

Artwalk in Competa,
An art trail along 18 locations with works by 28 International artists.

March 2016, it's time for another Artwalk in Competa. Our 8th year!
It has become a tradition and more and more visitors are coming to Competa around the easter period. Art lovers from the Costa del Sol, the Costa Tropical and tourists from further away will drive their way up into the mountains to visit this beautiful pueblo blanco full of creative spirits. This year everything will take place on Wednesday 23, Thursday 24, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March. From 11:00 to 19:00 you will see a wide diversity of art in many different locations. Artists and craftsmen will also be present and happy to talk about their work, inspiration, vision and techniques.

The village is traditionally known for its international and multicultural artistic community. Competa has a Roman history. The name comes from the Latin Compita-Orum - literally a 'crossing of roads'. Travellers and traders met each other here bringing their goods for sale, making their offerings and celebrating their festivals.

This art walk is growing into a more complete event every year that more and more people look forward to. Artists residing in or living near the village take part, but also artists from other countries come, especially for this art event, to the village.

This time Dutch artist Merel Holleboom will participate again, she was here already last year, and was a participant in the art symposium "Art is malaga". She has also delivered as an artist-in-residence a beautiful sculpture in Kitty Harri's sculpture garden. This year she will bring a special interactive 'drawing-machine'.

She has learned from Lieuwke Loth the technique of monoprint and this has inspired her to create her own variant. Two people can work together and create a drawing, a ball on paper and a plate full of ink. It requires good communication from both sides plus the right moves. Fun to do & fun to see!

Iraqi painter Saad Ali lived & worked in Iraq, the Netherlands and France and finally found his home, in Valencia in Spain. He will show his beautiful warm colorful and exotic works. The works of art are filled with passion and love and worlds reminiscent of 1001 nights. In Valencia he also painted a beautiful mural in the chapel.

Danish couple Ane Meinert Folke and Martin Nybo Jensen are also coming especially for this event. They are both artists. He makes ceramic works, she makes valuable & beautiful jewelry. They successfully run a gallery and workshop and have already established themselves in their own country. Ane Meinert Folke will make demonstration on thursday of silvercasting in sepiashells and sand. An interesting technique, where the surface of the Sepiashells is interacting with the silver. Martin will demonstrate on Saturday between 12 and 3 p.m. raku firing of clay. A very special technique!

This year in the Salon de Actos in the town hall, we'll have a kind of "art day" concept. This means that in this space artists will actually be creating live their own works. In addition to the other locations where art will be shown this will give another perspective on the creative process.

Karin Hoogesteger, quite well known in holland will make small artpieces during the day and she'll also invite visitors join her. Eventually she'll show a panel of 2m x 2m filled with paper drawings.

Annabel Keatley is of English origin but has been living for a long time now in southern Spain. She creates poetic works with warm colors often with Andalusian landscapes as her theme. She also makes her own 'paper art'. On Thursday and Saturday she will give a paper workshop. To participate, email: annabelkeatley@rocketmail.com. 25euros per person.

Also this year we have some new artists who have settled in the village.... Eva Joensen, a Danish artist who is known for fabel-like figures in her colorful paintings. She felt in love with this friendly village and decided to live and work here. She will gladly invite you into her fantasy world and you can also see her at work. She will also invite children to create artworks with her.

Noel Nieva, from the Philippines, has lived in many parts of the world and has lived in the village since December. He loves to show his big canvases full of color & life.

Also mother and daughter the 'Lucreasas' will be participating. Lucrea Kern creates realistic landscape paintings but also paints 'still life'. Lucrea Nieuwenhuis paints different images of (famous)people.

We are also pleased that the local spanish painting school will be displaying

the results of their course of fine painting. Among the local spanish population talents are to be found!

Luckily they have decided to join us this year.

Dutch artist Anouk Slegers who is becoming more known every year. Maybe people have met her at the art events at Kitty Harri's garden and in Malaga. She has recently had a big interview article published about her in a Dutch costa magazine.

She creates wonderful romantic works. The sweet-looking images often have a deeper meaning coupled with the humor of symbolic and surreal additions. The content is as suggestive and mysterious as the paintings of Magritte.

George Kowzan is living in Malaga and has been very active in the city! Commissioned to create a mural of 4 by 12 meters and now also another one next to the Teatro Cervantes - Picasso portrayed in different stages of his life in Georges own unique style.

He has developed his very own technique, original and ingenious.

In one of his works (a self portrait) he has incorporated a braille message with brass buttons.

George came last year as a visitor to the route and made contact with other artists, becoming inspired by meeting such creative and warm hearted people. This year he is pleased to be a participant.

English Jo Dennison has lived a long time in Competa. She has a nice workspace where she will exhibit together with the German Christa Hillekamp.

Jo makes special, finely crafted textile wall tapestries. She chooses her themes very precisely and will gladly talk about them with visitors.

The painter Christa is also well known on the Costa. Many fall for her warm-tinted landscapes full of mystery and depth. She uses different materials in her work to create textual depth. Sand, structures, gold leaf, cardboard and more. She tells stories with her works.

Also the Danish Bettina Winther, the German painter Heide Dorsch and the English Nick Hampton will show their art. Where Bettina makes poetic abstract works and structures, Nick Hampton and Heide Dorsch translate reality in their own style. Bettina's inspiration is nature. The main theme in her work is the 'Circle of life'. Her works are inspired by landscapes and the moorish architecture.

Peter Higham will be turning olive wood and making beautiful objects out this local material. The Dutch Moira Mitchinson will be showing her ceramics and stone sculptures.

The Belgium Mietje Baeten draws delicate drawings of life models. Her series is called. "perfect imperfection". She loves to leave tiny irregularities in her work giving a feeling of layering and antiquity.

Hendrieka Osepius recently opened an antique shop with a colleague. She will be in the store to show her fairytale-like works.

Sandra Costello makes it a one woman exhibition. She is both masseuse and artist. In her works one can recognize bodies and lines of bodies. She creates landscapes of warm fluent forms.

Mary Lopez opens her doors of her Souvenir shop. She decorates lamps, tables, and interiors but also sells all kinds of nice gifts and souvenirs. She welcomes you into her 'stuffed' and vibrant shop.

Gallery Luz de la Vida is again an Artwalk location. The gallery has just celebrated its second anniversary! The dutch artist Lieuwke Loth is running it successfully.

It has become a vibrant place where visitors are pleasantly surprised by the friendly atmosphere and energy, but also by the original spiritual art pieces. Musicians are also inspired by the space. It has become a place where talents meet and exchange ideas with each other. Lieuwke Loth will show this year her own drawings and sculptures.

And she did invite her Spanish friend & colleague Paz Sanz Fle. She is making impressive ceramic sculptures of African type ladies. The expression of the ceramic ladies is one of power, peace and secret wisdom.

Scottish Martin McBride is making very original pieces of furniture from old wine barrels. The typical curved shapes give the pieces a strong character. He has a pure, honest and authentic style. Last year, the objects flew out! Hopefully he has enough pieces for these four days!

A number of artists have given children a creative workshop in February. This year's theme: "how to deal with animals." They have worked with the animal rescue organization AAR and the works will be shown at various locations.

This year musicians will perform their live music! On Wednesday at various locations, each in their own style will show their own sound. On Thursday they will come together to play together. On Sunday evening there is a performance at the Cortijo Paco. Peter Kox a famous Belgium trompettist plays along with two Spanish musicians. It will be a mix of Jazzy, bluesy, bossa nova and other latin stuff with fresh improvisations. Booking in Advance is required. For more information: lieuwkeloth@hotmail.com

For those who get hungry meanwhile after seeing so much beauty, one can find the booth of Tapas Dulce. Two ladies will be busy days beforehand to prepare all kinds of sweets. They present and sell Dutch, Curacao and Spanish goodies.

There is really so much to see and to experience! Paintings, drawings, textile art, ceramic art, bronze and metal sculptures, turned wood and silver jewelry. If the weather is nice you can enjoy stunning views of the mountains and the sea. There are many restaurants with good quality food, you will find among others the Spanish, Moroccan and international cuisine and there are also many lively bars. If you are looking for good quality arts & crafts, the Artwalk is THE place to be! But for those who like local products to take home, Competa offers a selection of souvenirs, among others, wine, olive oil, soap, dried fruits and honey.

The event is organized for the third year by Lieuwke Loth in collaboration with the artists and volunteers. Lieuwke also organized two art-symposia and the 'Art Days' in Malaga.

Since there are 28 artists who're participating, each with his / her own art style, we can continue to describe their art. But if you love art and beauty, it is best to visit Competa these 4 days! On behalf of the artists and craftsmen of Cómpera and the guest artists, we welcome you to the eighth Art Walk!

Admission is free. The car park in the village will be open.

For more information and the route of the "Artwalk" www.artcompeta.com
www.facebook.com/artcompeta

Flyers and information are also available from the Tourist Information Office at the Ave de Saylonga, at the entrance of Competa and the flyer can be downloaded from the website. A short promotional film can be seen on the website & fb.