

BRIOUDE 2009



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4^e Biennale
de l'Aquarelle

For a few years now, Brioude (Haute-Loire, France), has become the capital of watercolour painting. Indeed, every other year, artists besiege the town, colour its walls with their works and share their passion with the public which grows bigger each year.

Each time, there are more artists, more exhibitions and more training courses: more activities.

The people in charge of this artistic fervour are the members of the "Association Festival d'Aquarelle". All of them are passionate volunteers.

The 2009 fourth edition looks full of promises: 50 French artists but also foreign artists, from all over the world, will display more than 1,000 paintings and 80 courses and workshops will be open to the public.

Furthermore, there will be lectures, demonstrations, activities and two evening shows. Children won't be forgotten since courses and workshops will be especially dedicated to them.

From the 11th to the 26th of July, Brioude will be an Art destination.

4th Watercolour Biennial

The skill and the style



A Biennial event like no other

Ever since its creation in 2003 by a handful of enthusiasts, the "Biennale de l'Aquarelle de Brioude" has shown its individuality.

For 16 days, more than 14 spots and 4 art galleries downtown will host one or several artists.

Each artist will exhibit and present his own work.

The meeting between the public and the artists will favour conviviality, exchange and sharing.

Thanks to these pictorial strolls, the public will be able to discover different techniques and feelings as they will discover a town with a rich Roman heritage.





50 national and international renowned artists

Long gone are the days when a watercolour painter was an amateur. Brioude will present a “haute couture” eclectic collection and a succession of famous names (Karpinska, Palmaerts, Montécot...) also some young talents (Cossé, Corcket, Guyon...). Among those 50 artists, 30 of them will be showing their work for the first time in Brioude and 15 of them will come from all over Europe, Canada and even California. The French Watercolour Society will be well represented too. Overall, 50 exhibitions can be enjoyed in a relaxed atmosphere.

Courses, workshops, demonstrations open to all

The very friendly atmosphere of this “ Biennale de Brioude ” will also be due to the training courses hosted by the artists. Each of them will pass on and exchange with the public.

Throughout the Biennial fortnight, the public, beginner or advanced, will be able to share the savoir faire of the artists and also practise watercolour painting.

The workshop program will be rich and intensive. It will approach many themes: landscape, portraits, abstract, flowers, animals... and will suit different levels. Some of them will be dedicated to children and teenagers.

The fun part will be that more than 20 artists will paint on site and then show their techniques to the public.

During these two weeks twice a day, the artist Marie-Pierre Estève, from Brittany, will stroll throughout the streets of Brioude.

Adults and children will learn to sketch the beautiful city with him.



Finally, **for two evenings with music, the public and the artists will paint together.** Those events are usually really appreciated for their special nighttime atmosphere.

The children will be (as they’ve always been) part of the Biennial too



It all started at the end of 2008.

27 classes of Brioude and its surroundings, 560 children in total, became initiated to watercolour painting thanks to the landing of an “Artothèque”. Then they saw an exhibition especially organized for them. They took part in a portraits challenge and/or in the making of small thematic formats.

This school year, dedicated to watercolour painting, will take all its meaning during the Biennial when all the children works will be shown.





Brioude combines Art and Nature

Located in the heart of meridional Auvergne, Brioude has about 7,000 inhabitants. It has an amazing heritage with the basilique Saint Julien (the biggest Roman church in Auvergne) and its contemporary stained-glass windows created by Kim En Joong, the town centre is full of historical houses. All around Brioude, there are many typical villages, the "Gorges de l'Allier" and beautiful landscapes. It's no wonder why watercolour painting feels at home there !

“ Colour, light and dream ”

They will be there...

Algeria: Belkacem SAÏDAT

Belgium: Cao BEI AN, Odette FELLER, Janine GALLIZIA, Marie-Jeanne GAY, Wen MING XIN, Roland PALMAERTS

Canada: Lise De MAISONNEUVE, Noriko IMAÏ

France: Paty BECKER, Anne-Marie BESANÇON, Vincent BESANÇON, Jean-Marc CHAMARD, Annie CHEMIN, Isabelle CORCKET, Jérôme COSSÉ, Bernard COURTALON, Marie-Jeanne FABRY, Marc FOLLY, HÔNG-HAÏ, Marie-Annick HUGELÉ-PRESCHEY, Jean-Paul JACQUEZ, Ewa KARPINSKA,

Jean LACALMONTIE, Fernand LAMY, Eric LAURENT, Marie LE FRANÇOIS, Michel LÉGER, François MALNATI, Marie-Line MONTÉCOT, Nathalie MORETTO, Vivi NAVARRO, ODYLLE, Jean-Claude PAPEIX, Pascal PIHEN, Reine-Marie PINCHON, Jean-Pierre RAULT, Annick RICHARD-KELLER, Marie-Hélène STOKKINK, Janick VERGÉ

Poland: Kristof LUDWIN

Spain: Anet DUNCAN, José JUAREZ-PEREZ, Némésio RUBIO-PEDRANAS

Switzerland: Danièle CARREL

USA: Keiko TANABÉ

Program

Courses: observation of watercoloured drawings, abstract painting, landscape, first steps to water-colour painting, flowers, animals, travel notebooks, portraits of people with models, still life, batik techniques, lavis, rhythm and movements.

Workshops: watercolour painting initiation.

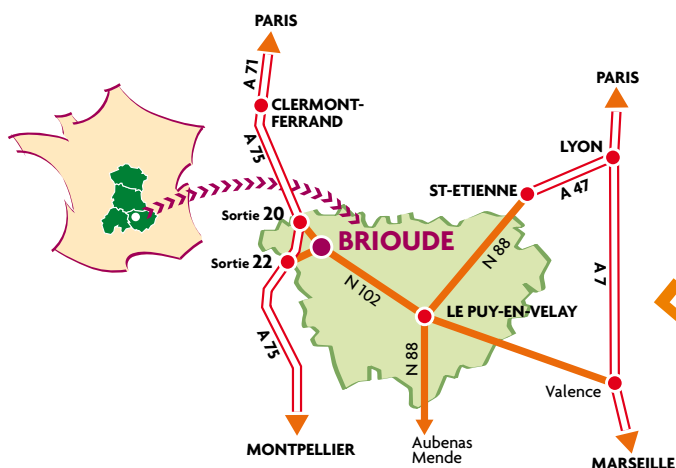
Public demonstrations: some are with music: works will be done live and shown on a giant screen.

Lectures: illustrated with slides...

Evening events: workshops with music on the 17th and 24th of July.

To get more information about the entire program, go on the website: www.festivaldaquarelle.com.

The registration forms to the different courses can be downloaded.



Information

Biennale de l'Aquarelle from the 11th to the 26th of July 2009

Schedules: the exhibition rooms will be open from 10 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.30 pm to 7.00 pm everyday.

Admission fees: all exhibitions are free.

Some of the demonstrations cost from 5 to 10 €. Courses are from 18 € depending on the course.

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Easy access to Brioude

Brioude is 15 min away from the exits 20 and 22 motorway A75. It is located 45mn away from Clermont-Ferrand, 195 km away from Lyon, 130 km from Saint-Etienne, 290 km from Montpellier. **Railway station : railway line Paris - Clermont-Ferrand - Nîmes - Marseille**