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Passage Festival offers a bit of everything. Among other things, the walking performance Sfumato, which originates from Catalonia. Photo: Toni Torrillas/Press

Catalonia is Crazy About Helsingør Festival – Donates Large Sum of Money

It is located 2,000 kilometers away, but the Catalans are crazy about the Passage Festival in Helsingør.

The Passage Festival is a recurring Helsingør event, supported by several Danish foundations. But there is also support from a more unexpected source: The Spanish region of Catalonia has sent a significant sum of money northwards.

22,750 euros – equivalent to 170,000 Danish kroner – have been received from the region, more specifically from Institut Ramon Llull, a public institution whose purpose is to promote Catalan culture and language.

"Barcelona is a creative center for circus and street theatre, and over many years we have developed a really good relationship with them – something they now also appreciate with financial support. It's one of the really potent areas in relation to the festival," says Jens Frimann Hansen.

This year's festival takes place from July 28 to August 2, with over 200 program items, including several Catalan artists – a tradition now established.

"Late in the evening, we can offer an unpredictable clown performance from the group Los Galindos, which is flawless from set design to acting. They are simply the best. They are booked until 2027, but you can see them at this year's festival," says Jens Frimann Hansen.

The festival director hopes that the cooperation with Catalonia can continue and be expanded in the coming years.

"We are in dialogue with several of the major festivals – La Mercé, Festival Grec, and Fira Tarrega – about a longer-term collaboration that will likely also benefit the Market Town Anniversary in 2026," says Jens Frimann Hansen.