

ABSTRACT ART AT THE HOTEL INCOSOL

Summer is the perfect season for a visit to the Incosol, with its beautiful Arabian gardens, appetising restaurants and inviting pools. Now there is a better excuse than ever: a joint exhibition by artists Diana Viacambre and Marta Loeje, who aim to imbue the current art scene with a fresh touch. Colour and brushstrokes take centre stage in their works, universes filled with blues, greys and whites which impart a sense of harmony and tranquility. At the recent cocktail launch, art fans clustered around the works, which varied in size and technique, enjoying the company of the artists. Critics and fans alike agreed that, while each artist's vision was singular, there was plenty in common in terms of vision and philosophy.

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SUMMER KIDS' WORKSHOP AT THE MUSEO PICASSO DE MÁLAGA

"One, two, three... welcome to the discovery tree!" This is the Museo Picasso de Málaga's invitation to all children this summer. On August 29, there will be a fun-filled workshop in which kids will learn to observe, exercise their critical thinking, express their opinions and respect others, all with a little help from the maestro Picasso himself. Children will select the tour they wish to take of the museum, and a guide will reveal all the secrets hidden within Picasso's work, engaging kids in a fun discussion afterwards. Entrance to the museum is free for under-16's.

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PETER REGINATO AT THE PUNZMANN GALLERY

For something totally different, visit the Punzmann Gallery this month to view the funky metal sculptures by Peter Reginato. This artist is often compared to legends such as Pablo Picasso, Anthony Caro and Dave Smith, yet his works are in a league of their own since they are neither representations, found objects or assemblages. Reginato makes every element of his sculptures himself, cutting, welding, applying gel with baking tools and palette knives and adding surprising touches of colour.

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JACK PIERSON AND TAL R AT THE CAC

Renowned North American sculptor Jack Pierson presents his first individual exhibition in Spain at the Centro de Arte Contemporáneo de Málaga (CAC) this month. Audiences will view a selection of his most recent work, consisting of abstract 'word sculptures' that seek to communicate and

move the audience, not so much through a literal reading as from the appreciation of their simple beauty. The exhibition will also feature some of Pierson's most characteristic works from the past, deemed by critics to be far more legible and comprehensible, before the artist opted for a more abstract, interior, intellectual language. While you're at the CAC, check out the installation called *Teenager Beach* by Israeli artist, Tal R, a complex mix of sculpture and painting containing sophisticated references to the recent history of art and culture.

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SOPHIE VON HANAU AT VOLUBILIS

Africa Through My Eyes is the title of Princess Sophie von Hanau's latest photographic exhibition at Volubilis, an event not to be missed if the wonders and beauty of this exotic continent are a fascination. Sophie studied photography at the 'School of Black and White Photography' in London, a pursuit which allowed her to capture the beautiful places and people she encountered on her many travels to Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Central America, South America, various countries in Africa, and throughout Europe. Her first photography exhibition was at London's renowned fashion store, Fendi, on Sloane Street, in 2006. Sophie, also a trained psychologist, discovered her passion for photography through this science. In one of her 'Abnormal Psychology' classes at college, she was required to give a presentation, and, owing to her fear of public speaking she decided to document her project on mental illness with images, spending three months interacting with homeless people in Miami, and New York, of which many suffered serious mental illnesses. The response to her photography was astounding, and her project was exhibited at the University of Miami Arts Centre. Her work is now being sold exclusively at several interior design showrooms across the world, such as B&B Italia, Jalan in Miami's design district, Tribeca in Madrid and Noujoum in Marbella. She has recently returned from a three month stay in Tanzania, shooting a photo documentary on a Spanish charity Catholic Mission for Spanish publications. Sophie also works in fashion photography and is currently preparing for her next exhibition, to be held at Art Miami in 2010.

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