Festivity of the Cantaderas

A commemoration of the Christian victory at the Battle of Clavijo and the liberation from the legendary tribute of the ‘hundred maidens’ that the Astur-Leonese monarchs were forced to pay annually to the Moorish caliphs. The ceremony reenacts the original: the young maidens, known as ‘cantaderas’ and dressed in medieval costume, dance to the beat set by the ‘sotadora’, a Muslim woman responsible for instructing them in Moorish customs, as the procession makes its way from the square in front of the Town Hall to the Cathedral.

General information

Classification of Festivities: Castilla y León Tourist Interest

Kind of Festivity: Popular

Date: Domingo anterior al 5 de octubre

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