

Arts

Ceramics exhibition between Sicily, Malta and Cyprus

The Biennale della Ceramica between ceramists from Sicily, Malta and Cyprus took place recently at 'La Certosa' in Bagheria, near Palermo in Sicily.

The Maltese ceramists who took part in the first exhibition at Bagheria were Charles Sammut, Mario Sammut, Antoine Paul Camilleri, Valerio Schembri, Kenneth Grima, Paul Haber, Joseph Agius, Angelo Agius, Ray Abela, Sina Micallef and Romina Farrugia.

This venue was previously a museum of wax figures, but has now reopened as a venue for art exhibitions.

The Maltese ceramists, coordinated by Charles Sammut and Mario Sammut, and the Cypriot ceramists by Vassos Demetriou and Eftymios Symeou have developed the ceramic exhibition into a yearly venue and over time this event has spread to include other Mediterranean islands into the exhibition.

For the last six years, Charles Sammut and Mario Sammut have been instrumental in organising the series of six exhibitions of ceramics between Malta and Cyprus, each year alternating the venue. Through the intervention of Louis Lagana, Sicily was included for the first time this year.

The first exhibition of the Biennale di Ceramica between the three Mediterranean islands of Malta, Cyprus and Sicily was inaugurated by the mayor of Bagheria, Biagio Sciortino.

He commented on the importance of the exchanging of cultural ideas between Mediterranean people, who have a long and colourful history. This will foster dialogue between groups of individuals, which will then flow into other collaboration and enrich our cultural heritage.

This exhibition is the first one of the series. The second exhibition will be organised in Cyprus next year and the third will be held in Malta in 2013.



Six-figure plate by Mario Sammut.



Seated nude by Antoine Paul Camilleri.

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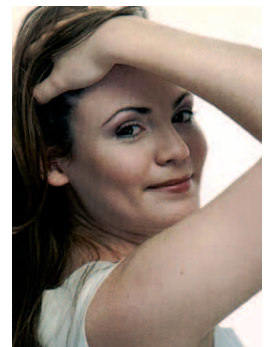
K.C.'s Karen to teach at Malta Drama Centre

Abigail Williams, a professional drama and musical theatre tutor who plays the charismatic Dr Karen on the TVM drama series *K.C.*, will join the Malta Drama Centre from next October. She will be teaching freestyle dancing, musical theatre and drama.

The move (which will not detract her from continuing to play Karen) will see Williams rejoin the Drama Centre after a period of absence due to other commitments.

Williams, an entertainer and actor-tutor, holds an Honours in theatre arts and is an Associate Member of the International Dance Teachers' Association (UK).

Her previous assignments at the Malta Drama Centre include mainstream and experimental drama and dance sessions, social drama projects with the elderly and irregular immigrants as well



Abigail Williams

as a forum theatre programme in Greece, where she devised theatre work related to hazards from electro-magnetic technology.

Those who wish to join the Malta Drama Centre should apply by downloading the application form from www.maltdramacentre.org and hand it in at the office.

For more information, call the Malta Drama Centre on 2122 0665 during office hours.

Poster competition

Over 120,000 artists, design studios, associations, universities and design professionals from 180 countries are participating in the Francisco Mantecón Competition Advertising Poster competition, which will award €16,000 in cash prizes. The deadline for submitting posters is September 30.

The Spanish winery Terras Gauda is bringing together internationally prestigious designers Javier Mariscal, Alberto Corazón, Óscar Mariné, Isidro Ferrer, Manuel Estrada, Pep Carrió and Emilio Gil for the competition.

These seven professionals will form the panel of judges who will meet on October 28. They will also participate in the publishing of a

book showcasing the first 10 years of the competition.

The international recognition of the Francisco Mantecón Competition has contributed to expanding participation from 70 entries in the first edition to the 1,654 posters from 58 countries received last year.

For the second year in a row, all works received will be exhibited at the Vigo Maritime Station, where the panel of judges will meet and the awards will be presented on December 16.

It is the only competition of these characteristics held by a winery on an international level.

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