

'Historian'



Here we are kicking off a new year with the help of this wonderful publication, eager to spread a bit of the creativity regularly appearing now routinely all around SE20 and we thought this month we would take a look at one of the many recent newly painted artworks placed up around Penge and Anerley. The run up to the end of 2021 was an especially busy time for us with over 30 artworks being placed up in the last two months of the year and right now we wish to look at a large-scale work placed up on a resident's house for our SprayExhibition20 community Street Art project as a result of this very space in this brilliant magazine we are privileged to have a platform to share our project in.

The work in question is tucked away at the back of Lucas Road, just around the corner of Penge East and is by Salvadoran Street Artist Abraham.O and it is just stunning. Titled Historian this piece features a male subject in traditional dancing attire for the dance of the history of the Moors and Christians – or Historians – which is presented in El Salvador and other Latin American nations. This dance was presented by the Iberian conquerors during the colonization of the Americas during the 16th century as a means of demonstrating the power of virtues of a Christian God.

For ourselves it is an honour Penge and Anerley are able to play canvas to a world of culture and history from all over the globe.

We would as always wish to say thank you to everyone involved over the last six years supporting this project, who have all helped transform the face of Penge and Anerley in to the wonderful creative hub we all get to explore and enjoy now! In this instance, thank you to the homeowner for donating such an incredible space. As well as a massive thank you to Abraham.O for taking the time to visit our hometown and leaving such an absolutely incredible artwork in the process.

As always if anyone wishes to participate and support the project further by offering up their public spaces, please email callinglondoninfo@gmail.com or visit www.pengestreetart.com where you can register your interest in donating a public space for us to paint and we will get back to you.

