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# CCB gains vertical garden and will inaugurate it with a Spring party

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**The Belém Cultural Center is holding a party on March 21, World Poetry Day. The free event includes several activities for the whole family and the inauguration of a vertical garden measuring over ten meters high, to welcome spring.**

This is the third consecutive time that the Centro Cultural de Belém has celebrated World Poetry Day with free activities for all ages. However, this year the programme also includes the **inauguration of a vertical garden**, as part of Lisbon's European Green Capital 2020. Measuring 17 metres high and covering an area of around 250 m<sup>2</sup>, the project by landscape architect Francisco Caldeira Cabral, who is responsible for the CCB's other outdoor and green spaces, consists of 7,524 pots with various plants.

In addition to the inauguration of the garden at 3:30 pm, on the pedestrian path, you will be able to count on tributes to David Mourão-Ferreira, Alexandre O'Neill, Pedro Homem de Mello, José Carlos Ary dos Santos, Manuel Alegre and many others known as *Os Poetas de Amália*, as part of the centenary of the birth of the fado singer. Between 2 pm and 7 pm,

there will be activities in several rooms, from a Reading Marathon to the screening of the documentary *Com Que Voz* (2019), by Nicholas Oulman.

But the party starts at 10:00, with the exhibition “The Sea is Our Land”, which can be visited until 19:00, in the Architecture Exhibition area of Garagem Sul. From 14:00, you can also see, subject to prior registration (213 612 899 or [fabricadasartes@ccb.pt](mailto:fabricadasartes@ccb.pt)), the “Pharmácia Amália”, in the Fábrica das Artes Space. Teresa Gentil’s installation is made up of three booths, each with a sound “drug” on which there is a leaflet with all the information necessary for correct administration.

On the same day, there will be other parallel activities taking place from 15:00. In addition to the Reading Marathon (15:00-18:00), in the Fernando Pessoa Room, there will be fado concerts (19:00-21:00), in the Small Auditorium; the launch of the book *Toda Poesia*, by Paulo Leminski, and staged reading sessions (15:30-18:00), in the Vianna da Mota Room. There will also be a literary exhibition at the entrance and reception of the CCB (15:00-19:00), where you can find many editions of poets from Amália and beyond.

*Belém Cultural Center. Sat 10.00-20.00. Free.*

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