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Erwachsene Tradition & Technik

Realist Painting Essentials

A workshop of fundamental oil painting skills

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Termine

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Täglich 9.00-13.00 + 14.00-18.00
Uhr

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Kursort

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Kursleitung

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This workshop welcomes absolute beginners and intermediate-level artists seeking a solid foundation in painting. In a small, focused learning environment, participants discover a comprehensive, step-by-step approach, along with valuable tools and concepts to create realistic oil paintings from start to finish.

Each day begins with a lively theoretical session that clarifies essential principles, followed by immersive hands-on practice. Students embark on a structured painting journey using carefully chosen references that balance challenge and achievement within the workshop timeframe.

Learning Objectives

- **Drawing for painting** – Develop proven comparison strategies for accuracy and a practical approach to constructing even the most complex drawings
- **Light and form theory** – Understand how light interacts with the physical world to identify, predict, and effectively portray these interactions on a two-dimensional surface
- **Tonal values** – Master professional techniques for grouping and arranging values to create convincing three-dimensional form with strong visual impact
- **Practical colour theory** – Ensure successful colour mixing and modelling to elevate paintings to new levels of realism



- **Materials and techniques** – Gain a thorough understanding of traditional and modern methods, including direct and indirect approaches, surfaces, pigments, binders, additives, application techniques, and key considerations for artworks that stand the test of time

Unique Features and Value

This workshop offers a unique opportunity to learn from two master instructors who have guided aspiring artists at a leading academy for more than seven years. Their complementary teaching styles and ability to connect with students of all levels create a welcoming, supportive environment. With a class size of only twelve and two instructors, each participant receives the kind of personalised attention typically reserved for private tutorials. The workshop condenses years of classical training into five immersive days, making high-level artistic education accessible to those who cannot commit to extended academy study.

Motivation and Inspiration

The instructors live and breathe their craft, constantly expanding their knowledge through ongoing research and collaboration with fellow artists, conservators, historians, and materials experts. Their enthusiasm and commitment to each student's success foster an encouraging atmosphere where creativity thrives. They firmly believe that masterful realist art is within everyone's reach with the right tools and understanding.

Teaching Methods

Each day opens with a vivid exploration of key concepts, brought to life through dynamic visual presentations. Rather than simply demonstrating techniques, the instructors share the rationale behind each method, empowering students to make informed creative decisions. A progressive painting project anchors the workshop, allowing participants to put new insights into practice immediately. The instructors' distinctive mentoring style encourages students to find solutions through thoughtful questioning, nurturing independence and deep



understanding.

Interaction and Practice

The small class size ensures that every question is addressed and every challenge resolved. Students receive consistent, supportive feedback throughout each practical session, creating an environment where breakthroughs occur naturally. This personalised guidance helps each artist develop unique strengths while mastering essential principles.

Techniques and Materials

Experience the remarkable possibilities of oil painting, a medium acclaimed for its capacity to capture the subtleties of light and form. Learn to harness its versatile properties and produce paintings with extraordinary depth and luminosity—achieving effects that truly set your work apart.

Participant Testimonials

Organisational Information

- **Age Group:** Adults
- **Participation Requirements:** Open to everyone; no prior experience necessary.
- **Language of Instruction:** English
- **Course Materials:** tba

Embark on this immersive journey and discover the transformative potential of realistic painting—reserve your spot today.



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