

Participation in the Festival

Date: September 6–7, 2025

Workshop Venue: Sendero Azul del Belcaire, Moncofa

Organizers

- Art Made Association
- Catholic University of Valencia “San Vicente Mártir”
- IMEDMAR - Marine Institute of Research at the Catholic University of Valencia
- EU-CONEXUS -European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability
- Moncofa City Council

Who Is This Festival For?

Audience– A curious and creative community: from emerging artists and researchers to lovers of nature, the beach, contemporary art, applied techniques, and music.

The two-day research-based festival will take place in a coastal nature park, a unique natural area along the Blue Trail of Belcaire, located between the dunes and the sea in southern Moncofa. This remarkable coastal zone was awarded the ADEAC-FEE European Blue Trail in 2017 for its ecological value and the crystal-clear quality of its waters.

The goal of the program is to create a dynamic creative community that fosters dialogue about nature, culture, and contemporary art while promoting environmental protection and the preservation of biodiversity.



Program

Each of the two days will include workshops led by scientists and internationally recognized contemporary artists, starting in the late afternoon. Participants will be invited to engage in artistic research and creation of artworks and art projects, which will later be showcased in various professional art venues with acknowledgment of the participants' contributions and visions in dialogue with the author.

The research will focus on exploring organic forms and the natural characteristics of the beach environment. This format not only fosters the development of creative skills and specific techniques but also serves as a therapeutic interaction with nature and art, offering a full immersion into the working context of contemporary artists and scientists.

The second day will conclude with a musical performance and an evening beach event. The evening will take place in a vibrant atmosphere, with the setting sun and sound of the sea, providing an ideal setting for conversation and idea exchange. Materials for the workshops will be provided.



More about the workshops:

- Science: Exploring marine and terrestrial biodiversity, along with the physical and symbolic characteristics of the marine environment in collaboration with experts.
- Art: Development of artistic techniques in collaboration with artists from Valencia and international guests, including creating works with natural elements (engraving), sunlight and seawater (photograms and luminograms). Participation in the creation of living sculptures that evolve and transform with virtual reality (VR).
- Craft: Learning ancient applied arts using natural materials (ceramics and carving).

A detailed program including the names of artists and musicians will be shared later on the festival's social media channels and emailed to those who register.

General Program

Day 1 - Live experimental laboratory in the natural environment.

Activities: workshops, exploration of the park's nature, discussions with biology scientists, discovery of biodiversity and marine life, mentoring support for interacting with the beach environment. Participants will collect their own source material as inspiration for artworks. Workshop on stone engraving.

Day 2 -Live experimental laboratory with artists.



Activities: workshops and collaborative art creation with artists in a performance format. Techniques include analog photography, prints, virtual reality, and organic forms in art. Conversations with artists on the beach.

Final Evening

A special evening gathering for participants, art professionals, artists, and scientists will be held on the beach at sunset to conclude the festival: an ephemeral dinner with an acoustic performance by a guest artist and a DJ set.

Spots are limited; pre-registration is mandatory.

Rates and Practical Information

Duration

- 2 days / 1 night
- September 6–7, 2025

Participation in workshops:

- One day of your choice – €35
- Both days – €50
- Evening event – €30

Participation in the festival practices includes an invitation to the VIP exhibition opening and priority access to parallel events from September 11 to October 5.

Laboratory Location

The live experimental laboratory will take place in the Belcaire Blue Trail nature park, between the dunes and the sea in southern Moncofa. This unique coastal space was awarded the ADEAC-FEE European Blue Trail in 2017 for its ecological value and the crystal-clear quality of its waters.

Activities will be held in the Estany nature interpretation area and on the beach, promoting interspecies interaction.



Infrastructure and Social Areas

The laboratory area includes zones for work, discussion, and outdoor picnics, which participants can organize independently during the event. These areas are located between the campsite and the program's central area.

The Moncofa infrastructure is just one kilometer from the open laboratory zone, ensuring easy and quick access. Although within the city area, it is located in a quieter sector, within a protected natural area.

Transportation

How to get there by public or private transport:

- There are Cercanías Renfe train connections from Valencia (Nord or Cabanyal stations) or Castellón de la Plana to Moncofa or Chilches (Xilxes).

From the stations in Moncofa or Chilches, public transport is available. Timetables:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:ee906596-e83c-4bcf-85af-b7a2bd627b41>

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:0dab51ad-dcf5-46b7-a61e-b788e4047e27>

<https://www.hicid.es/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/L-363-LA-VALL-DUIXO-PLATJA-DE-XILXES-.pdf>

Accommodation Costs (Optional)

Optional accommodation is available at Los Naranjos campsite, located in southern Moncofa among orange groves and near the beach with crystal-clear waters. This peaceful setting is just a 5-minute walk from the Blue Flag beach and within walking distance of the laboratory site.

Rates are specially offered for our program and must be reserved one month in advance:

- Shared bungalow: €26 per night
- Private bungalow: €112 per night
- Website: <https://www.campinglosnaranjos.com/>

There are also other accommodation options in Moncofa and nearby towns:

- Camping Monmar: <https://www.campingmonmar.com>
(In addition to camping, the site offers bungalow rentals.)
- Booking.com offers a variety of apartment rentals in Moncofa and surrounding towns.
(Please note that accommodation availability may be limited during peak season — early booking is strongly recommended.)
- Nearby hotels include:
 - In Sagunto: Hotel Barù, Exe Puerto de Sagunto
 - In La Vall d'Uixó : Sercotel Plana Suites, Hotel Belcaire
 - In Vila-real (close by): Hotel Sercotel Plana Parc

Do not hesitate to contact us if you need assistance finding accommodation — we are happy to help.

<https://artmadeassociation.com/living-lab-festival-2025>

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