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**Course:** W22AFDP Figure Drawing and Painting: Concept and Technique

## **Course Description**

While working from a live model, participants will work with drawing and painting exercises to explore and improve skills in seeing and technique. In each class, students will learn about and employ concepts and techniques from both traditional and contemporary figurative artists.

## **MATERIALS LIST**

### **Paper:**

- Drawing Paper at least 14" x 17" or larger. Should have some 'tooth', ie: Canson Classic Drawing Pad, Mixed Media Pad, Pastel Paper, etc.
- Newsprint pad 18"x 24"
- Supports that will hold paint 18" x 24" Examples: Canvas Board, Canvas paper, Illustration Board, Watercolour Paper (140lb or heavier), etc.
- Sketchbook (Canson Mixed Media is good)

### **Drawing and painting Media and Tools:**

- Pencils: Graphite, charcoal and/or Pastel in a range of firmness (2B-9B)
- Conté – black, brown, white
- Charcoal
- Water Soluble Graphite – Lyra brand 6B-9B is good (you only need one)
- Soft Pastels – a variety of colours (Good quality pastels such as Rembrandt or NuPastel will give you better results) Individual colour sticks of NuPastel that are useful: Cordovan, Blue Spruce, Ivory, Bottle Green.
- Kneadable Eraser
- Acrylic Paint: A range of colours – Ivory or Carbon Black, Titanium White, Payne's Grey, Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Yellow Ochre, Primary Red, Ultramarine Blue...any other colours you have or like to work with.
- Polymer Medium – preferably matte – can also use Clear Gesso



- Gesso – for priming boards and whiting out
- Paint brushes – for acrylic paint (bristle) – a variety of sizes and types. One should be at least 1.5”-2”
- Palette knives, plastic scrapers (old credit cards will work), mark-making tools (plastic knives and forks, chopsticks, twigs, sponges, etc)

**Optional but useful:**

- Spray bottle for water
- Paper Towels
- Table Covering
- Colour Wheel
- Masking Tape
- Any other art supplies you like to use.

Other supplies may be added later.