



Villa del Arte Participates in Art Hamptons and Art Southampton

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Villa del Arte of Barcelona and Amsterdam will participate in Art Hamptons and Art Southampton this summer. At both fairs, we will present a stunning collection composed of paintings, sculptures and photography.

The curatorial selection remarks upon the complexity of art and its numerous forms expressing the beauty in completely different languages: metal, oil or collage. The variety of styles also emphasizes the idea of art as a polyhedral reality: the subtleness of the sculptures by Michael James Talbot, the strength and drama of Nielly's paintings and the richness and opulence of Corvegian's works are a proof of this multiplicity of forms of art. Nevertheless, the collection has the contemporary expression of art as the common denominator of all the pieces exhibited providing the ensemble of works with coherence and a unique sensibility.

At Art Hamptons, running from the 2nd of July to the 5th of July 2015, Villa del Arte will feature the artists Francisca Ahlers, Fernando Alday, Martí Bofarull, Mikaelian Corvegian, Edo Kaaij, Liechennay, Françoise Nielly, Michael James Talbot and Montse Valdés.



"Harlequin" by Michael James Talbot. Bronze, Half-life-sized scale. Edition of 15.

Besides the featured artists, Villa del Arte Galleries will display a special collection of works by the French artist Françoise Nielly at Art Hamptons and Art Southampton.

Françoise Nielly

The works by Françoise Nielly always impress with the dimensions - not only physical dimensions of the canvas, but more importantly with the dimensions of her true talent, where unique painting technique meets, interacts with, and reflects her exceptional perception of the surrounding world.

Today, Françoise Nielly has completed about 800 paintings and is a world-known French artist with a well-established and recognized manner of painting, whose deeply artful works march in step with the time, always remaining equally fresh, actual, and up-to-date.



“No 892” by Françoise Nielly. Oil on canvas, 110 x 110 cm.

The fusion of color is, perhaps, the best attribute to characterize paintings by Françoise Nielly. Bright colors within the entire palette, high contrast, and seemingly chaotic mixture of multiple layers, which in the final result create the ultimate harmony of the image – this is how we see Nielly paintings. Add to this true love and concentration of the artist on human faces – and you will see the world, filled with uncovered emotions, pure sensuality and sexuality in her works.



“No 906” by Françoise Nielly. Oil on canvas, 47.24 x 47.24 inches.



“No 881” by Françoise Nielly. Oil on canvas, 31.5 x 31.5 inches.

In order to create her masterpieces, Françoise uses mainly knives and oil paints working with very thick layers of oil paint, thus most of her masterpieces are formed with multiple layers, put on the canvas one by one by a skillful hand of the artist with no chance for a mistake.



“No 898” by Françoise Nielly. Oil on canvas, 31.5 x 31.5 inches.

Art Southampton

Villa del Arte will continue presenting in the Hamptons with their participation in Art Southampton, running from the 9th to the 13th of July 2015. They will present a stunning collection composed by paintings, sculptures and photography.

The artists featured at Art Southampton will be Francisca Ahlers, Martí Bofarull, Liechennay, Christiaan Lieverse, Michael James Talbot and Lukas Ulmi. In addition, a special collection of works

by the French artist Françoise Nielly will also be presented.



“Do the unthinkable” by Martí Bofarull. Mixed media on canvas, 31.5 x 31.5 inches.

Large-Scale Sculpture by Lukas Ulmi at Art Southampton

Villa del Arte Galleries will be displaying the sculpture project *Desafío al Espacio* (“Challenging Space”) by Lukas Ulmi at Art Southampton.

The Swiss artist will install a large-scale sculpture that he describes as a challenging game that provides multiple possibilities to experiment with shape, space and voids.



“Desafío al Espacio (Challenging Space)” by Lukas Ulmi, 2014. Iron, 354.3 x 118.1 x 236.2 inches.

As Ulmi states,

“Transposing the sets of cubes to a large scale provides me with an opportunity to experiment, qualify and create almost autonomous spaces. The surroundings and their particular characteristics challenge me, and I accept that challenge. The four cubes are integrated in the space; otherwise they oppose it, dominate it, are subjected to it or work with it. They are at once potent and fragile, dominant and imperceptible. This duality is my ally in the challenge. In my current line of work, suggestion is very important. Is there anything more suggestive than the void? Everything can potentially be swallowed up by it.”



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“Desafío al Espacio (Challenging Space)” is conceived as a dialogue between the sculpture and the

space. With no rules, guidelines or any established design, Lukas Ulmi arranges the position and the shape of the sculpture in-situ, so that the piece and the space become a single element where the final work emerges from. The installation, which is always unique and unrepeatable, has been created so that the spectator can interact with the piece, and even step inside it, witnessing for themselves the new space defined by the sculpture's perimeter.



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Villa del Arte Galleries

Villa del Arte Galleries was founded in Barcelona by Bert van Zetten, Nemo Jantzen, Marcel and Jutta Huisman in 1999. Their combined commitment, and passion for art, together with a unique approach and willingness to exhibit some lesser-known artists has contributed to an ever-changing contemporary collection of a consistently high standard.

Over time, Villa del Arte has developed into one of Catalonia's leading contemporary art galleries. The gallery represents over 30 national and international, established and emerging painters, photographers and sculptors.

The gallery in Amsterdam, opened one year ago, has provided Villa del Arte with greater capabilities to undertake exhibition projects. With this new space, our international presence in the art scene has grown noticeably providing new opportunities and projects that the gallery has already been working on.

For information on Villa del Arte Galleries, visit www.villadelarte.com.

At Art Hamptons, Villa del Arte Galleries can be found in Booth #214. Art Hamptons will be presented from July 2 to July 5, 2015 on a Private estate on Lumber Lane Reserve, Bridgehampton, NY.

At Art Southampton, Villa del Arte Galleries can be found in Booth #AS7. Art Southampton will be presented from July 9 – 13, 2015 at Nova's Ark Project at 60 Millstone Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11976.