

COURSE SYLLABUS

Painting Explorations: Modernism/Abstraction (18+) Weekend Intensive

Instructor: Michael Toke

Saturday and Sunday, July 27 - 28, 10 am - 5 pm

Class 1:

- **Motivations and Methods in Abstraction.** A historical context for “why we abstract?” w/ examples and experimental interactive abstract game play and self-painted collage.
- **Creation, Destruction, Recreation and Deconstruction.** 3D object to image exercise.
- **Gallery visit** to AGO modern collections

Class 2:

- **Expressing Ideas through Creating a Visual Language.** Wet in wet and visual language techniques.
- **Progression through Evolution and Repetition.** Working in Mirrored Compliment and Series

MATERIAL LIST

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Items in **bold** are required for the first class.

- Acrylic paints (brand of your choice, one tube of each colour, approximately 120 ml/5oz:
- **Basic set including: primary blue, red and yellow, and black. In addition please get a raw umber, burnt sienna, hookers green, dioxazine purple and one fluorescent colour** (More including these if you desire: Magenta, cyan, alizarin crimson, thalo blue, thalo green.)
- **Titanium white (larger tube - we tend to use a lot of white)**
- **Acrylic matte medium (not gel) 250ml**
- **Gesso 250ml (please be sure to get both gesso and matte medium)**
- Brushes and Other Materials:
- **A large flat 2 inch chip/utility/house natural fiber painters brush (hardware stores can be a good resource.)**
- **3 medium sized filbert brushes (1/4, 1/2 and 3/4" hog/natural bristle - AboveGround brand or Nobel Brand (Deserres) are affordable options)**
- **1 or 2 palette knives**
- **A couple Palettes: foam or plastic plates. (With a rim to hold a wash) White is ideal.**
- Painting rag: cotton cloth, an old shirt
- Masking tape, scissors.
- Surfaces:
- **5 canvas boards or canvases 16 x 20" or larger. (2 for first class) (Canvas boards preferred - not canvas paper pad)**
- **Bond Paper pad 18 x 24" (40 sheets paper should be under \$10 at Aboveground Art Supplies or DeSerres. Cartridge Paper could be substituted or other similarly sized inexpensive paper pad that will accept acrylic well)**

All material sizes are approximate. Please retain your receipts in case exchanges or returns are needed. On your first day of class, your instructor may recommend additional optional materials. Our Instructors will do their best to accommodate alternative materials whenever possible.

Suggested retailers for purchasing your art materials:

Aboveground Art Supplies (discount code: AGOSTUDENT10), DeSerres, Gwartzman's, Michaels, or your local art supply store.