



MARINA ALTA ARTS NEWS & EVENTS



Dear members and friends,

Since March we have been frustrated by being unable to continue our programme due to the limitations placed upon us by the Covid-19 infections, including travel restrictions and quarantine measures. Planned tours, the Arts Fair and monthly meetings have been subsequently cancelled and are difficult to reschedule with an ever-changing set of rules.

Our committee has continued monthly meetings by Zoom, and recently face to face as a group. After much consideration we now feel able to offer a lecture on 1st October 2020 following our visit to Salones Canor checking their compliance with the regulations and safety procedures now in place, also adding additional measures we believe appropriate.

A summary of the Members' Survey encouraged us to propose this next lecture.

Probably you feel as strongly as we that we must try to re-establish the monthly events as far as possible, and to meet socially in a safe environment. We recognise we need members to feel that all possible safety measures are in place.

We are hoping that many of you will feel able to attend on 1st October and that we

can look forward positively to planning future activities. I look forward to meeting and greeting you at Salones Canor.

Keep well and safe.

Rod Anderton, Chair

NEXT LECTURE

Political Art

By Rosalind Miranda

1 October 2020

10:00am Registration & Coffee

10:50am Registration closes

Lecture at 11:00am

Complimentary glass of wine, soft drinks &

"Welcome Back" lunch

Salones Canor, Teulada

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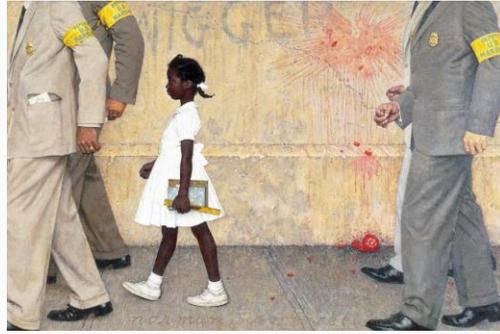
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ABOUT THE LECTURE

Please do not be dispirited with the title of this lecture. Although most propaganda is of a political nature, this is not the core of Rosalind's lecture.

Instead of showing ways in which governments try to influence our thinking, her approach to this subject is from the other side. The presentation shows how independent artists have tried and have succeeded, some are still trying to put across a message that reflects how they see their own present

or past times. Some regimes try to control forms of artistic expression, others to eliminate them altogether.



"The Problem We All Live With" Norman Rockwell 1963

Whenever this happens, there will be some courageous individuals who rebel. The works discussed will start in the 19th century and continue up into the 21st, with an emphasis on understanding the political background of each of these works. Artwork may be directly aimed at a political cause, either to endorse it or otherwise, or it may send a message. Whatever the aims of the artist when trying to express socio-economic conditions and political content it is up to you the public to evaluate, learn and make your own decisions. We trust that this lecture will help in understanding more of what the 'Political Artist' is trying to convey, and to give more thought to their works.

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**MEET ROSALIND
MIRANDA....Artist,
Academic, Traveller, and
Writer**

Rosalind is a native New Yorker, raised in Manhattan. Her father was an art teacher who started taking her to the superb museums locally when she was quite young. Thus began her deep interest in art and artists. After completing her studies at university, she joined the faculty of the University of Connecticut for five years. She then left the United States to teach at a college in New Zealand. Later, taking a four-year break from academia, she sailed around the South and North Pacific, finishing the trip in Hong Kong,



where she recommenced teaching for a dozen years before moving to Spain. Rosalind is the recognised author of a highly acclaimed workbook ‘Celestial Navigation for Yachtsmen’. She may even show you how to navigate by using the stars!

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)

NEW MEETING REGULATIONS: COVID-19

A maximum of 60 members and guests can attend a lecture. Members must reserve their place in advance by **CLICKING ON the PINK EVENT REGISTRATION button and submitting the form by September 21st**. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will be offered to members first. If fewer than 60 members book, places will then be offered to guests. At the time of booking, members will be asked to confirm their phone number, and guests will be required to provide a phone number, in case we need to track and trace.

We are working closely with Salones Canor to develop a new protocol, as follows. At the lecture, you must wear a mask at all times except when you are eating or drinking, and you must observe social distancing. The seats will be numbered, pre-allocated, and spaced 1.5 meters apart. Sanitising gel will be provided. All seats and surfaces will have been disinfected. The toilets will be operating at 50% capacity, and we ask that you wait outside and observe social distancing.

When you arrive, please check in as normal as a member or guest and confirm your contact details. If you are attending as a guest, we ask that you bring the correct money, 15 Euros.

We intend to open the windows to allow fresh air to circulate rather than putting on the air conditioning units. We have already bought a microphone stand which allows users to be hands free. The doors will either be open, or opened by, committee members.

The usual coffee and wine service will be available, and to celebrate our return on October 1, we will be offering you a complimentary (plated) lunch as a "thank you" for your patience this year.

We very much look forward to seeing you again on October 1st.

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MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

2021 ANNUAL MEMBERS' RENEWAL PROMOTION

Your Committee has taken the decision to reduce the 2021 annual subscription for existing members to 30 euros. This greatly reduced rate will apply to people who were members in 2020, in recognition of the effects of Covid-19 on our programme this year. New members in 2021 will continue to pay 50 euros. We have every hope and intention of providing a full programme of lectures in 2021.

2021 PROGRAMME

ANNOUNCING THE 2021 PROGRAMME

A very warm welcome to a preview of the 2021 The Arts Society's illustrated lectures. We have a stellar year of programmes to look forward to! We will challenge you to be "**visually literate**", **introduce you to the action backstage at the opera, entertain you with charades of Charles Dickens' characters, and astound you with images of the cathedrals of London's underground and the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.** Please join us next February for a cultural journey that is

sociable, enjoyable and sure to inspire you.



To preview the eight planned lectures and their highly accredited presenters, please [CLICK HERE](#) for the full 2021 Programme.

MEMBERS' SURVEY RESULTS

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On August 13, 2020, The Committee sent a survey to 113 of our members. Of those sent, 92 emails were opened and 55 members responded to the questions:

Q1: *How likely are you to attend the October 1st meeting at Salones Canor?*

The range was from **Likely: 24 members (43.6%)** to **Unlikely: 15 members (27.3%)**

Q2: *How likely are you to attend a recorded Zoom lecture at Salones Canor?*

The range was from **Likely: 17 members (30.9%)** to **Unlikely: 25 members (45.5%)**

Q3. *Would you be interested in participating in an online Zoom meeting in your home?*

The range was from **Likely: 11 members (20%)** to **Unlikely: 23 members (41.8%)**

Q4. *In your opinion, what measures can be implemented to improve the likelihood of*

your attendance of future meetings?

To read the anonymous responses [CLICK HERE](#)

CULTURAL TRIPS & EVENTS



ROMANIA TRIP: POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 2021.

Any questions please contact Dodie Hodgkinson at romaniatrip@marinaaltaarts.com

MARRAKECH CULTURAL TRIP: POSTPONED

We are planning on rescheduling this 6-day trip in 2021. Which month is still to be determined when travel to Morocco is safe.

Any questions please email Lanie Widmar at marrakechtrip2020@gmail.com

THE ARTS FAIR 2020: POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

The Arts Fair will be rescheduled in the autumn of 2021.

Any questions please email Maggie Clifford-Eales at ArtsFair20@gmail.com.

Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GETTING INVOLVED: WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

Our Society is made of its members of whom some are part of the Committee that

take care of the main activities of the Society. The Committee is small and we appeal to members to give us a helping hand when they are able to do so. There are many ways in which you can assist us by volunteering. We hope that you, as a member, will find something of interest on the following areas that will encourage you to contact us for more information.

LECTURE DAY ASSISTANCE

Volunteer to welcome attending members and guests.

Assist at the lecture day desks (visitors, events and travel).

Please contact Rod Anderton: tasma.chair@gmail.com

NEW COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Programme and Social Events We are appealing for any members interested to assist with expanding our programme and social activities. If you like to organise events, programmes and excursions, please contact Lanie

Widmar: tasma.programme@gmail.com.

Audio-visual Technical Support

We are actively searching for a technically experienced volunteer to assist on the morning of the lectures with the audio visual preparation and to deputise for the audiovisual man. Please contact Andrew Ward at tasma.audiovisual@gmail.com

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