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## Filming begins on 'Favàritx', the first international fiction co-production of IB3

The project, co-produced by IB3 and promoted by the production company Empàtic Films, is set on the island of Menorca

**Crimes, intrigue and corruption are the enticements of this 5-episode series that can be seen on IB3 Televisió**

Filming of 'Favàritx' has officially begun. The first IB3 fiction series created and set on the island of Menorca in collaboration with the production company Empàtic Films has started filming. The filming process began yesterday Tuesday with a sequence recorded at the Teatre Principal de Maó. It is expected that in the coming days the filming team will move to a farm near Maó to record the new sequences and the following week to film at the emblematic Favàritx lighthouse.

'Favàritx' is the result of the original idea of Menorcan screenwriter Lluís Illescas, directed by Rafa Montesinos, winner of a Silver Biznaga, nominated for a Goya, and director of thrillers such as 'El inmortal' and the series 'La caza', and Adán Aliaga. It is an international co-production led by the Menorcan production company Empàtic Films, with Dani Ba-gur and Kiko Domínguez at the helm, and with the Valencian production company TV ON Produccio-nes and Volf Entertainment, from Portugal.

The Menorcan actors Enka Alonso and Àlvar Triay are part of the cast which is completed by the Majorcan actress Paz García, the actor Abdelatif Hwida, winner of a Goya, and Pepe Rapazote, renowned Portuguese actor.

The project co-produced by IB3 has also been joined by other entities, such as RTP, the Public Radio-television of Portugal. It also receives the support of the Council of Menorca, the Institute of Cultural Industries of the Balearic Islands and the Valencian Institute of Culture.

The series project has national recognition after winning the Spain Film Commission award at the Conecta Fiction & Entertainment forum, held in Toledo in June 2023.

Crimes, intrigue and corruption are the attractions of this series of 5 episodes that can be seen on IB3 Televisió. It tells the story of Marta Serra and Àlex Castro, two new homicide inspectors on the island of Menorca. After a few days of assuming the position, Laura Vidal, the councilor of Urbanism of the island government, appears dead. What at first seems like a simple suicide, turns into a succession of murders that follow the same pattern. The pair of inspectors confront a serial killer who kills by feigning suicide.

All the victims are connected because they share a dark secret from the past. During the investigation, Marta and Àlex discover a plot of urban corruption orchestrated by the Portuguese mafia, which has decided to use the quiet island of Menorca as a hiding place for the drug and the point of diffusion towards Europe.

### 'Favàritx' has won a European grant of 250,000 euros

The fictional series project 'Favàritx' has won a European grant to encourage the international co-production of these types of audiovisual projects. 'Favàritx' is promoted by the Menorcan production company Empàtic Films and IB3. So far, only two Spanish projects have benefited from the first line of Eurimages aid. Of the total of 7 million euros that are distributed in this pilot program that depends on the Council of Europe, Menorcan production will receive 250,000 euros.

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