

Les Amis De l'œuvre de Blasco Mentor

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Editorial

The activities of our association have been particularly dense in recent months. Indeed, in June, we responded to an invitation from the Var Heritage Foundation. In September, we participated in the Forum of Associations and in the organization of an exhibition of private works by Mentor, an initiative of the municipality for the Heritage Days. During these same days, we took the children of the Guy Menut school on a tour of the Casa Nieves gardens, as part of the competition to go to Milan to discover the magnificent frescoes made by Mentor at the Castiglione Palace. Finally, we met Mr Marcer, who is planning an exhibition of Mentor's private works in Solliès-Pont.

Invitation

On Tuesday, June 18, 2024, our association, as well as a dozen others were invited by the Heritage Foundation, the mayor of Montferrat, Mr. Gras, as well as the heritage association "Lou Soucau", to a day of exchanges and discoveries of the chapel of Notre-Dame de Beauvoir in Montferrat.

After the presentation by Mr. Christophe Favrelle, departmental delegate of the Var, of the Heritage Foundation and its current projects (including that of the restoration of the Casa Nieves), the president of the "Lou Soucau" association Bernard Franchitto suggested that we go and visit the restored chapel.

This was followed by a guided tour of the chapel as well as a conference on its history and the restoration process.

This day was very interesting because of the links that were created between the various Var associations and the many exchanges on the projects of each one.





The chapelle of Notre Dame de Beauvoir in Montferrat.

Didier Ellena, our assistant treasurer, with Bernard Franchitto and Christophe Favrelle on his right, in front of the entrance to the chapel.

Forum 2024

As every year, we participated in the Solliès-Toucas association forum, which took place this year on September 7th. It is an opportunity for our association to exchange with visitors interested in the activities of our association and for some, to renew their membership. We also sold several copies of the beautiful book "Mentor" from "Le Léopard d'Or" editions. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we still have a few copies of this superb monograph for sale (under the "contact" section of our website: https://blasco-mentor-solliestoucas.fr/)



Meeting

We met Mr Marcer, Founding Member of the "Mentor Universe" Endowment Fund on September 4th.

He told us about his project to bring together works by Mentor, from private collections, for an exhibition in Solliès-Pont in 2025. Some of our members, owners of Painter's canvases have made an agreement in principle for the loan of their works.

We will be sure to keep you informed of the progress of this interesting project.

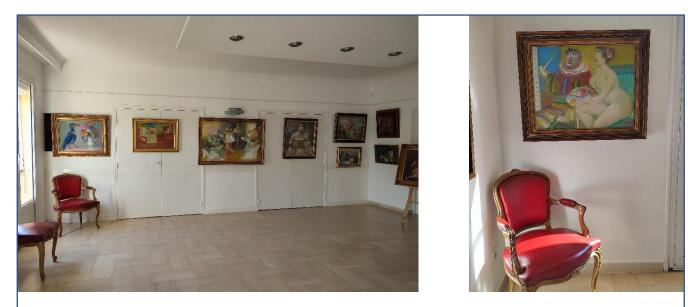
Exhibition

In 2024, the municipality of Solliès-Toucas wanted to highlight the rich heritage of the municipality and pay tribute to Blasco Mentor, by organizing an exhibition of private works when the Heritage Days are on September 21 and 22.

Mentor is an artist who has enjoyed a very good reputation; His works have been exhibited all over the world. Since his death, exhibitions have become rarer. The last one, at the castle of SollièsPont, dates from 2019 ("D'un Solliès à l'autre") It was a great success. Blasco Mentor has created a rich and fascinating artistic universe, a mix of reality and imagination. His pictorial and sculptural work testifies to his immense talent and limitless inventiveness. The 18 works brought together in the wedding hall of the town hall explore his favorite themes: women, the circus, Venice, birds, still lifes and of course our village (including a large canvas "The village party", permanently exhibited at the town hall).

Exhibition from September 21 to October 20, 2024, Free admission during town hall hours (Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

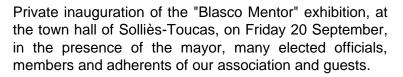
You will soon find photos of the works exhibited on our website.



Some views of the "Blasco Mentor" exhibition in the wedding hall of the town hall









Newspaper article "Var matin" Tuesday October 8, 2024

SOLLIÈS-TOUCAS

Une exposition Mentor issue de collections privées

vénement à ne pas rater à l'hôtel de ville. rater à l'hôtel de ville, l'exposition exceptionnelle d'œuvres de l'artiste catalan Blasco Mentor, issues de collections privées, jusqu'au 20 octobre ! « C'est une grande satisfaction car c'est une première exposition d'œuvres privées », précise Alain de Lespinois, président de l'association très active des Amis de l'œuvre de Blasco Mentor qui a collaboré à l'organisation de cette exposition au côté de la municipalité.

La maison atelier de l'artiste en cours

« Ce sont des œuvres qui proviennent de six collectionneurs, de Toucas à Cuers, en passant par Marseille ou Nîmes, avec des compositions très variées concues entre 1957 et 1997. Il a fallu trouver des propriétaires et les encourager à nous les prêter. Une satisfaction d'autant plus grande pour la mairie et pour notre association car, depuis 2019, et une exposition à Solliès-Pont intitulée "D'un Solliès à l'autre", rien ne s'était passé. Nous sommes heureux de la fréauentation. ce aui nous incite à recommencer d'ici quelques années. »

Rappelons qu'en parallèle,

Anne-Marie et Philippe Dutertre découvrent l'exposition organisée par la commune à l'hôtel de ville, accompagnés d'Alain de Lespinois, président de l'association des Amis de l'œuvre de Blasco Mentor. (Photo M. R.)

cette exposition, offrir aux

Toucassins et aux Varois

l'opportunité de découvrir

des trésors artistiques restés

inconnus jusqu'à ce jour »,

rappelle le maire Jérémie

« Nous sommes venus spé-

cialement de Sanary sur le

conseil d'Alain de Lespinois,

ex plique Philippe Dutertre,

accompagné de son épouse

Marie-Pierre. C'est Alain qui

nous a fait découvrir Men-

Fabre

conquis

Des visiteurs

différentes tranches de travaux de réhabilitation ont été lancées depuis deux ans dans l'exceptionnelle maison atelier de l'artiste, la Casa Nieves, où il vécut plus de trente ans.

Autre projet de l'association, un voyage en 2025 pour des élèves de CM1-CM2 afin de découvrir le palais Castiglione à Milan qui fit appel à Blasco Mentor pour la réalisation de deux œuvres monumentales

« Puissions-nous, à travers

tor il v a quelques années. Nous préférons les œuvres récentes, plus colorées. »

« Le bouquet à l'oiseau a ma préférence, confirme Marie-Pierre. Mais également le grand format de Toucas en fête », qui est à demeure dans la salle des mariages. « Nous allons en parler autour de nous en tout cas ! »

M. R.

L'exposition est ouverte à l'hôtel de ville du lundi au vendredi de 8 h 30 à 12 h et de 13 h 30 à 17 h et le 1er samedi de chaque mois de 9 h à 12 h.





Our projects

Trip to Milan

We told you about it in previous editions of our "little journal" and finally our project, initiated in the spring of 2023, will see the light of day!

With the support of the municipality of Solliès-Toucas and the parents' association of the Guy Menut primary school, the association "Les Amis de l'Œuvre de Blasco Mentor" proposes to organize a two-day trip (one night) to Milan in 2025 for CM1 and CM2 students. Indeed, we want to introduce young guy to the magnificent frescoes made by Blasco Mentor at the Castiglione Palace of the Italian city.

As part of the competition organized to select a group of children, a visit to the gardens of Casa Nieves was organized for September 21.

Read more in our next edition....



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