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## Alfa Omega exhibition a first step for local artist





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Ronen Zlotogoura is a professional panel beater and vehicle painter by trade. He is perhaps better known as Artist Ron the airbrush artist whose vehicle painting evolved into airbrushing cars, motorcycles and murals on restaurant walls. Ron has added another branch to his career and that is as a fine art painter and to mark this latest venture he is holding a joint exhibition with another artist living in the Alicante region, José Antonio Pastrana, at the Cultural Centre in Dolores. Ron has been painting fine art canvases for about ten years and on display in Dolores are a number of examples of his airbrush work on helmets and motorcycle tanks along with a series

of canvases reflecting his own ideas and inspiration on subjects he is 'passionate about'. Many of the pictures are nature based something which interests Ron a lot and some are based on holiday photos Ron and his wife took in Thailand. An accomplished diver this is reflected in some of the paintings on display with turtles and dolphins along with the shimmering light caustics of a tropical sea. The techniques used feature airbrush work but also pure brush stroked oil painting which Ron uses in a similar manner to airbrushing with soft shaded blending achieving a brilliance on the canvas. Two of his canvases have already won prizes 'Sunset over Crevillente' which won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the Casa de Pedrera Art festival this year and 'Chevrolet' which won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Avalon art competition at the Homes and Gardens Exhibition earlier this year. 'Chevrolet' is an example of Ron's amazing skills at producing photorealistic pictures and he says, 'that's what I like about the airbrush it really lends itself to producing work that has a photographic quality.' Ron told us that his next project will be a development of 'Chevrolet' featuring a series of 20 pictures based on photographs he took at a recent custom car show. They will form the basis of a future exhibition to be called 'American Cars'.

All the pictures and the examples of Ron's airbrush work on helmets and tanks are for sale. He will still be taking commissions and running his airbrush painting courses and details can be found on his website at www.artistron.com

The artist Ron is sharing the exhibition with, José Antonio Pastrana, is an experienced and well-known artist, a winner of the Reina Sofia prize whose work is altogether different from Ron's, darker and more complex. Ron and he first got together when José wanted to learn to airbrush. In exchange he is teaching Ron the ins and outs of the fine art world.



The exhibition is open now until Sunday the 24th June from 5.00 pm until 9.00 pm every day.





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