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## Masters at Barcelona in April 2011



The 'Espiritu de Montjuich: the Catalan Classic Revival' is a new event from Masters Historic Racing, to be held on the Barcelona Grand Prix circuit next spring. The race meeting, to take place on 8-10 April 2011, will pay homage to Barcelona's former street circuit at Montjuich Park with a full selection of GP, Le Mans, sports-racing, GT and historic Touring Car grids.

A fatal accident at the **Grand Prix** in 1975 finally closed the street circuit and led ultimately to the building of today's modern track, which will host the **Masters** event.

Much attention will also be paid to local history, including the achievements of the famous local **Escuderia Montjuich** 1960s/1970s racing team, and there will be a strong Spanish flavour to proceedings. As **Christopher Tate**, series director for **Masters**, points out, "Just recently, we became the first-ever UK group to co-promote under **Spanish Federation** rules a historic race meeting in Spain; that was at our season-closer at **Monteblanco near Seville**, which was something of a dress rehearsal for **Barcelona**."



"Very few historic racers across Europe have ever been able to sample the **Circuit de Catalunya** and, until now, there has never been a true classic festival held there. With the imagination and experience of our Spanish partner, **Jesús Pozo**, and with the enthusiastic participation of the management team at **Circuit de Catalunya**, we look forward to a really exciting start to our 2011 racing season."

**Jesús Pozo**, creator of the top Spanish classic car shows, as well as the **Martini Legends** event at **Montjuich** and a collector himself, adds, "Spain, and the Catalan region in particular, has a great racing history from exactly the period which **Masters** regularly celebrates, the 1960s and 1970s. We will be displaying some of **Escuderia Montjuich's** surviving team cars, as well as taking competitors and visitors around the old circuit on guided tours with team drivers of that era."

Entry applications for the **Catalan Classic** will open on 1 December, and **Masters** anticipates enthusiasm from historic drivers to race on the full GP circuit (not using the latest FOM chicanes) – and all of it just a short distance from a city which is now Europe's most popular tourist destination.

For further information, see [www.themastersseries.com](http://www.themastersseries.com).

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