



## THE ARTS SOCIETY MARINA ALTA: NEWSLETTER

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**TASMA NEWS**

*Dear Lanie*

On the morning of the 5 March lecture, I was advised by the La Senieta administration that the building was closed, due to repairs needed in the Auditorium. The Casa de la Cultura also sent out a mandate that their building was closed due to the weather alert.

Fortunately, the Javea Players' Theatre was available to hold the Andy Warhol lecture at 16.00 hours. Many thanks to James Ward and all for volunteering to assist in the event. We had a full house of 45 people attending.

**La Senieta has confirmed the auditorium will be open for our next lecture on Wednesday, 2 April.**

We are gaining Members and Visitors each month and find it is usually by word of mouth from existing Members, so many thanks to all of you who have brought us new members and please continue to do so. We now have a total of 152 Members up from 62 a few years ago.

There are just two places left for the Madrid 6-10 October trip. Lanie has recently returned from Madrid where she visited the museums listed in the Trip Itinerary to ensure that every detail is covered. Do tell your friends about it please.

Thank you for all the kind messages we received from people who enjoyed the Valencia trip on 26 February. It makes it all worthwhile.

Our next Social Event is at the Cava Buffet after the first (gala) night's production of *Beauty and the Beast* on Friday, 2 May. I hope to see many of you there. More details are listed in this Newsletter.

We are looking for people to host the lecturers for November 5th, as well as December 3rd and 4th. Being a lecturer host is a rewarding and engaging experience. There is no need to fetch from the airport unless you wish to do so. We pay 60€ per night and 50€ per airport trip, if you do pick up. Please let me know if you are interested.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next lecture, 2 April!

Best wishes,

**Tony**

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## **NEXT PRESENTATION**

**Wednesday, 2 April 2025**

**Newly Discovered Lowry Artwork!**

***L.S. Lowry: Visionary Artist***

**By Michael Howard**

**Espai La Senieta, Moraira**

**Presentation at 11.00 hrs.**

Directions [CLICK HERE](#)

**Casa de la Cultura, Jávea**

**Presentation at 19.30 hrs.**

Directions [CLICK HERE](#)

**Admission: Free Entry for Members**

**Guests €15 Donation**

Pre-paid tickets on sale

now: [www.artsocma.org](http://www.artsocma.org)



**For more information on the presentation** [CLICK HERE](#).

**For more information on Michael Howard** [CLICK HERE](#).

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## **SOCIAL EVENT: *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST***

The magical musical *Beauty and the Beast* is coming to Gata de Gorgos! This enchanting production will be the Jávea Players' 180th performance in their 49-year history. The show features a live band with two pianos, a violin, and flute,



*We hope The Arts Society Marina Alta Members and Friends will attend on May 2, for the Gala Night evening performance!*

*Bus transport available from Javea Port or Moraira available May 2nd and 4th.*

## 2025 CULTURAL TRIPS



This year, we are pleased to offer more benefits to our Members in the way of

interesting cultural trips and social events. The following trip will be to Alicante to visit the Gravina Museum of Fine Art (MUBAG) and the Museum of Contemporary Art (MACA) on **Tuesday, 29 April**. There are two fabulous MUBAG exhibitions showing concurrently: *Mujeres: Ramon Navarra* and *Milan. Windows into the Modern*. MACA's Permanent exhibitions focuses on Spanish artists of the 20th Century as well as other nationalities. Detailed information and the trip itinerary will be sent out soon!

The **Madrid Trip: Hidden Gems of Madrid**, October 6 - 10, 2025 has two spaces left. If you would like to view the **Trip Overview and Itinerary** [CLICK HERE](#) If you have questions and would like to join the trip, email Lanie Geldert [vc.marinaalta@theartssociety.org](mailto:vc.marinaalta@theartssociety.org).

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## VALENCIA TRIP: 26 FEBRUARY 2025



We had an excellent day, which started out with sunny weather, and 20 art enthusiasts travelling by private coach to Valencia. Our first stop was at the Calatrava designed CaixaForum building, located in the City of Arts and Sciences complex. The building itself was phenomenal. We had a guide to explain the art displays and paintings of the exhibition, *Art and Nature*. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch in the upstairs restaurant NovaTerra. Our next stop was to the new Bombas Gen Building. We experienced the numerous virtual tours of the Tutankhamun Immersive Exhibition, which was the highlight of the trip.



## ARTS SOCIETY MAGAZINE SPRING EDITION



There is a special feature on arboreal art, discovering how artists, writers and poets have long been fascinated by trees. We time travel one hundred years, back to Paris in spring 1925, where a dazzling design show gave birth to Art Deco. And we explore the extraordinary tale of Belle da Costa Greene and the library of treasures she helped build in New York, all while hiding a remarkable secret from society.

**NEW COMMUNITY PARTNER**



**Dear Arts Society Marina Alta Members,**

*We are proud to introduce you to our Group: Tusker Africa. The origins of this group go back almost a quarter of a century ago in 2001 when Tusker lunches named for both elephants with large tusks and a popular Kenyan beer were initiated in 2001 by Brenda Bates when she returned from living in Kenya. She and her husband managed Elsamere, the lodge on Lake Naivasha which was started by Joy Adamson of 'Elsa the Lioness' fame. Brenda rightly felt there must be other people with experiences in Africa living in the area who would like to meet folks of similar ilk.*

To read the full introductory letter by Gerald and Helena Elliott [CLICK HERE](#)

## WHAT'S ON: ART, CULTURE & SOCIAL EVENTS



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### TASMA NEWS : WHAT'S ON

#### NOTEWORTHY EXHIBITIONS

This month we celebrate Spring, a season of rebirth, hope, renewal and new art exhibitions!

Haute couture comes to the Louvre! Fashion will be on show at the Musée du Louvre until 21 July 2025. Presented in the rooms of the objects d'art department, the exhibition features a selection of silhouettes created by the greatest fashion designers, from Christian Dior to Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent, Versace, Dolce&Gabbana, and Alexander McQueen. For the first time ever, 65 Haute Couture outfits and their accessories are displayed in a 9,000-square-meter space alongside masterpieces from Byzantium to the Second Empire.

Visitors can see how fashion designers draw inspiration from historical and artistic collections. [More...](#)

Below: Gianni Versace Exhibit at the National Museum of Decorative Arts, Madrid.

**LOUVRE COUTURE: Art and Fashion: Statement Piece**



**VERSACE EXHIBITION:** The man who defined 80's fashion and created the supermodels decided to face the next decade with a new challenge: Atelier Versace, an approach to high fashion. The National Museum of Decorative Arts now recovers in this exhibition part of its archive of the Italian designer's early collections. [More...](#)

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## MAY 7, 2025 LECTURE



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2025**

**FRANCIS BACON: FROM THE GUTTER TO THE RITZ**

**By Frank Woodgate**

Until his death in 1992, Bacon was regarded as Britain's greatest 20th Century artist, and his dramatic images can be exquisitely beautiful and shocking at the same time. Perhaps more than any other artist, he captured the darkness at the heart of the human experience. **Come to learn how his work explores abjection, nihilism and hope!**

*Visit our website to view all the upcoming 2025 lectures [www.artsocma.org](http://www.artsocma.org)*

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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Are you interested in volunteering? Do you have some time to become involved with our very social society?** We have a dedicated core Committee and it is rewarding to see many of our efforts become great benefits for our Members. Our Society is



growing and we have positions for more volunteers:

**Hosters:** We really need more Hosters to accommodate lecturers in their homes. Many find it to be a very pleasurable experience. Hosters are reimbursed 60€ per night for accommodation. Additionally, we need volunteers to pick-up our lecturers from Alicante Airport and return. Each trip is reimbursed 50€.

**Webmaster:** We are in need of technical support to update and administer the WIX website on an as-needed basis. If you enjoy working with websites, please give Tony a call.

**Social Media Administrator:** We now are active on FaceBook and Instagram to reach out for more members. If you have some time to assist on a part-time basis, we can use your experience.

**Trip Coordinator:** Trips are an integral part of our Member benefits and we would like to ask for anyone who enjoys organising trips, to contact us for more information.

Feel free to contact Tony Cabban, Chairman at [ch.marinaalta@theartsociety.org](mailto:ch.marinaalta@theartsociety.org)

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