



Underwater art exhibitions and events.  
The philosophy of AQUART : an outstanding concept !

A former open-air asbestos mine, art pieces immersed, underwater music, artists who demonstrate their skills in weightlessness, athletes who hold their breath for performances, visitors who wear fins and masks for an outstanding experience ... What do we try to make around here ?

Add a small team of motivated and passionate managers, generous volunteers looking for adrenalin, some avant-gardist sponsors, numerous open-minded partners, speakers offering generously their knowledge to public, and many visitors ready to live an unforgettable experience, and you get ... AQUART !

Since four years, AQUART brings in a quite particular way a new breath to the art world, the environment and the underwater sports, by placing in a natural setting of rocky cliffs and under the mirror of crystal clear water, a mix of passions for arts and sports.

This " Underwater Festival for all " wants to play an new dynamic role in the promotion of the artists, partners, and sponsors who get involved with, as well as an incredible source of inspiration and fulfilment for the passionates.

At first, the original concept of exhibiting Art underwater may surprise more than a few. However, it offers the opportunity of seeing the works of our artists in a quite particular way, without the hassle of gravity nor the visual restrictions imposed by walls and ceilings in a conventional gallery. The skills of the artists are magnified by the exposure in weightlessness of the paintings and sculptures in a spectacular natural environment. Waters and light glittering on the surface bring the art works to life.

Family friendly, diving in the real thing, not in a training pool, and being part of the show, is full of promises of adventures, and the visit of the underwater galleries is an unequalled experience.

Music performance, special sound effects and songs of whales broadcasted by an underwater DJ add more to the surrealism of an already surprising atmosphere !

The speakers, underwater world specialists, will share pictures of their adventures and their awesome experiences with an astonished public. Visitors will be lucky to widen their passion and knowledge, from freediving, photography, and movie making to marine biology, movie backstage, surveys, diving with disability.

Attendees are also invited to participate in collective artistic creations, with the artists, or to witness the achievements of the athletes participating in the Canadian National Depth Championship, broadcasted live on big screen.

So sport and arts will mix together, in the same regenerative flow.

This gathering of creative and successful wills would not be made possible without a essential key of success for this festival of arts and sport in natural environment : cooperation.

AQUART generates and encourages constantly a strong multilateral collaboration of all the willingnesses of the art and diving world, combining their individual efforts, for the benefit of the attendees. The dazzling growth of AQUART would not have been possible without this ingredient.

Proceeds will be shared with environmental and humanitarian organizations, as part of AQUART social commitment.

Managers, volunteers, and sponsors, all depending on each other for a common success, demonstrate together, in a quite unique way during this fabulous underwater festival, the Quebecers' solidarity and creativity.

This year, for the first time, AQUART CONCEPT, producer and manager of the AQUART events, is spreading.

Parallel to the main event on August 6-7-8 at Flintkote Quarry in Thetford Mines, three other smaller underwater exhibitions will occur and let AQUART to be known in more places in 2010 :

- \* Part of the SLEEPLESS NIGHT of MONTREAL in LIGHTS at the Olympic swimming pool of Montreal on February 27th, 2010, AQUART exhibited 70 pieces of Art, which more than 700 swimmers were able to admire under water.
- \* Exhibition of 80 works in Morrison quarry, near Gatineau, Sept. 4-5.
- \* Exhibition of 75 works in Saint Lawrence River, Brockville, in Ontario, Sept. 11-12.

Furthermore, two major promotional presences are planned, without exhibition, but with participation of the public in collective works with the artists of AQUART :

- \* The Frog Festival : river surfing in Chambly rapids, April 24-25.
- \* The Dive Jamboree of the FQAS, in Percé, Gaspé Peninsula, August 14-15.

Many thanks to all the participants - artists, speakers, volunteers, attendees, partners and sponsors.

WELCOME AT FLINTKOTE QUARRY IN THETFORD-MINES, AUGUST 6-7-8.

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