

Lifestyle

# BATHERS ... AND SAILS

Olaug Vethal (1946-2007) made Malta her home for the last 20 years of her life, before passing away in 2007. During this time, she taught art at De La Salle College Sixth Form as well as privately. In the summer months she took advantage of her free time to paint. She was prolific and among the various themes she painted, bathers was a theme she painted most and she painted it all en-plein-air (on the spot) and not in her studio. What we have is a magnificent collection of figurative paintings which truly capture the figures as they are, in the heat of our summer months. And it's not just bathers you'd find when looking out of our coastal shores from her home town in Sliema she also saw quite a few sails which she also painted.

Visit *Bathers... and Sails* at Christine X Art Gallery in Tigne street c/w Hughes Hallett street, Sliema. The exhibition is open until 5<sup>th</sup> August daily from Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm and 4 to 7pm, or by appointment by calling +356 99844653.



## Memories of My Island – A photographic exhibition

'Memories of My Island' is a Maltese street photography exhibition by Nicky Conti.

Nicky has lived away from Malta for almost two decades, yet her sense of identity still relies on the memories she has created growing up. During her short visits back home, the fear of forgetting leads her to wander the streets with her camera in search of memories, creating new ones and re-creating old ones. She believes that her Island's identity lies in its centuries-old streets, houses and historical places. This identity forms her own.

Nicky's photography represents mental memories – capturing a moment in time allowing it to live as long as possible, even forever. She uses contrast, colour, shapes and light to visualise what she recalls, while dark shadows, negative space and silhouettes mask forgotten parts.

Viewers are invited to create their own memories while rekindling old ones through hers.

'Memories of My Island' runs from now until 13th August, 2022. The exhibition is at the Malta Postal Museum & Arts Hub, 135, Archbishop Street, Valletta. The museum is open from Monday to Friday between 10am and 4pm and Saturdays between 10am to 2pm.

This exhibition is supported by Malta Postal Museum and iLab Photo Ltd. Entrance is free.



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