What's On FOCUS

FROM EL GRECO TO CÉZANNE – GRAND MASTERS OF EUROPEAN PAINTING FROM THE MET
Museu Nacional d'Art Catalunya MNAC (Palau Nacional. Parc de Montjuïc, tel: 93 622 0360 ◆ Pl. Espanya (Lines 1 & 3) www.mnac.es) until March 4
40 works from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York exhibited for the first time in Barcelona covering the C17th to the 19th. Featuring spectacular works from the main artistic periods in Europe by El Greco, Van Dyck, Goya, Pisarro, Degas, Monet, Van Gogh and many others.

MUSAC
León: Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León MUSAC (Avenida de los Reyes Leoneses 24, tel: 98 709 0000 www.musac.org.es) throughout February

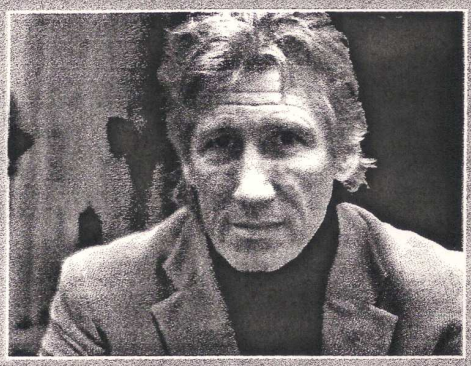
MADRID ABIERTO 2007
Outdoors along the Paseo de Recoletos (Cercanías Recoletos) www.madridabierto.com) until February 28

The culmination of the huge international visual and audio arts competition exhibits the work of competition winners including Dora García, Mandla Reuter, Alonso Gil and Francis Gomila alongside invited artists including Dan Fèrjovski, Johanna Billing and Ben Frost. The tantalizing concept is of a public art exhibition where the work is exhibited in urban surroundings.

DOLORES ZINNY & JUAN MAIDAGAN
Bilbao: Sala Rekalde (Alameda de Recalde 30, tel: 94 406 8755 www.salarekalde.bizkaia.net) from February 18 until April 8
Two Berlin-resident Argentinian artists present an installation which situates itself in between design, sculpture, painting and architecture entitled, 'La costa, el ataque, lo mismo.'

GIGGLING GUIRI
Barcelona: Café Teatre Llantiol c/Riereta s/n, tel: 93 329 9009 ◆ Paral-lel (Lines 2 & 3) February 24
Madrid: Teatro Alfil (c/Pez 10, tel: 91 521 5827 ◆ Noviciado (Line 2) www.giggilingguiri.com) February 25
Australian comedienne extraordinaire Sarah Kendall—believed to be the top female comic in stand up today—graces the Guiri this month. Experimenting with the new time of 6.30pm, Giggling Guiri Madrid ensures you get to bed at a reasonable hour before work on Monday for once.

ONE(S) FOR THE DIARY...



ROGER WATERS & THE WHITE FLAMES
Palau Sant Jordi (Passeig Olímpic 5 to 7, tel: 93 426 2089 ◆ Espanya (Lines 1 & 3) April 21
Whether you stand on the side of David Gilmour or Roger Waters in terms of the whole saga of the break up of the seminal rock band, Pink Floyd, this show promises to be progtastic stadium rock of the best to be found.

THE JAMES TAYLOR QUARTET
Hernani, Guipuzkoa: (Macrocarpa next to Landare rugby field in, barrio Karabel, tel: 94 333 2365 www.sagarrondotik.com) March 16
Madrid: Sala Copérnico (c/Fernández de los Ríos 67, tel: 91 559 5922 ◆ Principe de Vergara (Line 8) March 17
Barcelona: Sala Apolo (c/Nou de Rambla 113, tel: 93 441 4001 ◆ Canillas (Line 6) March 18
Acid jazz funk live dance music with this live group of funk stalwarts and groove merchants. Very highly recommended if you've never seen them live.

FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL MAGDALENA – PIEZAS CONECTADAS (CONNECTED PIECES)
Various locations around the city including the Centre de Cultura Contemporánea de Barcelona CCCB (c/Montalegre 5, tel: 93 306 4100 ◆ Universitat (Lines 1 & 2) or Plaza Catalunya (Lines 1 & 3) www.cccb.org) and Insitut del Teatre a Montjuïc (Plaça Margarida Xirgu s/n, tel: 93 227 3900 Bus 55 www.institutdelteatre.org) March 16 to 25
Celebrated for 20 years all over the world, this festival of theatre, art and dance comes to Spain for the first time at performance spaces all over the city. Founded in 1986 by the director of the Magdalena Project, the International Network of Women in Contemporary Theatre, the festival features artists and companies from as far afield as Australia, Mexico and Norway. See the website www.themagdalenaproject.org for the full programme.