

**ZHUANG HONG YI AT HOUSES OF ART, MARBELLA**

Chinese artist Zhuang Hong Yi presents an exhibition of her latest works at Houses of Art Gallery this month. The artist, born in Sichuan in 1962, considers her art to be a kind of journey around the world, reflecting all the experiences and images she has encountered in her lifetime. Zhuang began her studies in fine art in China, fine-tuning her craft in Groningen and eventually opening her studio in Rotterdam, Holland. Yet her work defies any classification according to nationality, crossing artistic and cultural borders to reach into the spectator's heart. In 2008, the Chinese Ministry of Culture compiled a list of China's top 150 artists in the country, and included Zhuang Hong Yi in their selection. Her Perspex pieces have been exhibited at the Beijing Museum, while her Nail Bed (an installation she used 3,600 nails to create) was sold for €120,000, with three further pieces currently at auction in New York.

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**ANNA-MAIJA REÉS AT LOS NARANJOS GOLF CLUB**

Local artist Anna-Maija Reés has just delivered two works of art specifically commissioned by the Los Naranjos Golf Club for its installations. Called *Las Salamandras (The Salamanders)*, the works are made from bronze and green marble from Almería. "The idea for the salamanders came from the architectural form of the stairs, the water and the almost post-modern architecture in Los Naranjos," says the artist. Anna-Maija also recently exhibited at the well-attended First International Art Festival of Marbella.

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**SCULPTURE EXHIBITION AT THE MUSEO PICASSO DE MÁLAGA**

Contemporary artist Lionel Prejger tells us that when he first invited Pablo Picasso to work with him in his workshop in France, the renowned Cubist responded, "Finally, I'm going to be able to do something I've always wanted to do: to convert the little pieces of paper I collect into lasting objects." It was in the early 1970s and Picasso, already an artist in a museum institution, embarked upon a project that consisted of transforming paper cut-ou into metal sculptures. Many of these are now on display at the Museo Picasso de Málaga's current exhibition: *La escultura tardía de Picasso. Mujer: la colección en contexto*. Spectators will enjoy a collection of over 40 works created in different moments in Picasso's life, such as shapes he cut out as a child, cubist constructions and sculptures from his later days. Paintings and drawings will also be displayed, alongside three important pieces by Julio González and a magical decoupage by Henri Matisse.

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**MÁLAGA ARTIST SHINES IN NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2**

Quaint art gallery, La Galería Pedrín de Coín, recently celebrated a major coup: the signing of a contract with 20th Century Fox for the use of gallery owner Pedro Rodríguez's sculpture, *Toro Orgullosa* (Proud Bull) in the hit film. The portly bull featured as a walking, wiggling character in the Ben Stiller hit, *Night at the Museum 2*. Pedro and his wife Carmen received an email from 20th Century Fox saying the cinematic company had found their design on the Internet and requested permission to give animated life to the original work. Proud Bull is only one of many designs sold by Pedro to private collections and businesses around the world. La Galería Pedrín offers a host of original sculptures and paintings, as well as exhibitions by renowned national and international artists.

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