

FIESTA EN PURCHENA was suggested to me by the following quotation from Eleanor Hague very interesting book "Music In Ancient Arabia and Spain". In a Chapter dealing with Moorish festivals, she relates that "The moors who most vitally maintained their tradition were those of the kingdom of Granada, the last stronghold of islamism in the peninsula. The most vivid pictures of the music festivals celebrated in the kingdom are to be found in the works of Ginés Pérez de Hita. As an example I give the following; which shows the subtlety, orderliness, and elegance of their artistic contests: "The plaza of Purchena was ready for the dances, With many carpets spread; all the important people were seated round about with Ibn Humeya on a dais, and lute and timbrel in place. Many Moorish youths, beautifully dressed, danced, one by one, marvellously well. The-reafter followed various cavaliers, dancing with lovely Moorish ladies"

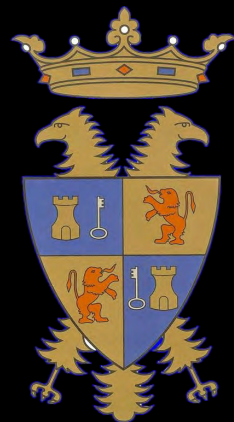
Albert Hay Malotte, American composer (1895-1964),
About his play for piano *Fiesta en Purchena* (1938) based on the Moorish Games



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Thursday, 21 of July 2016

The Moorish people arrive to the Valley. Moorish Wrestling between Caracacha and Maleh

18:00: Moorish Games for Children (in front of the School).

19:00: Moorish Wrestling for children. Purchena Square.

19:00: Opening of the Arabian and Gastronomic and Sporting Market. Larga, Constitución y Gustavo Villapalos squares.

21:15: Parade with the Local Band Music and School of Dance.

Raising of Flags. Opening Ceremony.

Historical staging of the Moorish Games.

Senior Moorish Wrestling. Final. (Purchena square).

00.00h: Musical Nights of the Moorish Games. *Shirin, Danza Oriental* presents the show *El Milenio de los Sentidos*; Arabian music and belly dance.

Viernes 22 de Julio de 2016

Moorish Challenge. Abenayx and Mamiaga prove their strength.

16:30: Moorish Games Chess Tournament. Place: new Purchena Town Council.

19:00: Opening of the Arabian and Gastronomic and Sporting Market. Larga, Constitución y Gustavo Villapalos squares.

19:30: Living Chess. Plaza de España.

21:15: Parade with the Local Band Music and School of Dance.

Historical staging of the Moorish Games.

22:00: Moorish Challenge (Male and female): Timed circuit of the following sporting competitions: Lifting of the "Burxana" stone with 68 kg, throw with sling, Brick-Lifting, Shot Put, triple Jump and throw of stones.

00.00h: Musical Nights. *Rakedonia*. Folk Music of different countries. Active participation of the public.

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Sábado 23 de Julio de 2016

Half League Race. The final is coming. Ribbon Race Horse

19:00: : Opening of the Arabian and Gastronomic and Sporting Market.

19:10: Traditional Sports of the Moorish Games:

Throw with sling and throw of stones.

20:00: *Half League Race* (12 Kms). Start and end in Purchena Square.

20:10: Dance workshops for everyone. **In the square.**

21:15: Parade with the Local Band Music and School of Dance.

Historical staging of the Moorish Games.

Ribbon Race Horse.

Competition of Arabian Dance.

00.00: Closing Ceremony

00:30: Musical nights *Dunia Hennia. Arabian music and dance.*

Other Activities

Historical and Literary Conferences of the Moorish Games

Monday 18 of July. New Purchena Town Hall.

20:00. *D. Quixote, Sancho and Ricote the Moorish*. Conference by José Arias Mora based in his book "The route of the second trip of Don Quixote from La Mancha to Andalusia".

Tuesday 19 of July. New Purchena Town Hall.

21:00. "The fantastic story of Aben Humeya". Performance by Purchena Local Theatre Group.

Wednesday 20 of July. New Purchena Town Hall.

20:30.- Presentation of the novel *Hierba Pisada: La Tragedia Morisca*, by her author Remedios Martínez Anaya. With the collaboration of: Book Club Aljibe from Purchena.

21:30.- Music performance of *Ensemble Burxana. Music and poems of Al Andalus.*

-Arabian Market: storytellings, performances, workshops... everyday