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Painting The Portrait

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Course Description

Painting from the live model has long been a cornerstone of artistic training and remains a powerful way to develop observation, drawing, an understanding of light and color, and expressive paint handling. In a world saturated with photography, painting from life offers an opportunity to slow down, look closely, and build a portrait through sustained, direct observation.

This eight-week course will guide students through the development of oil portraits from the live model, emphasizing the use of abstraction and simplification to build recognizable forms and capture likeness. Students will learn to identify compelling shapes, develop harmonious color relationships, and approach the portrait as a unified composition. Working from general forms toward specific details, the course will explore how an understanding of value, contrast, color temperature, and composition contributes to both accuracy and expression.

Materials List:

Surfaces:

10-12 surfaces:
Recommendation of range between 6” x 6” - 12” x 10”
Recommendation of 1/8” think Ampersand artist panels or shellacked arches watercolor paper (email instructor with any questions about shellac)

Optional: tone surface with NEUTRAL, DESATURATED COLOR: cool brown or warm grey

Brushes:

A range of sizes 0-6, whatever you are comfortable working with, but consider the size of your surfaces.

Oil paints:

Recommended:
Cadmium Red
Alizarin Crimson
Ultramarine Blue
Cobalt Blue
Transparent Yellow Ochre
Cadmium Yellow
Titanium White
Mars Black
Burnt Umber
Raw Sienna
+ any fun colors you have

Gamsol
Liquin
Rags/paper towels
Glass palette
Palette scraper
Palette knives

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