

Wishing You a Happy, Healthy and Artful New Year!

For 2025, the Membership options include **Platinum Patron 100€**, **Gold Membership 60€** and **Silver Short Term 35€**. This year we have added a Student Membership to promote the arts in our community.

Kick off 2025 with an unforgettable lecture! We're excited to offer a **special one-time opportunity** for all visitors to attend for just **10€**. Join us on **February 5** for an enchanting presentation by Andrew Prince on **Catherine the Great's collection** of art, jewellery and other treasures. Invite your friends to share this amazing experience! And join us for a complimentary drink afterwards. For more information and to secure your 10€ donation tickets, visit: www.artsocma.org

Hosting: 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.

Committee and Volunteers: We are excited to welcome our new and returning team members! **Anne Bentley** joins us as the Programme Manager. **Tricia Storer** transitions from Secretary to become Events Manager. **Gisela Boxleitner** will be taking on the role of Secretary and Membership Secretary starting at the end of March and **Viv Oxley-Brown** is joining our Reception Volunteer team in Jávea. A warm welcome to all of you!

Best wishes,

Tony

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AGM & NEXT PRESENTATION

Wednesday, 5 February 2025

***Catherine the Great: The World's
Greatest Collector***

By Andrew Prince

Espai La Senieta, Moraira

AGM at 10.00 hrs.

Presentation at 11.00 hrs.

Directions [CLICK HERE](#)

Casa de Cultura, Jávea

AGM at 19.00 hrs.

Presentation at 19.30 hrs.

Directions [CLICK HERE](#)

Admission: Free Entry for Members

Guests €10 Donation

Pre-paid tickets on sale

now: www.artsocma.org



For more information on the presentation and Andrew's biography click here: [More+](#)

For a preview of the fascinating collection of Catherine the Great as exhibited in the **Hermitage Museum St. Petersburg** [CLICK HERE.](#)

2025 SOCIAL EVENTS



This year, we are pleased to add more benefits for our Members. The Committee has planned additional social events and exceptional art and culture tours. The 2025 social events include, but may not be limited to:

- Members' Art Exhibition & Wine Tasting by Martha's Vineyard, Moraira
- Private Art Collection Tour at Hotel Ritual, Moraira
- Evening of Theatre with Jávea Players' Production of *Beauty and the Beast*

- *Tapas & A Play* by Jávea Players
- Volunteers' Lunch
- Members' Annual Lunch

Note: Subject to change

The cultural trips are currently a work-in-progress. Look for more information in the February Newsletter and on our website EVENTS page: <https://www.artsocma.org/trips>.

2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS UPDATE: New and renewing members now can sign up at any time during the year. The membership runs 12 months from date of purchase and includes eight illustrated lectures by accredited lecturers from the UK.

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To renew your membership and view the benefits of these options, [CLICK HERE](#). We ask that payments be made by a Master or VISA Spanish bank card, as foreign cards charge higher fees.

Thank you for your understanding.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our 2025 new members:

Carol Griffiths, Marian Kenworthy, Keith and Irina Smith, Julie Wilkerson and Rachel Wright.

MEMBERS' SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all who took their valuable time to respond to the *Members' Survey: November 2024*. We appreciate the candor of your responses. Our Committee is dedicated to our members' continuing satisfaction.

The Society 2025 objectives will include more value for your membership by increasing the benefits. We strive to deliver outstanding programmes, engaging social events and cultural tours, while being financially astute to safeguard the future of The Arts Society Marina Alta. The surveys help us to improve our future operations and we want to hear from you!

Survey Results: There were 28 responders out of the 146 members sent the survey. The questions included opinions on overall satisfaction of the Society, and most enjoyable and least liked practices. Sample questions included what improvements would members suggest, where they attend the lectures, and how likely would they be to renew their membership. To read all 13 questions and responses [CLICK HERE](#) for the Survey Report results.

The next Members' Survey will be sent to you in November 2025.

For those who did not have a chance to respond, you may help us to improve by sending us your comments or questions to email: marinaalta@theartsociety.org. All correspondence is confidential.

WHAT'S ON: ART, CULTURE and SOCIAL EVENTS

As we continue to provide more benefits to our members, we have curated a *WHAT'S ON* E-journal in addition to the *TASMA NEWS*. Its focus is on nationwide and local newsworthy art-related, cultural and social events. It is sent mid-monthly to all Members and Friends in a separate mailing from *TASMA NEWS*. If you did not receive the **January** *WHAT'S ON* Edition, please [CLICK HERE](#) to view.

5 MARCH 2025 LECTURE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2025

Who's Andy Warhol?

By Alejandra Carasco

Andy Warhol is remembered as the King of Pop Art. He is an American icon who played a significant role in transforming modern art. Yet there is a lesser-known side to him that is an incredible success story.

Visit our website to view all the upcoming 2025 lectures www.artsocma.org

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in volunteering?

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

Feel free to contact Tony Cabban, Chairman at ch.marinaalta@theartsociety.org

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