

# BROWNE SCHOOL OF ART.



*Janine Blackburn*

## PAINTING 4 2025

Matthew Browne / Kathryn Stevens / Guest Artists & Speakers

# PAINTING 4: DAY - 2025

**Workshops:** Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm

**Exhibition Installation:** 1 December

**Exhibition:** 2 – 7 December (opening event 2 December)

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<b>Term 1</b>	13, 27 Feb	13, 27 Mar	Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm
<b>Term 2</b>	8, 22 May	5, 19 Jun	
<b>Term 3</b>	24 Jul, 7, 21 Aug	4, Sep	
<b>Term 4</b>	16, 30 Oct	13, 27 Nov	
		Installation 1 / 12 Exhibition 2 - 7 / 12	

## Course Outline

This course is structured to provide an on-going support network for practicing artists. Four days are scheduled over each of the four terms, set at fortnightly intervals. Sessions are equally divided between days of theoretical and practical context alongside days set aside solely for the development of each individual's painting practice. Each session is spread over a six-hour day from 9.30am – 3.30pm. The structure of this course is intentionally flexible to accommodate the various and particular needs of the students enrolled.

Within this flexibility there is an intended format of presentations, both practical and informative, from professional practicing artists and experienced members of the industry. There will be an equal emphasis on informing students to better orientate themselves as artists in the art world, as well as advising on matters of practicality, methodology and approach within their own art practice.

## Theoretical / Contextual / Informative Sessions

On days scheduled for theoretical, contextual, informative sessions, we will begin with a topical discussion of no longer than one hour. Matthew will facilitate these sessions and students are encouraged to participate. This is typically prompted by a reading, emailed to all students a few days in advance of the session.

From mid-morning we will have a presentation from a practicing professional artist. This may be followed by a question and answer session. This is your opportunity to learn from artist's who have been leaders in their field. In the afternoon we may have a further presentation or workshop from an additional area of the industry. These may include:

- Gallery protocol, business and alternative artist run spaces.
- Self-initiated projects.
- Materials, processes and ideas with an emphasis on thinking through making (hands-on workshop).
- How to successfully photograph and file your work.

You are encouraged to make suggestions and requests and to play an active part in the course curriculum and structure. Additionally, there will be at least one, more in-depth group critique. This will usually take place at the year mid-way point and will require a day. There will be plenty of indication as to when this will occur so that you may prepare well in advance.

## Practical / Painting Sessions

It is anticipated that you will spend each second week painting in the school studio. This will provide your tutors (Matthew, Kathryn and/or invited guests) with an opportunity to discuss your on-going practice on a one-to-one basis with support and guidance. These sessions are when you will be encouraged to explore, experiment and to make further advancements within your own area of focus.

## Outcomes

At the conclusion of this year it is anticipated that you will have a much clearer idea of the relationship between your painting philosophy and how this underpins your practice. This creative maturity and clarity of purpose will assist you in confidently communicating your ideas and intentions and by doing so somewhat ease your professional dealings with others in related fields, such as gallery dealers, critics and writers. Additionally, it is hoped that the contact with like minds that this course offers will continue to provide on-going support networks. An exhibition of course participant's work will be held either in the studio/gallery or at an alternative venue at the end of the year.

## Teaching Strategies

At the very least you can expect regular feedback from your tutors, either individually or within a class discussion or critique. We will endeavour to:

- Create an enjoyable, positive and supportive working environment.
- Identify and offer practical advice both individually and collectively.
- Provide support for each student in establishing working processes, strategies and clarification of intent.
- Encourage class debate and philosophical discussion.
- To give honest, constructive and open feedback with regard to each student's work and to be objective and fair in all critiques.
- Be respectful of each student's individuality.

## Expectations of You

As a student in this class you are expected to:

- Arrive promptly for each session.
- Be well prepared for each class e.g. materials, working plan and strategies.
- Be realistic as to your progress and expectations, especially if you have limited time outside of class to pursue your work, or have circumstances that arise beyond your control that make class attendance temporarily difficult
- To help achieve the aims of the course you will be required to do some work in your own time: e.g. gallery visits, relevant reading and keeping a visual diary.
- Be open, generous and respectful in your professional dealings with fellow students.
- During the first hour of the day mobile phones switched off please or on silent vibrate alert (except in emergencies).
- Your tutors are here to help and advise so please be patient as you may not be the only student needing attention.

## Suggested Reading List

### *Theory and Critical Thinking*

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| Aesthetics and Art Criticism  | Bernard Hoffert: Longman 1997                           |
| Art & Fear  | David Bayles & Ted Orland: Capra Press 1993             |
| Art Since 1940: Strategies of Being   | Jonathan Fineberg: Prentice Hall 1995                   |
| Art Now: 137 artists at the rise of the new millennium                          | Taschen 2002  |
| Artists @ Work: New Zealand Painters and Sculptors in the Studio                | Richard Woolfe & Stephen Robinson<br>Penguin Books 2010 |
| Conversations in Paint  | Charles Dunn: Workman Publishing 1995                   |
| Concerning the Spiritual In Art   | Wassily Kandinsky: Dover 1977                           |
| Chromophobia  | David Batchelor: Reaktion Books 2000                    |
| Contemporary Painting in New Zealand  | Michael Dunn: Craftesman House 1996                     |
| Creative Authenticity: 16 Principles to clarify and Deepen your artistic vision | Ian Roberts:<br>Atelier Saint-Luc Press 2004            |
| Current Contemporary Art from Australia & New Zealand                           | Edited by Art & Australia                               |
| Inside the Studio   | Independent Curators International (ICI) 2004           |
| Modern Art & Modernism  | Harper & Row 1992                                       |
| No More Second Hand Art: Awakening the Artist Within                            | Peter London: Shambala Publications 1998                |
| Painting Today  | Phaidon 2009  |
| Painting Abstraction<br>New Elements in Abstract Painting                       | Bob Nickas: Phaidon Press 2009                          |
| Point and Line to Plane   | Wassily Kandinsky: Dover 1979                           |
| Redeeming Art   | Donald Kuspit: Allworth Press 2000                      |
| Seven Days in the Art World   | Sarah Thornton: Granta 2008/2009                        |
| Secret Knowledge: Rediscovering the lost techniques of The Masters              | David Hockney: Thames & Hudson 2001/2006                |
| Seen This Century:<br>100 Contemporary New Zealand Artists                      | Warwick Brown: Random House 2009                        |

The Big Picture A History of New Zealand Art:	Hamish Keith: Godwit by Random House 2007
The Artist's Way	Julia Cameron: Souvenir Press 1993
The Creative Habit: Learn and use it for Life	Twyla Tharp/Mark Reiter Simon & Schuster Paperbacks
The Philosophy of Modern Art	Herbert Reid: Faber & Faber 1964
The Creative Habit: Learn it and use it for Life	Twyla Tharp: Simon & Schuster Paperbacks 2003
The Natural Way to Draw	Kimon Nicolaides: Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston 1969
The End of Art	Donald Kuspit: Cambridge University Press 2004
The Outliers: The Story of Success	Malcolm Gladwell: Little Brown & Co Hatchett Book Group. NY 2008
The View from the Studio Door	Ted Orland: The Image Continuum Press 2006
An Anthropologist on Mars	Oliver Sacks: Knopf 1995
Talking Painting	David Ryan: Taylor & Francis Book 2002
This is Modern Art	Matthew Collings: Seven Dials 2000
Trust the Process: An Artist's Guide to Letting Go	Shaun McNiff: Shambhala Publications 1998
What is Painting?	Julian Bell: Thames & Hudson 1999
What Painting Is	James Elkins: Routledge 1999
Visual Thinking	Rudolf Arnheim: University of California Press 1969
Vitamin D	Phaidon Press Ltd 2005
Vitamin P	Phaidon Press Ltd 2002
Voicing Today's Visions	Mara Witzling: New York: Women's Press 1994
Visual Theory: Painting and Interpretation	Norman Bryson, Michael Ann Holly, Keith Moxey: Ed. Cambridge: Polity Press 1991

### *Technical*

The Artist's Handbook of Materials & Techniques	Ralph Mayer: Faber & Faber (revised)
The Elements of Colour Formulas For Painters	Johannes Itten: Van Nostrand Reinhold International 1970 Robert Massey: Watson-Guptill 1967

### *General Interest*

Artists on Art	Robert Goldwater and Marco Treves: John Murray Publishing 1976
Art Spoke	Robert Atkins: Abbeville press 1993
Bright Earth	Philip Ball: Penguin Books 2002
Conversations Before The End of Time	Suzi Gablik: Thames & Hudson 1995
Dictionary Of Art Terms	Edward Lucie-Smith: Thames and Hudson 1984
Hall's Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols In Art	James Hall: John Murray publishers 1994
Nothing if Not Critical	Robert Hughes: Harvill (Harper Collins) 1987
The Journal of Eugene Delacroix	Phaidon: 1980
Women Artists (In the 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Century) (In the 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Century)	Taschen 2005

### *Magazines and Periodicals*

Modern Painter's, Art News (US), New Zealand Art News, Art New Zealand, Artzone – NZ Gallery Guide, The Art Newspaper (International), Art World, Artist Profile

### *Books by Internet*

www.amazon.com                      Books by mail order. Fast, efficient and often less expensive, even with freight.

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