

# CASA BATLLÓ PRESENTS THE MUSICAL 'GAUDÍ: THE AWAKENING OF A GENIUS' AT TEATRE POLIORAMA DURING GAUDÍ YEAR 2026

Following its premiere in Reus, the production arrives in Barcelona as one of the major cultural highlights marking the centenary of Gaudí's death

The musical will run at Teatre Poliorama from November 2026 to January 2027, with tickets now on sale through the theatre's website

Produced by Trílope and co-created with Casa Batlló, the production invites audiences of all ages to discover the childhood and formative years of the renowned architect



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As part of **Gaudí Year 2026**, *Gaudí: The Awakening of a Genius* arrives in Barcelona, offering audiences a new family musical that explores the childhood and formative years of Antoni Gaudí. Tickets are already on sale for the production, which will premiere at **Teatre Poliorama** on **15 November 2026** and run until **24 January 2027**.

On **26 June**, the **Teatre Fortuny** in Reus hosted the show's premiere in a particularly symbolic setting, both because of the dates—between the anniversaries of Antoni Gaudí's death and birth (he died on 10 June 1926 and was born on 25 June 1852)—and because of its close connection to the region where his story began. As **Gary Gautier**, CEO of Casa Batlló, explains: *"We wanted this journey into the origins of the genius to begin close to his roots before making its way to Barcelona."*

The premiere brought together hundreds of spectators, who enjoyed an exclusive first performance filled with emotion as *Gaudí: The Awakening of a Genius* officially took flight.

## An innovative musical production

The musical offers an original and moving look at the early years of the world-renowned architect. Through live music, humour, fantasy and an innovative staging, the production reveals how a boy shaped by illness and fascinated by nature gradually developed the sensitivity and creativity that would transform architecture forever.

Director **Cristina Estarelles** explains: *"We wanted to move away from the monumental image of the genius and instead focus on the child behind the architect. We were interested in understanding how illness, the observation of nature and his extraordinary sensitivity helped shape his unique way of seeing the world. This is a story about creativity, but also about resilience and the ability to transform difficulties into opportunities."*

Based on real events, the production combines a wide variety of musical styles in a true **"sonic trencadís"**—a mosaic of sounds blending pop, rock, classical music and traditional Catalan songs, among others. The result is an experience designed for families as well as lovers of culture, heritage and Gaudí's work. The show is suitable for all audiences and recommended for ages six and up.

Musical director and arranger **Asier Olabarrieta** adds: *"The music reflects Gaudí's creative universe. We've built a true sonic trencadís where different styles, rhythms and sounds coexist, just as Gaudí combined seemingly impossible materials, forms and colours to create harmonious masterpieces. The score is also a journey through the imagination of a child discovering his own talent."*

## Driven by Casa Batlló during Gaudí Year 2026

*Gaudí: The Awakening of a Genius* forms part of the activities commemorating the centenary of Antoni Gaudí's death, presenting the architect from a human, accessible and inspiring perspective for audiences of all ages.

Casa Batlló's involvement—one of Gaudí's most iconic masterpieces and one of the world's leading institutions dedicated to preserving and sharing his legacy—has been fundamental to the conception and development of the project. According to **Gary Gautier**: *"For the first time, Casa Batlló brings Gaudí's story to the stage through a musical created for audiences of all ages. It is a new way of sharing his legacy by focusing on his childhood and on the deeply human side of an extraordinary creator."*

## Poliorama: a benchmark for family theatre

**Anna Victori**, partner at Teatre Poliorama, welcomes the production as part of the theatre's family programme: *"We are delighted to present this original Catalan musical as part of our family programming. Gaudí: The Awakening of a Genius will be the perfect finale to a season celebrating thirty years of Teatre Poliorama's commitment to family theatre."*

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