



Agrupació d'Aquarel·listes
de Catalunya

160è Aniversari



International watercolour symposium and exhibition

13 - 19 October

2025

BARCELONA



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28th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AND WATERCOLOUR EXHIBITION

It has been ten years since we organised our international watercolour symposium in Llançà to celebrate our 150th anniversary. We now have the honour of again organising a watercolour symposium in collaboration with the European Confederation of Watercolour Societies, ECWS, to coincide with celebrating our 160th anniversary, being one of the oldest watercolour associations in our country.

On this occasion the Symposium will take place in Barcelona, where we have our headquarters and workshops. We also believe that by holding it in our city it will be easier to communicate with participants from other countries and they will be able to visit very interesting and iconic places in our city.

The dates chosen for the organisation of the symposium are from 13 to 19 October 2025, hoping that it will be a good time to enjoy everything we have planned.

The exhibition, which will bring together all the works selected by the different ECWS member associations, will be held in an emblematic place for Barcelona and the art world: the LLOTJA, the school of art and design, that will celebrate its 250th anniversary this year and is known by all artists.

The "Agrupació d'Aquarel·listes de Catalunya" (AAC) has organised this symposium hoping that the participants will enjoy the events that we have prepared with great artists and also appreciate our city and our culture during their stay.

Looking forward to your participation as host of the event,

José Antonio Espinosa
President of the AAC

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INTERNATIONAL WATERCOLOUR SYMPOSIUM

Date: From 13 to 19 October 2025

Place: **BARCELONA**

The headquarters of our association (Carrer Diputació, 423) will be the meeting point for the symposium and will be open from 10am to 1pm from Monday to Thursday so that participants can register upon arrival and obtain their accreditations and gifts from our sponsors.



We will also provide you with a programme of the symposium with all the activities we have planned and which we will complete a few days before with all the details that arise.

Since this year we are holding the symposium in Barcelona, there is no problem with transport as you can arrive by plane, train, etc. If you have any questions, we are at your disposal to inform you.

During the symposium you will also have free time to visit the city, Sagrada Família, modernist buildings and museums such as MNAC, Picasso Museum, etc. which we will surely have at special prices.

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Symposium program

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
① 10:00 - 13.00	① 10:00 - 13.00	① 10:00 - 13.00	① 10:00 - 13.00	⑤ 9:00 - 18:00	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	TRIP TO SITGES	① 10:00	PAINTING
Arrival of participants	② 10:00 Plein air URBAN PAINTERS Laurentino Martí M. Bruno /O. Sanchis	② 10:00 * T. JORDÀ VITÓ Masterclass	② 10:30 * ROSA PERMANYER Masterclass		MEETING PRESIDENTS & LIAISON OFFICERS	or VISIT BCN
AAC - offices c/Diputació, 423 BARCELONA	11:00 Demo Escoda 12:00 * JOAN COCH Masterclass	12:00 * ESPERANÇA GARCIA CANARI	12:00 Daniel Smith Demo		FREE TIME	CLOSING
17:00 - 20:00	17:00	18:00	16:00	EXCURSION	20:00	LOCATIONS
REGISTRATION		ECWS EXHIBITION	Demo Schmincke & Da Vinci	VISIT & PAINTING SITGES		① AAC
Delivery of accreditations and welcome bag from sponsors BARCELONA	17:00 * ANET DUNCAN Masterclass	③ LLOTJA  Escola d'Art i Disseny	17:00 * CESC FARRÉ Masterclass	RETURN BARCELONA	④ 20:00 GALA DINNER HOTEL PLAZA	② Poble Espanyol Masterclass ③ Expo la Llotja ④ Hotel Plaza ⑤ VISIT SITGES

LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES						
①	Accreditations	AAC Headquarters	c/Diputació, 423	08013 BARCELONA	T. 93 245 57 50	https://agrupacioaquarellistes.cat
②	WORKSHOPS MASTERCLASS	POBLE ESPANYOL DE MONTJUÏC	Av. de Francesc Ferrer i Guàrdia, 13	08038 Barcelona		https://poble-espanyol.com
③	EXHIBITION	LLOTJA Superior School of Art and Design	C/ Pare Manyanet, 38	08027 Barcelona	T. 93 408 67 89	https://www.llotja.cat/actualitat/sub/exposicions
④	GALA DINNER	HOTEL CATALONIA BARCELONA PLAZA	Plaça Espanya, 6-8	08014 BARCELONA		https://www.cataloniahotels.com/es/hotel/catalonia-barcelona-plaza
⑤	EXCURSION TRIP TO SITGES		Fishing village, Paseo Maritim, St Bartolomé Church		Palau Maricel, Cau Ferrat Museum.	

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Symposium activities

Workshops

All workshops are included in the registration fees and in some workshops the material will be provided by the organization.

Monday, 13th

From 10 am our headquarters and workshops of the AAC will be open to receive all registered symposium participants to give them the accreditations, catalogues and gifts from our sponsors.

Tuesday, 14th

We will go to the “POBLE ESPANYOL” in Barcelona. <https://poble-espanyol.com/>

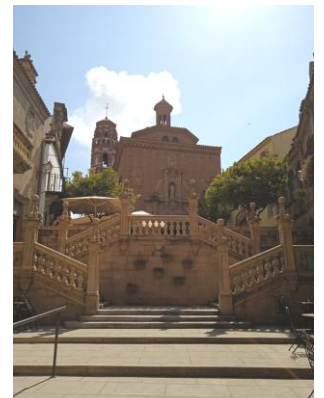
Which will be the place chosen to carry out some workshops or masterclass, either inside the venue or in the “Poble Espanyol” auditorium.



This place is a unique space to carry out cultural and family activities, within an architectural complex where you can find recreations of the different building styles in Spain. The complex is made up of 117 full-scale buildings, with houses, a theatre, a school, a church and craft shops.

At the entrance we find the towers of Àvila, then a walk through a typical Andalusian neighbourhood, architecture from Galicia etc, streets and squares that make up this unique town in the centre of

Barcelona, near Plaza España and the MNAC National Museum in the area known as Montjuïc. We hope you like it and discover a new space within Barcelona.



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Wednesday, 15th

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

“Watercolorists in plein air”

with Laurentino Martí, Oscar Sanchís & Miquel Bruno

On this occasion the painting demonstration will be in different places of the “Poble Espanyol” (Spanish Village), we will be able to see these great artists painting at the same time within the open-air venue, being an interesting tour for watercolour lovers who will be able to watch them work and enjoy the atmosphere.



Time: 11:00 a.m. **ESCODA Brush Demonstration**

Time: 12:00 a.m.

Masterclass

with JOAN COCH



Joan Coch is a multi-faceted painter and designer from Sabadell, Barcelona.

He has dedicated his professional life to the world of the arts (interior design, furniture, architecture, painting, graphic arts, comics, ARTEVISUAL, etc.) always looking for new trends in the fields of artistic expression.

Time: 5:00 p.m. (17:00h)

Masterclass

with ANET DUNCAN



Anet Duncan, a painter originally from Durban, South Africa, has lived in Barcelona for 40 years. Her work can be defined as poetic and abstract, it is said that Anet Duncan's work emanates a feeling of peace and rest. Her extensive curriculum includes the First Biennial Watercolour Prize Llança in 1996, and Gold Medal from the AAC in 1999.

<https://anetduncan.com/es/inicio/>

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Time: 10:00 a.m.

Masterclass

with T. JORDÀ VITÓ



She was born in Terrassa (Barcelona) and graduated in Fine Arts, Painting and Design from the University of Barcelona in 1989. Considered one of the great abstract watercolourists, her extensive curriculum includes numerous national and international watercolour awards. Gold medal from the AAC (Agrupació Aquarel·lista Catalunya)

<http://jordavito.blogspot.com/>

The masterclass will be held in the Poble Espanyol auditorium, within the “Espai Guinovart”



Time: 12:00 a.m.

Masterclass

with ESPERANZA GARCÍA CANARI



She began her training in the painter Sanvisens's workshop. Holds a degree in applied arts, Faculty of Saint Jordi (Barcelona), specializing in textile design.

Professor of drawing

<http://www.esperanzagarcia.biz>

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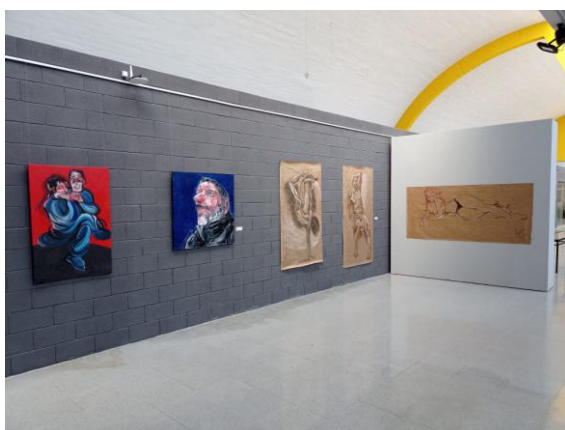
ECWS 28TH WATERCOLOR SYMPOSIUM EXHIBITION 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m. (18:00h)

Date: **October 15, 2025**

Exhibition from **October 15 to November 14, 2025**

Place: **LLOTJA – BARCELONA HIGHER SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN**



All works will be exhibited in the same exhibition hall.

This exhibition coincides with the 250th anniversary of the founding of the **LLOTJA**, the art and design school in Barcelona, one of the oldest in Europe. Its name comes from the fact that its first classrooms were set up in the Llotja de Mar (Sea Market), where great figures in the world art world have passed through such as Marià Fortuny, Joaquim Mir, Nonell, Miró, Jaume Plensa and other great artists such as Picasso, who studied painting before travelling to Paris.

Web: <http://www.llotja.cat>

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Thursday, 16

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Masterclass

with **ROSA PERMANYER**

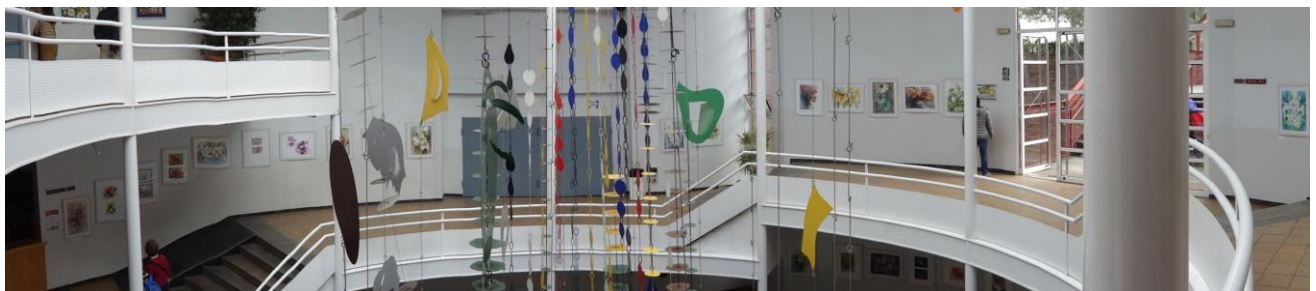


Rosa Permanyer trained as an artist from the Interior Design Studio at the “Escola d’Arts i Oficis” in Barcelona and in different workshops at the Escola Eina.

She began her pedagogical career as the founding professor of the Manolo Hugué Art Workshop in Caldes de Montbui, where she continues to teach engraving classes.

www.rosapermany.com

Time: 12:00 a.m. **Daniel Smith Watercolour Demonstration**



Time: 4:00 p.m. (16:00h) **Demonstration Schmincke Horadam & Da Vinci watercolours.**

Time: 5:00 p.m. (17:00h)

Masterclass

with **CESC FARRÉ**



Terrassa 1972, Barcelona. Spain.

Honorary member of Accademia Internazionale dell’Acquarello.
Elected member of Canadian Society of painters in watercolour.

Graphic artist and architect by the ETSAV (UPC).

International art juror awarded in numerous competitions. He currently combines artistic teaching with research and his own creation. He is the author of the book ‘Mares y Cielos’ (Seas and skies) and of several online painting courses and exhibits in

galleries, salons and exhibitions where he gives priority to recent and innovative creations.

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Friday 17th

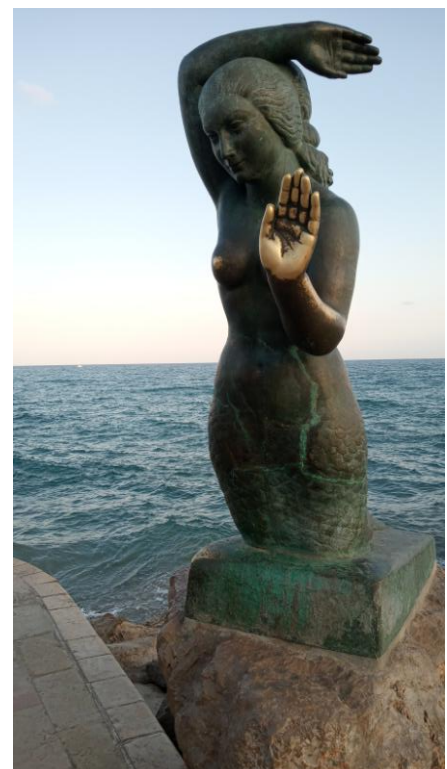
Excursion and visit to the coastal town of SITGES, departure by coach from Barcelona to visit this tourist and fishing town, located southwest of Barcelona and surrounded by the Garraf natural park. It has a train station and can be reached in 40 minutes from Barcelona.

Sitges is known for its promenade and beaches, as well as the old town and its streets with typical shops, restaurants, bars, etc. but its current economy is based on tourism and culture. The Sitges Fantastic Film Festival is held here. In the past, they were more dedicated to farming and vineyards, and Malvasía de Sitges wine is still made there

We can also visit the Palau Maricel and the Cau Ferrat Museum located in the house-studio of the painter and writer Santiago Rusiñol, one of the leading figures of modernism in Catalonia, where old works of art collected by the artist are exhibited (painting, wrought iron, ceramics, glass, archaeology, sculpture and furniture).

Sitges also has a bronze sculpture by Pere Jou, located on the sea front by the steps of the church, Saint Bartolomé and Santa Tecla. It is a mermaid with her hand worn due to people returning her greeting.

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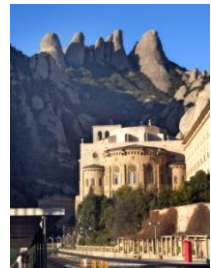
Saturday 18th

Time 10:00 a.m.

Meeting for Presidents and Liaison officers

Hour: 10:00 a.m. Place: AAC - The headquarters of our association.

In the morning free day to visit museums and tourist places in the city or go on excursions.



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Saturday 18th

Time: 8.00 p.m. (20:00h)

GALA DINNER

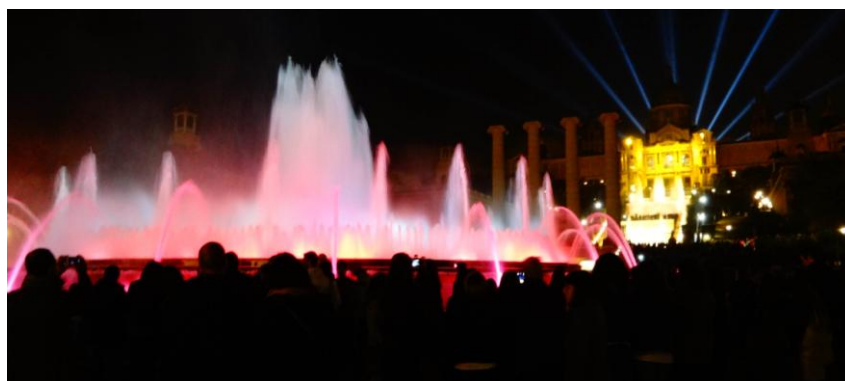
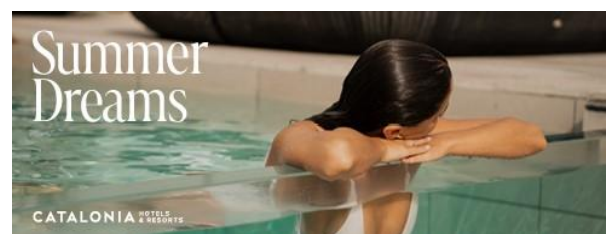
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On Saturday night we will meet at the Catalonia Barcelona Plaza 4* Hotel, better known as HOTEL PLAZA and located in Plaza España, the same place where the buses that go to the Poble Espanyol leave from.

The Hotel Plaza has a privileged location with views of the Montjuic fair, MNAC, magical fountains that light up at night at different times of the year. It has a swimming pool and a dining room where we will meet all the participants of the symposium celebrating it with a gala dinner and subsequent dancing.



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Accommodation in Barcelona:

<https://www.cataloniahotels.com/es/agrupacio-aquarelistes-catalunya>

From this link you can contact a selection of hotels Catalonia, where you can receive a 10% discount on any of the hotels listed in the link, including the hotel where the Gala dinner will be held, which is the Catalonia Barcelona Plaza Hotel at Plaza España, 6-8, by entering the discount code: **AQUARELISTES**

HOTELS:

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