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Dear Art lovers,

This is our first ARTnews which we will be sending you every six weeks. The Houses of Art Marbella ARTnews will inform you about: The gallery, the Art market, artists, events and other items. If you have any ideas, art news or feedbacks, please let us know. Our aim is to satisfy the cultural demand and with your suggestions we can make it happen. I hope you find it interesting.

Kind regards

Loni Olfers, gallery manager

The Gallery: New Website

We proudly introduce our new website www.housesofartmarbella.com

Houses of Art Marbella's website has adapted to new times, many more artists, sales on line and much more. Tell your family and friends to visit us. We hope you like it!

Gerti Bierenbroodspot

Houses of Art Marbella is greatly honoured to have the exhibition "Atlantis Rising" with the masterworks of Gerti Bierenbroodspot at the gallery, located in Marbella Club Hotel from the 3rd of April until the 2nd of June 2009.

Painter and sculptor Gerti Bierenbroodspot has always been eager to discover and to travel; it comes from her grandfather and father, both captains of VOC ships. The Dutch artist spends a great part of the year travelling along the archaeological trails of the Middle East. Gerti studies and observes ancient civilizations and then brings them to life again through her works with self made paint, full of rich pigments, bronze powders, alabaster and lapis lazuli. Bierenbroodspot transports us to these lost cultures, gives them a place in today's world maybe as a reminder or as an example to follow.



Next exhibition from 14th of June until the 7th of July:

Houses of Art Marbella offers you a journey with Zhuang Hong Yi



Zhuang Hong Yi was born in the province of Sichuan (China) in 1962. He followed his education as an artist there and had right after his graduation several interesting exhibitions. After his education at the Art Academy Minerva in Groningen he stays in the Netherlands and he soon has great success with several solo-exhibitions, for instance at the Groninger Museum (2001). Zhuang's work can be viewed as a journey across the world; wherever Zhuang goes, he gains new experiences and images which are reflected in his paintings. Zhuang Hong Yi is a prime example of an artist who draws his inspiration from the environment he originates from and the environment in which he finds himself. In Zhuang's work you can follow the story of his past in China; it testifies to great professional skill, in the way he addresses his materials. His experience in the Netherlands enables him to keep on adding new techniques to his mixed methods based on rice paper. His subject matter, too, reflects an ever-richer artistry. His period in the Groningen countryside, with its sharply-defined, infinite horizons, is echoed in his work, and the dimensions of his sizeable panels could be described as characterizing Rotterdam. He seeks to fix the essence of his experiences in the work and, when seen in its totality, the result is a long and fascinating journey.

FIAM: Festival International Arte Marbella

Our dream of bringing an arts festival to Marbella began many years ago and from that dream comes reality, a 3 day festival of Fine Art, Photography, Sculpture, Glass, plus performing arts will come to Marbella on the 19th, 20th and 21st of June 2009 in the centre of Marbella; Parque de la Alameda. Artists, from in and around the Costa del Sol will be invited to present their works of art and these will be adjudicated by a panel of 3 jurors; **Loni Olfers from Houses of Art**, Caroline Bowley of Decorate in Style and president of Women in Business, Jose Luis Fernandez, director of the Tourist Information Center. These jurors will choose the best artists based on their submitted photos. The selected artists will have the opportunity to participate in this amazing festival.

This event is anticipated to eclipse any art event that has been held in Marbella with visitors from around Spain & Europe attending.

For more information www.artemarbella.com



YAC: Young Artist Contest Marbella 2009

Houses of Art Marbella wants to get involved in the career of young artists, promote artists and share their enthusiasm for art by holding a

Young Artists Contest

Artists between 16 and 30 are invited to take part in the Contest. The selected candidates will be exhibited at FIAM in the pavilion of Houses of Art. The artworks will be judged by the public and by a jury of professionals of the art world. The winner will have the honour to exhibit at the gallery Houses of Art Marbella in the Marbella Club Hotel.

Artists that would like to participate will have to submit their CV and a maximum of four high resolution pictures of their artworks to contest@housesofart.com before the 28th of May. The selected works will be announced before the 2nd of June and must be sent to Gallery Houses of Art Marbella, Marbella Club Hotel, Blv. Principe Alfonso von Hohenlohe, 29600 Marbella before June the 12th of June.

For more information about the contest visit Houses of Art Marbella webpage or about FIAM at www.artemarbella.com

Top 10 ranking: the art market heavyweights in 2008

Every year Artprice publishes its ranking of artists based on auction revenue.

At the end of 2007 the figures were remarkable: the market's Top 10 had generated a combined total of \$1.8bn, up no less than 50% on the previous year's total. In 2008 the total was \$100m lower than for 2007 at \$1.7bn, a figure representing 20% of the total global art auction market on 1.5% of its transactions.

This contraction mainly reflects the substantial fall in Andy Warhol's revenue total for the year, with his works generating \$236.7m in 2008 compared with \$420m in 2007. However, the entry ticket to the Top 10 has again increased: the minimum score in the 2008 Top 10 was \$91.8m compared with \$87m in 2007, \$59.6m in 2006 and \$33.7m in 2005.

Top 10 artists	Turnover (m\$)
1 Pablo PICASSO	262
2 Francis BACON	256
3 Andy WARHOL	236
4 Damien HIRST	230
5 Claude MONET	174
6 Alberto GIACOMETTI	132
7 Gerhard RICHTER	122
8 Edgar DEGAS	111
9 Lucio FONTANA	95
10 Yves KLEIN	91



Damien Hirst
Diamond Skull



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Sculpture of Karin van de Walle

2007 already saw a significant «juvenation» of the Top 10 with Andy Warhol taking Pablo Picasso's almost customary first place on the podium. Ranked 7th, Jean-Michel Basquiat was the youngest artist in the 2007 Top 10, but there were no living artists with revenue totals as high as those generated by the grand masters of Modern Art. In 2008 that reality changed with the inclusion of the British artist Damien Hirst and the German artist Gerhard Richter (1932) in the Top 10. Richter had joined the Top 10 in 10th position in both 2002 and 2003 with revenue totals of respectively \$27.6m and \$28.3m. In 2008 his total auction score of \$122m gave him 7th place behind Alberto Giacometti; but the most significant contribution to the «juvenation» of the 2008 ranking came from Damien Hirst's 4th place only just \$6m behind Andy Warhol. His ascension to this position, with an annual revenue total exceeding that of Claude Monet, was a perfect illustration of the speculative mood of the contemporary art market before it was gripped by current crisis.

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Art sales online

From the 15th of May we will start with *Art Sales Online*; visit our website www.housesofartmarbella.com

A variety of paintings, sculptures, photographs will be offered online.

If you like to sell one of your artworks, please contact the gallery 952. 857. 196.

In our next issue

In our next issue of *ARTnews*, which we will send you in July, you will find an interview with Dutch artist Karin van de Walle, information about our sculpture event in July and much more!

For more information about any of our *ARTnews* articles visit our new website www.housesofartmarbella.com