

La Galeria Roja  
Patrick Byrnes  
patrick@patrickbyrnespaintings.com  
+33 649320026

Workshop name: *The Portrait Sketch*

Workshop description: In this four-day workshop, artists will learn to create *alla prima* portrait paintings that evince the beauty and humanity of the model with freshness, sensitivity and lively detail. Using a lucid step-by-step approach, participants will paint four portrait sketches of four different live models. Patrick will guide artists with daily demonstrations and in-depth personal critiques through each stage of the process – from creating a strong likeness with accurate drawing, to color mixing, modeling form and finishing details. Cranial anatomy, materials, paint handling, and the physics of light will also be discussed throughout each session. While this workshop is mainly geared towards painters with some previous experience in oils, artists who prefer to create portrait drawings in graphite or charcoal are also encouraged to participate.

Instructor Bio: Patrick was born in Busan, South Korea in 1984 and raised in La Grange, Illinois. He earned his undergraduate degree in Art History and English from the University of St Andrews in 2006. Patrick moved to New York in 2010 to train under Jacob Collins, Edward Minoff, Joshua LaRock, Scott Waddell, and Colleen Barry at Grand Central Atelier. Following the completion of his studies in 2014, he worked as an instructor of painting and drawing in the atelier's full and part time programs. In 2017 Patrick relocated to Paris, France, where he now lives and works. His work is exhibited at galleries in New York and Massachusetts. [www.patrickbyrnespaintings.com](http://www.patrickbyrnespaintings.com)

Painting Materials:

#### **SUPPORT**

4 panels or stretched canvases, minimum size 30x30 cm

#### **TOOLS**

Palette: wooden or disposable

Solvent in an airtight container (only Odorless Mineral Spirits is permitted, e.g. Gamsol or Turpenoid)

Refined Linseed Oil

Palette Knife

Paper Towels

Small Mirror

#### **PIGMENTS\***

Titanium White or Lead White

Yellow Ochre

Raw Sienna

Cadmium Red

Burnt Sienna

Alizarin Crimson

Ivory Black

Raw Umber *and/or* Burnt Umber

Viridian *and/or* Ultramarine Blue

\*Most professional-grade brands are acceptable, such as Winsor & Newton, Gamblin, Charvin, Williamsburg, et al. I personally use a mix of Michael Harding, Old Holland and Rublev brand pigments.

#### **BRUSHES**

Invest in a variety of hairs, shapes and sizes. I work with a mix of hairs (synthetics, mongoose, sables, and bristles) in a variety of shapes (flats, rounds, filberts) and sizes (from 0 to 12). For beginners, I would recommend starting with a selection of good quality but inexpensive synthetic flat or round brushes (sizes 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)

Drawing Materials:

**GRAPHITE** pencils or lead with lead holders in a range from 2H to 4B (I recommend Blackwing and Tombow pencils, and Staedtler leads for lead holders)

**CHARCOAL** both vine and compressed charcoal in a range from soft to hard (I recommend *fusain nitram* sticks and General's brand pencils)

**WHITE CHALK** pencils (I recommend General's brand charcoal white pencil and Faber Castell "Albrecht Dürer Weiss White")

**DRAWING PAPER** white or lightly toned paper, minimum size 40x30 cm (I recommend Strathmore 400 series medium surface drawing paper or Fabriano Artístico 140 lb smooth, hot press watercolor paper; other recommended brands include Stonehenge, Arches, and Canson Mi-Teintes)

**ERASERS** 1 kneaded eraser and 1 hard rubber eraser (I recommend the Tombow brand “Mono Zero” eraser stick)

**SHARPENER** (sand paper + utility knife)

**DRAWING BOARD** with clips and tape (blue painters tape or artist’s tape)

**KNITTING NEEDLE** or a long-handled paintbrush for taking measurements

**MIRROR** a small, handheld mirror