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MARINA ALTA ARTS NEWS & EVENTS

Message from the Chair:

Wishing you a Joyful and Healthy 2024!

We have plenty to look forward to in The Arts Society- an exciting programme of lectures, some different trips and a year of development with the benefit of a full committee.

Our exciting news is that we plan to record lectures so that you can enjoy lectures at home when you cannot attend in person. The plan is to send a link to the recorded lecture to all members on the Friday following the Wednesday lecture and that link will be open from 08.00am on Saturday until 13.00 on the Sunday. Having the opportunity to see all eight lectures will be a huge benefit to members.

We would welcome some more volunteers: Hosters to accommodate the speaker, setting up sound and projection equipment and on the reception desks. Many hands make light work! Please contact me [HERE](#).

Don't forget the change to Wednesday for lectures at the Canor Teulada and the Casa de Cultura, Javea. The full details are on our website: www.artsocma.org.

To avoid long queues at the AGM on January 31st, we would be most grateful if you would pay your Membership fee by bank transfer as soon as possible. Details of how to register and pay are [HERE](#).

I am looking forward to seeing you all on January 31st or at a future lecture. Let's start the year with a bang, bring your friends to the Canor in the morning or the Inaugural meeting at the Casa de Cultura, Javea in the evening.

Best regards,

Tony Cabban

NEXT PRESENTATION

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Moorish Architecture: The Legacy of a Vanquished Kingdom

By Ian Cockburn

Salones Canor

Registration Opens at 10:00 hrs.

Presentation at 11:00 hrs.

Complimentary Wine and Soft Drinks

Directions [CLICK HERE](#)



Casa de Cultura, Javea

Registration Opens at 18:45 hrs.

Presentation at 19:30 hrs.

Directions [CLICK HERE](#)

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ABOUT THE PRESENTATION:

The Alhambra of Granada, the Great Mosque of Cordoba and the Alcazar of Seville are the three most impressive monuments to the architectural creativity of the Moors in Spain, but there are many other examples worthy of mention too. The classical origins that influenced the Moorish style are less well-known,

but fascinating to explore, as too is the unique interior decorative style developed by the Moors, which gives their architecture its beauty and exotic appeal –

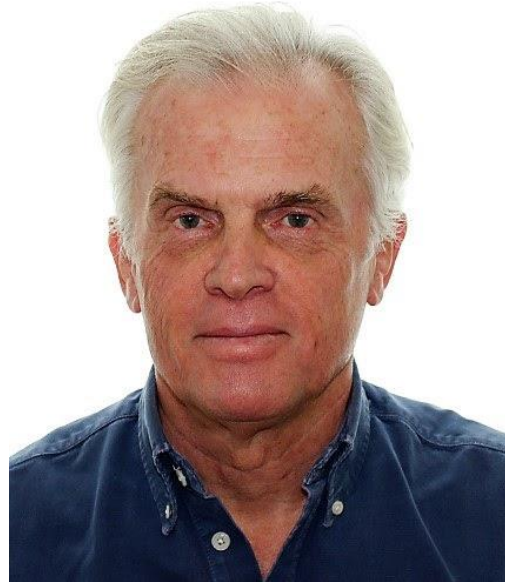
an appeal so strong that the Christians sometimes copied it, even as they slowly reconquered the territory from its Islamic rulers. This lecture provides a comprehensive introduction to the peninsula's Moorish architecture.

To view a promotional video of Ian speaking on the Moor's and Spanish history, [CLICK HERE](#).

MEET IAN COCKBURN

Art historian with a BA (Birkbeck)

College) in art history and an MA (Courtauld Institute of Art) in medieval Spanish art history. Specialist in the nearly 800 years of Moorish occupation and Christian reconquest of medieval Iberia. Founder and director of an art tours company, specialising in guided cultural tours in Spain, plus lecturing in London at institutions such as the V&A, SOAS, Christies Education, and the London Art History Society. Formerly a Chartered Accountant and senior manager in multi-national IT companies, with extensive public-speaking experience.



2024 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Subscriptions: We do hope that existing members will renew their subscriptions and others will subscribe for the first time.

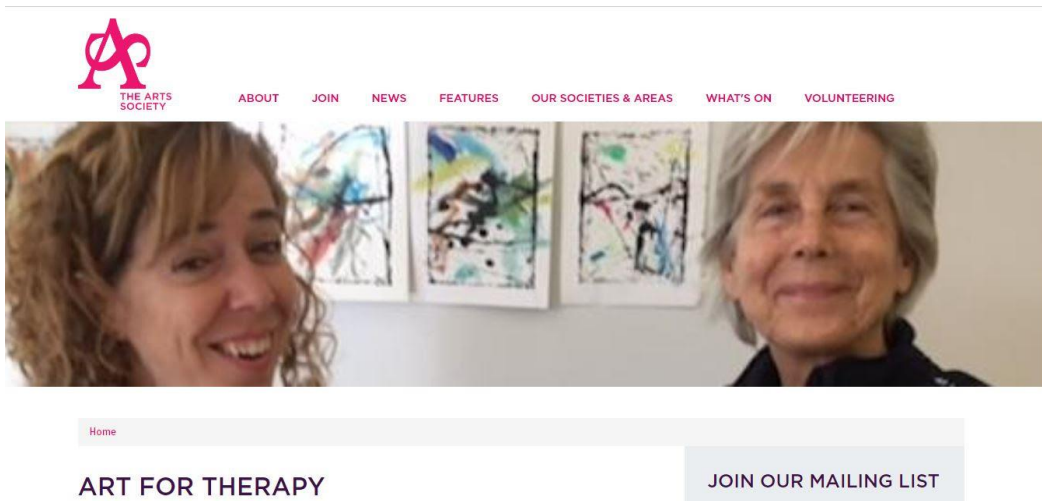
For 2024, the Membership options are: **Platinum Patron 100€, Gold Member 60€ and Silver Short Term 35€**. The benefits of these three levels are detailed, click [HERE](#) or you can go direct to the form by clicking on the **PINK** button below:

After you have completed the Membership Form, please pay by bank transfer. The account details are on the Membership Form.

Platinum Membership works out at 12.50€ per lecture and Gold Membership at 7.50€ per lecture, surely a bargain!

[2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)

"ART FOR THERAPY" MAKES THE NEWS!



Updated: Dec 25, 2023 - ART FOR THERAPY, published by The Arts Society, UK

13 Dec 2023/Written by David Glover

With the support from The Arts Society Community Grants, The Arts Society Marina Alta were able to undertake their project "Art For Therapy" with C.C. Especial Gargasindi School in Benissa. Read about the success of their project below.

“The recent 2023 project was a beautiful, inspiring joint venture, art workshop between the Gargasindi School and the Arts Society, with a lovely emotional handover of the final works.... and it was fun for all”.

The Arts Society Marina Alta members have over recent weeks partnered with C.C. Especial Gargasindi School * in Benissa for the third year, to promote its ‘Art as Therapy’ initiative for the students of the School.

Four of our Arts Society members under the leadership of local artist Mireille Vetterli, once again worked with a total of 64 students of the school in November 2023 to facilitate each

student in producing their own individual ‘work of art’. To read more, go to our BLOG page [HERE](#).

WORLD-CLASS EXHIBITS: XI'AN WARRIORS AT MARQ



21 November 2023 MARQ Museum Trip

This event was organised to visit the exhibition of the Xi'An Terracotta Warriors. 27 members and non-members were delighted to experience the story told through fascinating first-class exhibits of the era, the full-size statues and designer vignettes. This is the first time the exhibit has been shown outside of China since the COVID-19 epidemic. To view more photos go to our website BLOG by [CLICKING HERE](#).

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

At this time, we are in need of more volunteers to attend the Registration desk at the monthly meetings. Additional members are needed to assist the Meet & Greet team, and the Hosters to accommodate lecturers at their homes.

Are you interested in volunteering to assist Andrew Ward with audio-visual set up for our lectures? We are very much in need of an understudy to take on these tasks.

Please email Tony Cabban, Chairman at ch.marinaalta@theartsociety.org. All enquiries will be considered confidential and handled with respect.

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The Arts Society Marina Alta sponsors Colegio Público de Educación Especial Gargasindi, which is a learning facility that is part of a comprehensive educational campus in Calpe. The school has 70 pupils with ages ranging from 3 to 24, all with diverse and varying levels of mental, physical, sensory and motor functionality.

THE NEXT EVENT IN OUR 2024 PROGRAMME



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2024

Vincent Van Gogh: Madman or Genius?

By Anthony Russell

"Anthony Russell painted a portrait of Van Gogh in brush strokes heavy with emotion and admiration."

For more information: go to our website *LECTURES* page by clicking [HERE.](#)
