

## Les Amis De l'œuvre de Blasco Mentor

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### **Editorial**

Since 2011, relations between the Municipality of Solliès-Toucas and the "Univers Mentor" Endowment Fund have been difficult. Today, a new step has been taken. Indeed, "Univers Mentor" has just asked the court to settle its dispute with the Municipality, concerning the maintenance of Mentor's works and his house-studio the "Casa Nieves". This information was published in the local press at the request of the Endowment Fund (see the article in Var Matin of November 29, 2024).

From this publicity, Mentor and his work will not come out of it any better...

Despite everything, we remain confident in the future and hope that an agreement can be reached, so that we can work together and in serenity to promote the works of our artist local.

The board of our association wishes all its members a happy new year 2025 and hopes that it will be as happy as possible for them and their loved ones.



#### **Exhibition**

The exhibition of Blasco Mentor's private works in the wedding hall of the town hall of Solliès-Toucas ended on October 20, 2024.

It was a great success; Elected officials, lenders and amateurs were delighted with this initiative and with a good attendance, estimated at about 450 visitors.

## **Casa Nieves**

#### Work in progress

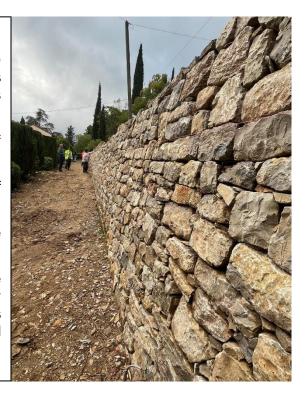
The large terrace, located on the path that leads to the grand staircase, starting from the entrance gate, has been completed for several weeks. The direction is superb. (photo opposite)

In 2025, it is planned to restore other terraced walls of the property.

The next works are the retaining wall and the repair of the terrace of the house.

The aim of this work is to reopen the gardens to the public.

Currently, the amount of work undertaken for the restoration of the terraces amounts to approximately 213,000 Euros including tax. The support fund for arts and crafts, set up by the Ministry of Business and Tourism, supported by the Heritage Foundation, provided a subsidy of 30,000 Euros.



## **Our projects**



**CASA NIEVES Competition** 

The municipality of Solliès-Toucas organized, in partnership with the association "Les Amis de l'oeuvre de Blasco Mentor" and the association "Les parents d'élèves Toucassins", a free competition entitled "CASA NIEVES – Maison de Blasco Mentor".

8 childrens will be invited to participate in a trip to Milan, for 2 days (1 night) during the spring holidays 2025.

On the program: discovery of the Castiglione Palace and the magnificent murals of Blasco Mentor.

Here is the list of the winners of the contest:

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The children will be supervised by municipal agents, elected officials, as well as members of partner associations.

An information meeting will be organized at the beginning of 2025.

## **Univers Mentor**

As announced in our editorial, relations between the municipality of Solliès-Toucas and the Endowment Fund are increasingly tense: a legal battle is underway.

Indeed, the mayor of Solliès-Toucas met with the prefect of the Var on October 15, 2024, to request the dissolution of the "Univers Mentor" endowment fund. After analysing the file, the administrative authority, if it finds serious malfunctions affecting the achievement of the purpose of the Endowment Fund, may decide, by a reasoned act (published in the Official Journal) to suspend the activity of the fund for a maximum period of 6 months, or, when the mission of general interest is no longer carried out, to refer the matter to the judicial authority for its dissolution.

For its part, "Univers Mentor" is taking the municipality of Solliès-Toucas to court.

It is a procedure by which the plaintiff will inform the competent court that he is seized in the context of the case described in the summons.

The dispute concerns the alleged deterioration of certain works during the rehabilitation of the roof of the Casa Nieves and the free access to the site.

In addition, "Univers Mentor" asks for the cancellation of the bequests and donations of Mentor's works to the municipality in his favor. The summons also informs the defendant that a lawsuit is being filed against him and that he must appear.

The date of this trial is set for February 24, 2025. To be continued...

> Newspaper article Var matin Tuesday november 29, 2024

#### Gapeau

var-matin Vendredi 29 novembre 2024

## Polémique et procès pour la Casa Nieves de Mentor

Le fonds de dotation Univers Mentor lance une procédure contre la mairie de Solliès-Toucas. Elle lui reproche de ne pas assumer ses responsabilités dans la conservation de l'œuvre de l'artiste.







#### MISSION PATRIMOINE

#### Questions à Jérémie Fabre, maire de Solliès-Toucas

#### « Cette procédure prouve qu'on pose les bonnes questions »