

Attached is the letter from our mayor thanking all the actors who contributed to the selection of Casa Nieves by the Heritage Mission.

### City of Solliès-Toucas

"It is with great satisfaction that we learned yesterday that the Heritage Mission entrusted to Stéphane Bern, deployed by the Heritage Foundation and supported by the Ministry of Culture and the FDJ, has designated Casa Nieves, the only site selected in the #Var.

The house of the painter Blasco Mentor located in the heart of the village is a treasure of our communal heritage.

When we were elected in 2020, we carried out an audit of our buildings and Casa Nieves showed a very advanced state of deterioration. Some areas of the villa, the painter's studio, terraces and external stairs are now inaccessible for security.

We commissioned a study on the property to assess the work required for rehabilitation. They have been estimated at more than 1.6 million € HT, a sum that the municipal budget will never be able to bear.

We nevertheless decided to finance the emergency work for the removal of water from the building (roofs), work that we managed to have subsidized by the State and the South Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region. Public procurement is underway for completion at the end of the year or early next year.

We have worked hard to find sponsorships, support and grants, including the file submitted last year to the Heritage Mission.

The support of the Bern 2022 mission for the Casa Nieves rehabilitation project reinforces our heritage conservation actions and motivates us to highlight the property and the work of the painter Mentor.

I would like to thank the city's agents and elected officials who collaborated with the Univers Mentor endowment fund to develop the file submitted to the Heritage Mission. I thank the association Les amis de Mentor for their support in the actions we carry out for the promotion of the Mentor work. I thank Mr Renaud Muselier, President of the Southern Region for his support.

Finally, I would like to thank the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Heritage Foundation for their support, the Heritage Mission, Stéphane Bern and the Minister of Culture Rima Abdul-Malak for the attention they have paid to our magnificent site.

I thank Jean-Pierre Blanc, director of Villa Noailles, Hyères for his support.

We still have a lot of work to do but with will and support we will get there. ",

Jérémie Fabre Mayor of Solliès-Toucas.

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