adjusting existing ones. An ancient craft in an ancient city.

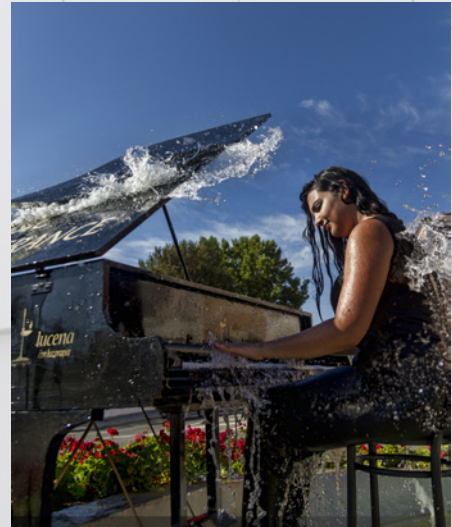
LUCENA, A PLACE WHERE INSPIRATION SPRINGS ETERNAL

Lucena offers you all **the resources you need to create your own music**. During your stay in the city, you can access any materials, instruments and equipment you need to channel your musicality. You can show your talent to the world, playing, composing, or sharing your musical tastes and contributions in any of the spaces set up for this. Contact us, tell us about your needs and concerns, and delight us with your music.

Develop your musical creativity; give free reign to your inspiration in this unique musical setting. Share in Lucena your passion for music with your friends, your band, your orchestra, or the members of your choir. You supply the music and we will make sure you can share it, from recording a video or a demo in one of the city's music studios, to putting on a concert in the auditorium, performing in a street parade, an evening at the flamenco association, a visit to a Luthier workshop, a master class, and even music networking.

Lucena is the **destination where you can disconnect and unleash your inner artist**. You can put your musical ability into practice in our facilities and share your creativity, knowledge and concerns with local artists and the general public.

Lucena is designed for you to make music! Come, be inspired, create! You will shine with your own inner light!



9 ENJOY AND DISCOVER THIS MUSICAL ENCLAVE

The city of Lucena stands out not only for its musical creativity. Come to Lucena.

You will see that its location **makes it one of the most accessible places in Andalusia!**

Rest and recharge at the various urban and rural accommodation options in Lucena!

Enjoy Andalusian gastronomy; savour Extra Virgin Olive Oil from Lucena, with its own Protected Designation of Origin, and Montilla Moriles wine, also with its own Protected Designation of Origin!

Be enriched by its ancient culture. Journey to “The Pearl of Sepharad” and discover “The City of Poets”!

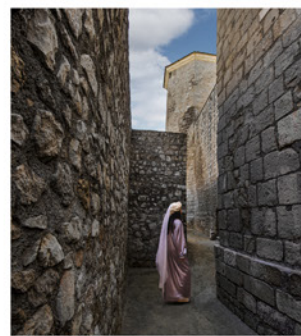
Take part in creative activities and guided tours to learn about its interesting historic, cultural and monumental heritage!

Take part in outdoor and sporting activities in the city’s natural surroundings!

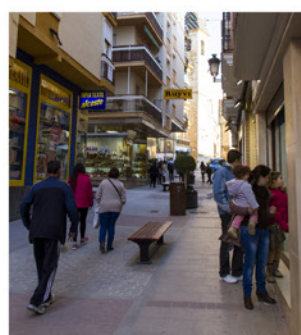
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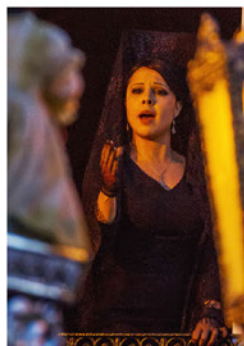
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