

## The University of Barcelona exhibits a mural painting by urban artist Roc Blackbloc in memory of the victims of the Holocaust

- Performed with the collaboration of twelve students of the artistic baccalaureate of the secondary school Moisès Broggi in Barcelona, the mural will be exposed in the historical building of the University until March 22;
- The project was curated by the professor of Fine Arts of the UB, Nuria Ricart, and directed by Jordi Guixé, director of the European Observatory of Memories of the UB Solidarity Foundation;
- The work will be presented on Tuesday, March 13, at 7 pm, at a public event with the participation of the Vice Rector of Equality and Social Action of the UB, Maite Vilalta, and the Vice Rector of Arts, Culture and Heritage, Salvador García Fortes.

**Barcelona, March 9, 2018.** A large graffiti in tribute to the victims of the Holocaust and dedicated to the Spanish Republicans deported to the Nazi camps has been integrated this month into the landscape of the Historic Building of the University of Barcelona. The mural «**In memory of the victims of the Holocaust**», carried out within the framework of the activities of the European Observatory on Memories ([EUROM](#)) with the support of the City Council of Barcelona will be exposed until March 22 in the garden square of the Josep Carner building (access by Carrer d'Aribau, 2).

The creation is signed by the urban artist [Roc Blackblock](#) and was painted live at Plaça del Rei between January 23 and 25. It was inaugurated in the Museum of History of Barcelona (MUHBA) on January 27, on the occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Twelve students of the first year of the artistic baccalaureate of the Institut Moisès Broggi of Barcelona collaborated in the performance. They previously took part in an informative session about the Holocaust and memorial art in the public space, taught by the historian and director of EUROM, Jordi Guixé, and by the same artist.

The mural is inspired by the graphic novel *Maus*, by Art Spiegelman, and was conceived as a traveling work, with the concern of transmitting the memory of the Nazi genocide to the new generations. Based on a mixture of iconic, artistic, testimonial and documentary elements, the mural illustrates the multiplicity of victims of the Holocaust and pays homage to the Spanish Republicans deported to Nazi concentration camps during Franco's dictatorship.

The work will be **presented at the University of Barcelona on Tuesday, March 13, at 7 pm**. The act is open to the general public and will count with the participation of the Vice Rector for Equality and Social Action of the UB, Maite Vilalta, and the Vice Rector of Arts, Culture and Heritage of the UB, Salvador García Fortes. Also involved are the director of the project, Jordi Guixé; the curator of the exhibition and professor at the Faculty of Fine Arts of the UB, Núria

Ricart; the artist responsible for the creation and execution of the mural, Roc Blackblock, and the teacher of the Institut Moisès Broggi Fanny Figueres.

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## About the University of Barcelona

The University of Barcelona is the top public university in Catalonia regarding the amount of students, around 64.000, and course offerings, with 73 bachelor degrees, more than 150 university master degrees and 48 doctoral programs. It holds the first position at a State level in scientific performance, which makes it the main research center in Spain and one of the most important centers in Europe.

The UB is the leading higher education institution in Spain in the main international rankings, such as the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARW) or the QS World University Rankings. It also stands out regarding employability, a category in which is listed among the top 70 universities worldwide according to the QS Graduate Employability Rankings.

Member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), the UB has 17 awarded researchers with grants from the European Research Council. In 2016, Times Higher Education included the University of Barcelona among the top 25 universities worldwide with more than 400 years of history.

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