

HAMLEY STUDIO CLASSES – Ben & Sally Ryan

Hamley Studio runs a regular portrait/figure painting class on Fridays. It consists of a morning and afternoon session so you can join for a half or whole day.

Overview:

This class will run over ten Fridays and will look at all of the elements involved in creating a portrait or figure painting/drawing from start to finish. It will feature live demonstrations from two classically-trained artists, as well as in-depth individual feedback.

It is the philosophy of Hamley Studio that painting/drawing from life is the only valid way of coming to real understandings about the human form, so we will be working directly from the live model, who will hold one pose for five weeks at a time (two poses for the term). We will start by approaching the picture as a design of light, looking at simplified and effective ways of accurately capturing the proportions and gesture of the figure or portrait. Then we will look at methods of using tone and colour to create the appearance of three-dimensionality in our work. Ongoing reference will be made to master works, as well as to concepts of anatomy and form.

Tuition will be tailored to the needs of each student, so the classes are suitable for all levels of experience. It is strongly recommended that beginners start by drawing only, as good draughtsmanship is always at the core of good painting.

Details:

Class: Portrait/Figure - Drawing or Oil Painting

Time: Fridays, 10am-12:45pm and 1:30-4:15pm

Location: Unit 18, 4 Hamley Road, Mt Kuring-Gai

Term 1 dates 2021: January 29 – April 9 (one of the Fridays of this term falls on Good Friday. Class will not run on that day, but the final day of term will now occur on April 9).

Cost:

1 session (morning or afternoon) = \$45 - (Full 10-Week Term = \$450)

2 sessions (all day) = \$90 - (Full 10-Week Term = \$900)

**Price includes fee for model*

Materials:

If drawing:

- A2 size cartridge paper
- HB+2B pencil
- Kneadable eraser

If painting:

1. Brushes – we recommend bringing brushes in a range of shapes and sizes. We tend to use primarily hog-hair filbert brushes. We also recommend bringing a few softer brushes for softening edges. It is also useful to have a few flat brushes, as well as some small round brushes for details. A soft fan brush can also be useful for softening edges.

**Brushes must be in good condition. In terms of brand, for the hog-hair brushes we like the Isabey Hog Series (<https://www.thesydneyartstore.com.au/product-group/949-isabey-6088-hog-series-brushes/category/273-acrylic-oil-brushes>) though this is not essential.*

2. Board/canvas – approx. 14x16 inches or a bit larger. Working to a smaller size may be restrictive.
Eg: gesso board, fine weave linen (Artfix, Claessens are good) – oil or acrylic primed.
Tone your canvas with an imprimatura of a mid-neutral colour eg grey, raw umber in either oil or acrylic paint (must be dry prior to the class).

Pigments:

The following oil colours are **essential** –

White (Cremnitz/Lead/Flake **OR** Titanium)
A bright yellow (e.g. Cadmium Yellow, Cad Yellow Pale or Cad Yellow Lemon)
Yellow Ochre
Cadmium Red Light (or Vermilion)
Alizarin Crimson
An earth red (e.g. Transparent Red Oxide, Burnt Sienna, Venetian Red, English Red)
Raw Umber
Ultramarine Blue
Ivory Black

We mostly use Michael Harding and Old Holland paints but they are expensive because they have higher levels of pigment than student quality paints. Any artist quality paints are acceptable -Windsor & Newton, Gamblin, Rembrandt etc - **do not buy oil paint sets.*

Other materials -

Wooden palette – palettes can be supplied for use during the class

Palette knife (metal, not plastic)
Plumb Line (can also be provided)
Small mirror
Paper towel
Rags (old T-shirts are good)

Getting Here and Facilities

Hamley Studio is located in an industrial complex and there is ample street parking. We are also able to pick students up from the local train station (Mt Kuring-Gai) at certain designated times.

There is a local café just round the corner is open on weekdays for breakfast and lunch. The studio has a fridge, microwave, kettle & sandwich press if you're bringing your own lunch.

Booking

Bookings can be made through the hamleystudio.com.au website. In certain circumstances we are able to cater for alternative payment and attendance arrangements. If you need an alternative arrangement please contact us through the website or at hamleystudio@gmail.com

Cancellations:

In the event that classes have to be cancelled due to COVID-19, a refund for cancelled classes will be given.

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