VMFA STUDIO SCHOOL Updated 1/20

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Hello Students,

I'm looking forward to working with you. Here's a short overview of the process we will use and a list of supplies.

We will begin by attaching images onto smooth surfaced art boards. Gel medium is both the glue and the sealant for our images. You can work directly on a single photograph, or collage smaller images together to create a composite. We will go over the finished imagery with oil paint. I will share examples of other surface finishes such as cold wax and varnish. Be prepared to experiment, and wear clothes that are okay for paint stains!

Supplies:

- Oil Paints A small set of Winton oil paints is an inexpensive option. Holbein, Williamsburg, and Gamblin brand oils are better and also more expensive. Amazon sells a Williamsburg Oil Traditional Colors Set for just over \$40.00. This would be a good choice. I will also bring some paints to the class.
- 2. Paper palette for mixing paint (I use Freezer paper)
- 3. Turpenoid, the blue & white bottle, or Gamsol.
- 4. Medium Premixed painting mediums work well. "Galkyd Light" is a good choice
- 5. Golden brand matte medium (this is our glue)
- 6. Small medal palette knife
- 7. Variety of brushes for oil paint
- 8. Cheap larger brush or sponge brush from the hardware store
- 9. Masking tape
- 10. Old jars with lids
- 11. Rags (t-shirt type material)
- 12. Old credit card (for scraping paint)
- 13. Scissors
- 14. Paper towels
- 15. Q-Tips for wiping paint
- 16. Baby wipes for clean up
- 17. Large cardboard box lid for carrying home your work.

Additional Options: Oil sticks, Pastels, Soft lead pencils, Printmaking brayer, Krylon Kamar varnish for finished work

Images:

The more you bring the more options you will have.

- 1. Darkroom Photos RC or Fiber prints are both fine. Old photos are fine.
- 2. Digital Prints Some paper surface/ink combinations are water-soluble and will run a bit when paint is introduced, but still work. 8x10 and smaller is a good size. Matte or glossy surface both work. Keep in mind that the photos you use will be completely altered in this process.
- 3. Photo Copier Images
- 4. Magazine Images
- 5. Maps, Old Books and Notebooks Anything paper that strikes your fancy.

Supports for Mounting Photos/Collages:

Artboard, clayboard, or masonite. **Be sure to buy them pre-primed.** We will work in approximately 11x14" through 4 x5" sizes. Bring several smooth surface boards of different sizes.

- * You may wish to bring lunch; we have a refrigerator, microwave, and drink machine, or plan to eat lunch nearby.
- * If you have taken my class before, please bring in work that you have done to be shown as samples.

Art Supply Stores:

Plaza Art Supply, 927 Grace Street (near Harrison). They give a student discount. Parking in their lot or on the street.

AC Moore & Michael's: They don't offer a student discount or much help selecting supplies.

Online: Dickblick.com, ASWexpress.com, Cheapjoes.com, Utrechtart.com