

## Press release

### Festival international de Peinture de Magné 2016

#### *Creative freedom*

With **300 painters and 10,000 visitors**, the **28<sup>th</sup>** edition of the International Painting Festival of Magné (Deux-Sèvres, France) will take place on **Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 July 2016** in the heart of the Marais Poitevin .

*This year will be focussed on Creative Freedom with a lot of novelty, among which the introduction of a new category, the Mixed Techniques, and varied free activities for adult or junior public.*

**Magné, 1 June 2016** – The cultural association Magné Animation organizes the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Painting Festival of Magné on **Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 July 2016**.

Over the week-end, from 8 am on Saturday, the contestants must realize a creation 'sur le motif' exclusively within the territory of Magné. The materials are stamped by the organizers and each artist will be allowed to present only one work, signed and unframed, to the jury.

Sunday, from 16.30, the works are exhibited in the townhall garden and prized by the public and the professional jury.

The winners of the **38 prizes (30 for the adults and 8 for the younger)** are revealed around 18.00 on Sunday.

Each year **300 local, national and international artists** and between **10,000 and 15,000 visitors** are welcomed in the heart of the Marais Poitevin by about 60 volunteers in a spirit of sharing and a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

This 28<sup>th</sup> edition focussed on Creative Freedom will see the introduction of **many novelties** :

- two prizes will be awarded to a new category : the **Mixed Techniques** ;
- the number of **Youth awards** is brought from 6 to **8** ;
- new partners will sponsor more creations, which will bring the number of **adult awards** to **30** ;
- a **free painting workshop** will be opened to young artists aged 5 to 12 (duly registered but not competing) on Saturday and Sunday afternoons ;
- a **free Jazz concert** with **the Salt Pin-Ups** will entertain the public on **Sunday afternoon** from 15.00.

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The Festival website is already opened for pre-registration to the contest : [www.festivalpeinturemagne.com](http://www.festivalpeinturemagne.com).

The adults registering before 30 June 2016 will get a discount : 26€ instead of 35€. Young people under 15 : 10€. The contestants can also register on Saturday 23 July 2016 from 8 am at the Festival reception.

The guests of honour of the 28<sup>th</sup> edition are **Anne LeCléac'h**, painter, **Thierry Citron**, pastellist, and **Roland Actéon**, sculptor. As usual, the public will be admitted freely to the exhibition of their works at the Four Pontet.

The festival is also committed to the **Cancer League** with the support of the Niort Sèvre Rotary Club. Funds are collected through the sale of paintings and drawings offered by the contestants. In addition to this action, raffle tickets are sold and the winner will be offered the painting which has won the 2<sup>nd</sup> public award. In 2015 Magné Animation donated a cheque of **3,000€** to the Cancer League.

Download photos from the [festival site](#).

Films of the 2015 Festival edition : [short version](#) (8 min), [long version](#) (16 min.)

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*Painters at work under the eyes of the public on the banks of the Sèvre Niortaise in the heart of the Marais Poitevin.*

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