

**“Scientists: past, present, and future” a play that highlights the role of women in science**

**LOCATION:** Seville

**DURATION:** 1'37”

**SUMMARY:** Important notification: the doctors that participated in this project warn that this play can create an addiction to science. “Scientists: past, present, and future” is the theatrical initiative of 5 Sevillian scientists and the creator of the idea, Paco Vega, to highlight the role of women in the world of science. Scientists acting as scientists, rising to the stage to interpret the stories of remarkable female researchers, women that fought not only for science, but to demonstrate that women are equal to men.

**VTR:**

The University of Seville. An assembly hall full of kids with their eyes glued to this: “Scientists: past, present, and future”. A play that tries to raise awareness about female scientists from the past and present in order to encourage future female scientists.

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*“We want to show that they don’t have to be men to be in science, even though until now this is what has been displayed.”*

The idea is Paco Vega’s, a physicist from the University of Seville, who wanted to instill in his daughter and every girl, that there is nothing they cannot do for simply being a woman.

**FRANCISCO MANUEL VEGA**

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*“There have always been female scientists. There are and it’s essential that there will be.”*

In this mission, Paco successfully convinced five researchers from the present to interpret 5 researchers from the past.

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*“The objective was to show that there are women who are dedicated to the sciences and engineering, and show it to small children. I could not miss the opportunity, I had to say yes, and I couldn’t say anything else.”*

According to the last report of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology, in Spain the interest that girls and women have in science is approximately half that of boys and men. This is something that these scientists want to reverse, using initiatives such as this one.

**CLARA GRIMA**

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*“I don’t understand why girls wouldn’t be interested in science when it is such a fascinating thing. There is nothing more fascinating than to understand the universe.”*

The message is clear:

**ISABEL FERNÁNDEZ**

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*“These are the scientists of the past: we represent the present, but the best thing is to come because you girls and boys are the future.”*

Because the history of science can also be written by women.