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ARTS RECOGNISED AT MUSIC, ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR



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This is the winning painting in the first ever art competition and exhibition held at Casa La Pedrera as part of their second annual Music, Arts and Craft Fair.

Entrants were asked to work with the theme 'My Spain'; a personal representation of what Spain means to them with works reflecting all aspects of Spanish lifestyle, being the beach, fiesta, night life, landscapes, or even something more abstract. Work was accepted in all mediums including drawing, painting, fine art, photography and digital media. And the response was overwhelming for the first ever competition with both professionals, amateurs and children taking part. 'Flamenco el Sol'



by Dennis Ashely was unanimously voted in first place by judges Helen Layfield and Martin Robinson who loved its bright bold colours and the way the Spanish map had been cleverly included in the image. 'Sunset in Crevillente' by Ronen Zlotogovra was 2nd with the judges commenting that it had a modern slant and intrigue so the viewer keeps finding more in the shadows. Doreen Colerick's entry of 'Through the Windows' came 3rd depicting a delightful trio of images each shown through a beautiful window.

In the 5-7years age group Joe Layfield picked up first prize, Jessica Drewett in the 10-15years group and Nicola Whitehead won in the 16-18 years group. "We had a fantastic time judging and are very proud of the talent we have here on the Costa Blanca," says event organiser Jenni Ray.

The competition was unique in that the public were also able to vote for their favourite. All the artwork was displayed in the Grand Design House for a week prior to the Music, Arts and Craft Fair weekend with visitors able to choose their favourite, "Every painting got one or two votes" explains Jenni, "which just goes to show that art is for everyone and appeals to everyone and there is always something that someone likes and art can live on when someone has gone." But in the end, there was a winner and 'Guardamar Girl' by Edwin Thornber received the most votes capturing the essence and innocence of a young girl on Guardamar beach. Some paintings were also donated and auctioned off with proceeds going to EMAUS charity.

The art competition formed just a small part of the Music, Arts and Craft Fair 2012 that received hundreds of visitors over the two days. The Festival opened on Saturday with a fabulous display of acrobatics on horseback by the Casa La Pedrera team, followed by some wonderful flamenco dancing from Raquel

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horseback by the Casa La Pedrera team, followed by some wonderful flamenco dancing from Raquel Peña. Emily Hullman, Grace, and Steve and Nikki Country and Western and contemporary music all took to the stage throughout the day to entertain the crowds and on Sunday there was Argentine Tango by professional dancers Lyn Aspden and Chris, Footwork Dancers, Morris Dancing and a Just Brass concert to close the event.

The Craft Fair displayed fabulous crafts from handcrafted soaps, jewellery, wood turning, pewter work, textiles and much more, including demonstrations from many of the stall holders. But there was also an important backdrop to the weekend and on Sunday just after the art winners were announced Jenni Ray was pleased to hand over 600€ to EMAUS, a charity that Casa La Pedrera has long been supporting and even welcomed some children from the orphanage in Elche earlier that day. "It has been another great weekend raising a lot of money to EMAUS so thank you to everyone and all the artists who entered the competition."



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