



Urban Painting Around The World (UPAW) returns for the 5th edition at the Esplanade des Pêcheurs: Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July 2021. The event will observe the Covid-19 precautions.

UPAW, as already in 2020, will bring international StreetArt artists to the Principality of Monaco, to benefit the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation (FPA2).

The 2021 edition will feature 12 artists, from 7 different countries: Nadib Bandi (France), Cacao Rocks (Greece), Chicadania (Colombia), Michael Bereens (France), Manomatic (Spain), Misterpiro (Spain), Andrea Ravo Mattoni (Italy), Pez (Spain), Spok Brillor (Spain), Jacques Schneider (Luxembourg), Mr OneTeas (Monaco), Tones (Switzerland)

As for each past edition, the event presents a theme for the protection of the environment; this year it will be "The Planet and its Colors."

As usual, after deducting the expenses, we will donate the net proceeds to the FPA2 of Monaco, with which we have so far participated in the financing of a project for the protection of chimpanzees in Uganda and in the BE MED (Beyond plastic Med) initiative for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against plastic.

This year, we hope to contribute to the Mediterranean Monk Seal Conservation Initiative (Monk Seal Alliance). We hope that generous collectors will be present to buy the art during the auction that will take place on **July 8th, late afternoon.**

Urban Painting Around The World was conceived and has been organized by Alberto Colman (WSM) since 2017, who had the idea to bring StreetArt to Monaco to demonstrate the sensitivity of street artists for the environment, another way to bring the general public closer to protecting it.

Alberto Colman explains: "There will be some new features at UPAW this year, which will be enriched by some side events. On **Wednesday, July 7th at 4pm**, we hold a zoom video call in on the Abobo Museum of Contemporary Art in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where an exhibition of StreetArt with the best African artists will be held at the same time as in Monaco.

On **Thursday, July 8th at 5pm**, Cyril Gouyette, art historian, will be presenting his book on street art, titled "Under the StreetArt, the Louvre: "When classical art inspires urban art".

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization of Urban Painting Around The World has decided to follow the health provisions even though the event will take place outdoors. There will be barriers around the event space. Entrance will be permitted upon request, in order to maintain people socially distant at all times. The entrance will be equipped with hydro-alcoholic gel and masks will be available for everyone. All these measures will be enforced to guarantee the safety of the artists, the organization and the public.

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