WINTER: Life Drawing: Basic Anatomy and Self Portraiture

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Day/time: Mondays, January 12 - March 16, 10:00am - 12:30pm (no class 1/19, 2/16)

CLASS SCHEDULE – 8 WEEKS

Class I

    Introductions, Orientation, Materials and Syllabus Review
    In Class – Introduction to the head, skull, muscular system
    Draw the skull from the skeleton

Class II

    In Class – Introduction to the head, skull muscular system
    Draw the muscles of the skull from references

Class III

    In class – The Head, Skull, Portraiture –
    Your first self-portrait – straight on

Class IV

    In class – The Head, Skull, Portraiture –
    Your second self-portrait – ¾ view

Class V

    In class – Drawing the figure from the skeleton and muscle references

Class VI

    Full length self-portrait – introduction and measuring

Class VII

    Full length self-portrait – continuing

Class VIII

    Full length self-portrait – continuing and completing

STANDARD DRAWING KIT MATERIALS

- Pencils/Charcoal/Conté Crayon
- Graphite Pencils - a few in a range of numbers (hard = 1, 2 to soft = 7, 8)
- 1 Graphite Stick – 6B – 9B
- 2-3 Charcoal Pencils - range of numbers (2, 4, 8)

OR

- 3 Charcoal stick - hard to soft
- Charkole (pressed) - very dark, velvety - highly recommended
- Conté crayon - rust, brown, white (optional)

Drawing Board with Clips
Erasers

- Staedler White plastic (cube and in stick form)
- Kneaded

Paper

- Newsprint – 16" x 20" or 18" x 24" - for gesture drawings, sketching and mapping in
- Sketch Pad – 16" x 20 or 18" x 24" smooth
- Drawing Journal (8" x 10" or larger)

Rolled paper pencils (stomps)
Measuring tape (6' or more)

Misc. (optional)
2" or wider masking tape to adhere paper onto wall
Pencil Sharpener or exacto knife
Ziplock bags or plastic box

ART SUPPLY STORES: In Person or Online

- Staples - minimal materials but can be enough to get you started
- Dick Blick – Central Square and Fenway, Boston
- Playtime – Arlington
- Michaels – pretty good materials
- Amazon – has a wide range of art supplies