

THE ARTS SOCIETY MARINA ALTA: JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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MARINA ALTA ARTS NEWS & EVENTS

Dear Member,

The Society AGM this year will be a Zoom Webinar conference. Some of you may have joined our lecture on 14 January with speaker Peter Atkinson. We hope you enjoyed the experience as it seems that for the next few months we will only be able to fulfill our scheduled 2021 programme with speakers from the UK by this method. However, we are determined to offer the maximum number of contracted speakers to our members, especially as last year was so disruptive and difficult. We also now have approved some local speakers who have an impressive reputation.

The AGM will be held via Zoom Webinar. All members will be asked to register for the online meeting. The Event Registration Form will be sent to you by 25 January 2021.

AGM DATE: 4 February 2021. The meeting will start promptly at 10:30AM.

(explanatory instructions on how to participate will be included) To **view the Agenda** please [CLICK HERE](#).

Guests will be able to join the lecture which immediately follows the conclusion of the AGM.

Best regards and keep well,

Rod Anderton and Committee

NEXT LECTURE

Gustav Klimt: Imperial Muralist to Radical Painter

By Gavin Plumley

4 February 2021

10:45AM "Waiting Room" Opens

Lecture at 11:00AM

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ABOUT THE LECTURE:

Everyone thinks they know Klimt. They've seen *The Kiss* or the famous, gilded portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer. Some people consider him a bit kitschy, some may just loathe him outright. But Klimt is far from kitsch and far from just being about gold! He began life as a muralist, decorating grand buildings right across the Austro-Hungarian Empire, including theatres, museums and opera houses. It was only at the end of the 19th century that he broke away from that -

he seceded, hence Secession – towards a more radical style. And that stylistic schism tells us so much about the society in which he lived and what is fascinating about him and his work. What this does tell us, this piece of culture – this painting, this composition, this building – is that it is a reflection of the time in which this or that person lived. So, this we try to keep at the core of all writing and, of course, all lecturing.

MEET GAVIN PLUMLEY

We are very fortunate to have at this time, as our first ZOOM guest speaker direct from the U.K. a leading cultural historian, writer and broadcaster Mr Gavin Plumley.

Gavin has lectured widely for a number of esteemed organisations including The

National Trust, British Museum and The National Gallery; he is also the commissioning editor for a variety of cultural and music festivals both in the U.K. and abroad.

He was born in Dundee, Scotland ; studied music at Keeble College, Oxford graduating in 2002, and began his working career in Covent Garden ! He then moved into a freelance career in the theatre industry.

Gavin has presented to many Arts Societies in the U.K., Spain , Belgium and as far as New Zealand. He lives in Wells in Somerset.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

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](#).

CULTURAL TRIPS & EVENTS

ROMANIA TRIP: MAY 2021

There is space available for two people sharing a room with twin beds.
Any questions please contact Dodie Hodgkinson at romaniatrip@marinaaltaarts.com

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. 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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