

Abstracting the Landscape

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Description:

Take the plunge into abstraction by taking the fundamentals of landscape painting to new and exciting directions! This class will focus on the process of pulling imagery from nature to emphasize the formal aspects of painting – color, composition, movement and space. Open to all oil and acrylic painters who are willing to let go, experiment and take chances!

We will dive into the history of abstraction, utilizing plein air works in the studio, possibilities through our materials/tools, and color palette strategies.

Supplies:

Paint: Participants can paint in either oils or acrylics. In keeping with the spirit of experimentation, please have your full palette of colors that you have on-hand. For a starting point, here is the palette I will be using for class demonstrations: Cadmium Yellow Light, Indian Yellow, Cadmium Orange, Alizarin Crimson/Permanent, Ultramarine Blue, Cobalt Teal and Titanium White.

Brushes: 2 – 3 flat or bright brushes appropriate for the paint you are using.

Brush cleaner: Thinner appropriate for the paint you are using. Rags/paper towels.

Painting Supports: At least one canvas or panel to work on each class. Size can be anywhere from 12" x 12" to 16" x 20". Please have 2 -3 small panels on hand as well, approximately 6" x 6", 6" x 8" or 8" x 10". Recommended: Ampersand Gessobord.

Source Material: Please have several references ready to work from. These can be drawings, other paintings or photographs. If photographs, please have them be your own.

Please let me know if you have any materials-related questions before the first class –

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Bio

Scott Gellatly holds a degree in painting and drawing from the University of Oregon and has exhibited his work in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States. A landscape painter at heart, Scott's work has become more abstracted, with greater emphasis on pure color and gestural mark-making to evoke nature.

Scott is an Oregon native and lives in Portland with his family.

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