

Les Amis De l'œuvre de Blasco Mentor

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Editorial

Finally, a rue Blasco Mentor in Solliès-Toucas as well as a commemorative plaque on the entrance gate of his property. We have been waiting for this event for a long time. The inauguration ceremony of these plaques was an opportunity for many Toucassins to visit the Garden, to see first-hand the extent of the damage and to become aware of the cost of the rehabilitation work. The launch of the donation campaign, by the Heritage Foundation, gives us the opportunity to remind you that this fundraising is essential for the rehabilitation of Casa Nieves: be generous, thank you in advance.

We wish you a happy holiday season and see you next year!

Casa Nieves

Progress of the rehabilitation work on Casa Nieves

We were able to take stock on October 11, 2023 with the Deputy Delegate for Works and Heritage: Mr. Jault.

The estimate of the total cost of the work, initially estimated at around euros 1.2 million, has been revised upwards, considering the new deterioration observed and the difficulty of access to property. It will probably be closer to euros 1.6 million.

The year 2022 saw the preparation and launch of calls for tenders. 2023 has seen some work carried out. In particular, the repair of the 250 m² of the roofs of the main house as well as the 80 m² of the workshop, including the replacement of the damaged frameworks. The waterproofing of the terrace in front of the workshop and the removal of the 5 tons of rocks, which had fallen in front of it, were also carried out.



Var Matin Newspaper article from Friday November 3, 2023

The cost of the work undertaken for this phase is euros 250,000 including VAT, 70% of which was subsidised by the State, the Region and Mission Bern. For 2024, the municipality is preparing calls for tenders for the rehabilitation of the main walkway terrace, the large staircase leading to the house and the wall of the main terrace (including waterproofing work). The Syndicat Mixte du bassin versant du Gapeau will carry out a study on the runoff water of the terraces (land in front of the garage).

The Friends of the work of Blasco Mentor are particularly pleased to note that the municipality of Solliès-Toucas has made a firm commitment to carry out the most urgent works, which are essential for the preservation of Casa Nieves.

Inauguration

On Saturday, November 25, the inauguration of Blasco Mentor Street took place, a project that was particularly close to our hearts.



Mayor Jérémy Fabre and Michel Estades, art dealer and expert in Modern Masters, unveiled the commemorative plaque of the Casa Nieves.

Mayor Jérémy Fabre and Mrs. Michelle Cairety, former secretary, assistant to the artist, member of the "Univers Mentor" Endowment Fund and member of our association, unveiled the plaque



In the presence of many personalities and a large Toucassin audience, the plaque of the street "Blasco Mentor" (formerly rue de la chapelle prolonged) and a commemorative plaque on the entrance pillar of the Casa Nieves were inaugurated.

A milestone event for our town and for the recognition of this great artist.

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SOLLIÈS-TOUCAS Enfin une rue Blasco Mentor

Une rue au nom de l'immense artiste catalan, qui a élu domicile à Solliès-Toucas jusqu'à sa disparition en 2003, était attendue depuis longtemps, ainsi que la sauvegarde de la maisonatelier, la Casa Nieves (du nom de son épouse) ⁽¹⁾.

Tous les protagonistes de cette sauvegarde étaient réunis, hier matin, pour l'inauguration d'une rue au nom de l'artiste et pour le lancement d'une campagne de dons pour le grand public via la Fondation du patrimoine, laquelle a sélectionné l'an dernier la maison de Blasco Mentor par le biais de la « mission Stéphane Bern ».

Convention signée

En présence des maires de Solliès-Pont, Belgentier et La Farlède, ainsi que des représentants du fonds univers Mentor et de la Fondation du patrimoine, le maire s'est félicité de cette inauguration de rue, qui remplace la rue de la chapelle prolongée.

Il a tenu à remercier tous les participants à la préservation de cet important patrimoine toucassin, et en particulier la Fondation du patrimoine et le galeriste



La plaque de rue a été inaugurée par le maire, par l'ancienne assistante de Blasco Mentor et par un nouvel élu du conseil des ieunes. (Photos M. R.)

Michel Estades, mais aussi le fonds univers Mentor (qui proposa le premier cette idée de rue), et aussi l'association des amis de l'œuvre de Blasco Mentor qui a défendu le dossier de nouvelle dénomination auprès de la commission culture de la ville.

Une convention a ensuite été signée avec la Fondation du patrimoine, en la personne de Christophe Favrelle, pour lancer ce jour la campagne de don pour aider à la restauration de la Casa Nieves ! « C'est un superbe lieu culturel, a déclaré ce dernier. C'est un facteur d'attractivité pour le village, c'est une fierté pour les habitants, quand on est fier de son passé, on prépare mieux l'avenir! Il faut que ce lieu vive ! » Une visite exceptionnelle de la maison-atelier a ponctué cette célébration.

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Une visite de la maison Mentor a eu lieu hier.

Article from the Var Matin newspaper of Sunday November 26, 2023

Call for donations

On the occasion of the inauguration of Mentor Street, a donation campaign was launched, with the support of the Fondation du Patrimoine.

In front of many personalities, Mayor Jérémy Fabre and Christophe Favrelle, departmental delegate of the Heritage Foundation, signed on 25 November, at the village hall of Solliès-Toucas, the agreement between the city and the Heritage Foundation for the donation campaign associated with the renovation of the Casa Nieves.





The many toucassins present were able to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to visit the gardens of Casa Nieves and understand the extent of the work still to be carried out to carry out the renovation of the house, workshops, and gardens of Mentor. In our previous article on Casa Nieves, you can find the details of the progress of the rehabilitation work.

A call was made to all citizens, local businesses, and institutional partners to join us in this mission to preserve our heritage.

We need this support because municipal finances alone will never support such investments, estimated at a total of 1.6 million euros excluding tax.



















Help us save Casa Nieves by donating to: https://www.fondation-patrimoine.org/les-projets/casa-nieves





Corrective

In our previous little newspaper (N°8, May/ September 2023) some errors have unfortunately crept into our articles.

In the article "Rencontre", it was necessary to read: "Present that evening to speak on behalf of "Univers Mentor", Mrs. Isabelle Rollin Royer, director of the Endowment Fund, holder of moral rights and expert on the work of Mentor, Mrs. Michelle Cairety, former assistant of the artist and member of the Endowment Fund, Mr. Thierry Marcer, commissioner of justice and founding member of "Univers Mentor", Mr. Luc Benito, director and member of the Advisory Committee of "Univers Mentor". »

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