

# Painting

## Alex Merchant

### July 18-24, 2021

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Collage in the age of distortion. We will be layering photographic images over one another and slicing-away portions to create a visually confusing and interesting surface. The printed images that you may choose from magazines, print-outs, advertisements, newspaper, books, etc, will be layered, pasted, cut away, relayered, and so on. For the perfectionists, you must let go of the 'not knowing.' For most of this process, you will not be able to see what's underneath the surface you're working on. This is a great exercise in relaxing, embracing uncertainty, and allowing for some experimentation. Each student will have the opportunity to produce three unique 8"x10" works of their own. For the images you choose to bring with you, select subject matter that you find interesting, with a variety of colors, tones, shapes, moods, etc. Black and white is also fine.

#### **MATERIALS LIST**

- Required: 12-20 pieces of \*papers at least 8.5"x11" in size. Can be magazine pages, advertisements, or photographs printed on a laserjet printer on regular computer paper. Do not use photo paper.
- Required: \*Xacto knife handle
- Required: \*12 inch ruler. Better a ruler with a metallic edge, but not necessary.
- Optional: \*scissors
- Optional: a cutting mat if you can travel with it and own one
- Optional: a handful of \*marking tools of your choice: graphite, marker, ink pen, paint pen, etc.
- \*Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- \*Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

***All Items marked with an "\*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store***

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

In accordance to Arrowmont's COVID-19 policies, Arrowmont recommends that all students bring multiple face coverings in accordance to the CDC guidelines (2-ply, cloth face covering). Along with additional masks, students should consider bringing additional PPE that they may need personally, including but not limited to hand sanitizers and gloves. When asked to bring a respirator or N95 for class, please consider the best option for the supply in your area with health care workers in mind.

In addition to the new operating policies due to COVID-19, Arrowmont is providing additional information to students about materials and tools that will be provided in classrooms. If a student already owns the below items and can travel with them, the student can choose to bring these additional items. Arrowmont will provide these items to students but wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable while on campus as some of these items will be shared amongst a class and are not guaranteed to be one per student.

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Additional xacto blades
- 2 inch flat brushes of any kind
- Blue painters tape
- Cups for water
- Please see highlighted above

If a student chooses to mail tools and supplies to Arrowmont prior to the class, the packages will be placed in the student's classroom.

Please label packages clearly, including student's name and class week.

Students can mail packages to:

Arrowmont  
C/O Student Name and Class Week  
556 Parkway  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

**MATERIALS FEES: \$30.00-\$65.00**

**Materials fees** will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

**Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor**

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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