

# **MARINA ALTA ARTS NEWS & EVENTS**

*Dear Member,*

**Notes from the Chair.**

**In these turbulent times the Arts Society is making every endeavour to bring some aspects of normality to our general lives. The inaugural ZOOM meeting has proved somewhat of a success, as upwards of 57 members & friends joined in a marvelous presentation by Gavin Plumley in his inimitable style.**

**Having girded our loins, we are following that with an equally interesting presentation by a UK based Spanish lecturer Arantxa Sardina based around the visit of one of our favourite local artists, Joaquin Sorolla , following his visit to America. The numbers of members and guests who joined our meeting has encouraged the Committee to make even more endeavours to make these events as simple and enjoyable as possible. Thank you to Andrew Ward & Wang Choy for their joint effort in supporting the process.**

**As Rod Anderton, a staunch supporter of the Society, has retired from the Committee we have an immediate need for additional ‘vocals’ to join and help organise and be involved more directly with the organisation.**

**Please let either myself or one of the Committee know if you wish to join our merry band of stalwarts.**

**Keep well, stay safe.**

*David Glover*

**Chair.**

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## **NEXT LECTURE**

***Sorolla Enlightens Manhattan***

**By Arantxa Sardina**

**4 March 2021**

**10:45AM "Waiting Room" Opens**

**Lecture at 11:00AM**

**Sponsor:** [Blevins Franks](#)

### **ABOUT THE LECTURE:**

Joaquin Sorolla was an extremely successful Spanish artist at the turn of the 20th century. In 1911, he was commissioned to paint a series of canvases to decorate the Hispanic Society of America in New York. This ambitious project took over his life and even his health, and he was unfortunately unable to see his completed work installed in 1926. His 'Vision of Spain' is a love letter to Spanish traditions,

to the diversity of the regions, to the people, the landscape and the monuments of a country that had lost its vast empire and was struggling to find its own modern identity. In this lecture we will look at Sorolla's magnificent and not well-known masterpiece, comprised of fourteen panels which are the 'Sistine Chapel' of the Hispanic Society.

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### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

If you use a desktop, laptop, tablet or mobile phone, please make sure that you download the Zoom App in advance from your App Store.

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e-mail [trainingmainlandeuropa@theartsociety.org](mailto:trainingmainlandeuropa@theartsociety.org) who will try and help you with all your technical issues.

*Thank you for your participation!*

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## **MEET ARANTXA SARDINA**

Arantxa Sardina is an official guide of the Tate, covering the permanent collection and some of the temporary exhibitions at both galleries. She has completed her M.A. in Art History at the Open University, where her dissertation focused on fellow Spaniard Joaquin Sorolla, the master painter of Mediterranean light. She is also an enthusiastic amateur musician, playing the cello and the piano and a lover of opera and ballet.

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## **THE ARTS SOCIETY GOES ZOOM IN 2021**

The Arts Society Marina Alta held its first AGM on ZOOM on the 4th Feb. followed by an inaugural ZOOM presentation from the UK by Gavin Plumley.

The event was organised by the Committee led by Andrew Ward supported by Wang Choy, The Arts Society Training guru located in the Netherlands.

Upwards of 57 members & guests ZOOM'd in on 41 screens with an additional few looking in from the wings.

It is hard to remember that in February 2020 we were having a quite normal year and were able to mix socially to celebrate the enthusiasm of our members and the

hard work of our Committee. This season is different and has required a very different approach. On the day we were pleased to welcome new members Gordon & Caryl Sellars, and Jean Douglas-Laird. [READ MORE](#)

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## MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WELCOME NOTE TO OUR NEW 2021 MEMBERS!**

On behalf of the Committee, we are pleased to welcome our new members, Gordon and Caryl Sellars, Jean Douglas-Laird and Russell Widmar.

### **NEW MEMBER INVITATION TO JOIN**

We are pleased to invite you to join The Arts Society Marina Alta, a member of The Arts Society UK. The Arts Society UK is the leading UK arts organisation working to advance decorative and fine arts education and appreciation, alongside promoting the conservation of our artistic heritage. The Arts Society UK brings together 90,000 people worldwide through a shared curiosity for the arts, and opens up the world of the arts for everyone to enjoy, learn, participate in, and preserve.

To download the **Application Form**, please [CLICK HERE](#)

### **2021 ANNUAL MEMBERS' RENEWAL**

Annual subscriptions are 50€ per annum and run from 1 January to 31 December. Exceptionally, in 2021, existing members will pay a reduced fee of 30€ per annum, in recognition of the difficulties experienced by the Society during 2020 due to Covid-19. Fees are normally paid by 31 December 2020, but for those joining after that date, they should be paid at the same time as your Application for Membership is made. This subscription rate is only achievable through the generous donations of our sponsors and includes the annual membership subscription of 16€ to The Arts Society UK. For more information [CLICK HERE.](#)

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## CULTURAL TRIPS & EVENTS

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### **GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM BILBAO TRIP: JULY 2021**

#### **THE ARTS SOCIETY MARINA ALTA PROPOSED BILBAO/SAN SEBASTIAN CULTURAL TOUR**

We are very excited to offer to our members a 4-night, 5-day cultural fine art and architecture trip to Bilbao and San Sebastian. The highlights of the trip include: private tours of the world-famous Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, the Museo de Belles Artes, the Eduardo Chillida Gallery, Bilbao Old Town and San Sebastian; a private art collection viewing, wine-tasting and lunch among the vineyards at Bodega Casa Primicia's private finca. Included is four nights' accommodation in a 4\* star boutique hotel, located in Bilbao's Historic Old Town.

The tour is limited to 16 members. The price is 1000 euros per person. If you are interested to make a reservation, please send your name(s) and email to [bilbaotrip2021@gmail.com](mailto:bilbaotrip2021@gmail.com). A confirmation will be sent with all details regarding the trip registration, trip deposit, deadline to sign up and cancellation information.

***To read the full TRIP PROPOSAL [CLICK HERE.](#)***

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### **MARRAKECH CULTURAL TRIP: OCTOBER 2021**

**We are rescheduling this 5-night cultural trip to Marrakech for  
October 10 - 15, 2021.**

Details will be forthcoming, as we reconfirm hotel accommodations.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please  
email Lanie Widmar [marrakechtrip2020@gmail.com](mailto:marrakechtrip2020@gmail.com)

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## **ROMANIA TRIP: POSTPONED TO MAY 2022**

The Romania trip has been postponed until May 2022 as we could not guarantee that everyone would be vaccinated before the final payment was due in March this year. We await confirmation of the dates which are dependent on the schedule for Wizz Air. The trip remains full but as things could change in the interim so if you are interested in putting your name/s on a waiting list please contact Dodie Hodgkinson on [romaniatrip@marinaaltaarts.com](mailto:romaniatrip@marinaaltaarts.com)

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