

Form to Light to Colour Friday May 28th – Thursday June 10th, 2010.

Verrocchio Arts Centre, Casole d'Elsa, Tuscany, Italy
Instructor – Clive Pates

Schedules and Pricing:

The basic price for the course is 1700 Euros (currently \$2500). A deposit of \$500 is due at the time of registration, with the balance due by April 1, 2010.

If the Euro to Dollar rate of exchange changes significantly before the start of the course, students may be required to pay a supplement in Dollars to meet the 1700 Euro costs.

This price includes 10 days of instruction and double-occupancy, shared bath accommodation for 13 nights, including breakfast, and dinner with wine on 12 evenings. (*Errata: the course will feature 10 days teaching not the 12 mentioned in the publicity flier.*)

The dates listed above are the dates on which you should travel. Check in for accommodation is 5pm on Friday, May 28th, and tuition starts on Saturday, May 29th. Check out time is 10am on Thursday, June 10th.

Typical Day:

8:30 am – Breakfast

9:30 am to 12:30 pm – Instruction

3:00 to 5:00 pm – Self-initiated Study and Open Studios

8:00 pm – Dinner

9:00 pm until... - Slide Talks or Entertainment in the Village

There is one free day in the middle of the course, generally Friday, when we usually organize a trip (optional) to Siena. This is also the cook and staff's day off. There is the choice of the Pizzeria or the Trattoria in the village for the evening meal.

Tuition is available for 3 hours a day, with the exception of the free day, though you are welcome to use the studios at any time. Life-drawing instruction in the studios may be available by request.

If you are taking a course during May or September please note that you should take some reasonably warm clothing for the evenings.

Limited Supplements and Discounts Available:

Non-participating partner sharing double room - Reduction of \$500 instructional fee

Single-occupancy room - \$200 supplement

Double room with private shower - \$200 supplement

Accommodations:

Housing for students is split between the "Centro" and the "Annex", with limited, additional accommodation available in the village. Rooms can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *Centro* is a medieval building and the rooms are 'rustic' with old wooden beams and old, terracotta-tiled flooring. There are three communal bathrooms. There is a pleasant upstairs kitchen for the students' use. The *Centro* is not suitable for people with disabilities. Anyone using the downstairs bedroom in the Centro still has to go upstairs to a shower room.

The *Annex* is an apartment with slightly more 'modern' accommodation, with a kitchenette for use of the students.

The rooms are all very simply appointed - comfortable but no frills. Some of the rooms have views onto the landscape, and some onto our small street or the piazzetta at the front.

Casole is a hill top town, so there are frequent stairs and slopes. The terrain is quite rough and hilly, so, even though you do not need to go far afield for interesting subject matter, you will need to be reasonably fit and mobile.

Centro rooms:

1 double room (double bed + single bed), private shower room
1 double room (over size single bed + single bed), private shower room
1 double room (2 single beds)
5 single rooms (one of which is on the ground floor, and all have large - though not double - beds). All except one of these single rooms has a sink, though with only cold water.

Annex rooms:

1 double room (2 single beds)
4 single rooms
3 communal shower rooms

We can arrange other accommodation in various apartments in the village if anyone requires more independent accommodation. There is also the Hotel Torre dei Serviti two minutes from the Centro with more luxurious accommodation. *Supplemental fees may be incurred for alternative accommodation.*

Additional facilities:

Downstairs in the *Centro* is an art library/dining room/sitting area (picture on web site) with WiFi connection, and the painting studios. There is also a large room that is used for lectures, slide shows, DVDs etc. There is an outdoor terrace with a panoramic view (pictures on the web site). On the lower floor there are the sculpture studios and the plunge pool (photo on web site).

The Verrocchio Arts Centre web site is:

<http://www.verrocchio.co.uk>

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITONS (the terms and conditions below are a direct translation from the Verrocchio Art Centre website):

1. YOUR BOOKING – a booking form must be completed and signed where indicated. The person who signs the form shall be deemed to act as the agent for all persons shown on the form and his/her signature binds all such persons including the signatory jointly and severally to the booking terms and conditions. English (UK) Law covers this agreement.
2. DEPOSIT PAYMENT – At the time of asking for your booking to be confirmed a deposit of 345pounds sterling is payable. (*This is payable as \$500 U.S. for this course.*)
3. PAYMENT ON BALANCE – Payment of balance should be made to Clive Pates by April 1, 2010. If you do not we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled in which case you are still liable to pay us cancellation charges of 100% of the course fee.
4. IF YOU CANCEL YOUR BOOKING – If you or any member of your party wish to cancel your booking or any part of it once confirmed, you must do so by giving written notification to us, and the person who signed the form must also sign the letter. To compensate for the expense of processing your booking and for the risk that we may not be able to replace your booking, a cancellation fee is chargeable, namely \$250 U.S., if your written cancellation is received not later than February 1, 2010. After that period, a sum equal to the balance of the total cost of the course is payable. We strongly recommend that clients take out appropriate travel insurance in order to be covered for cancellation.
5. YOUR COURSE RESERVATION – On receipt of your reservation request and booking form we will speedily advise you whether we are able to make the reservation requested and if we are able to do so we will send you written confirmation with details of the amount payable in accordance with condition 3 above.

6. WE MAY CHANGE YOUR COURSE – On occasions it may be necessary to amend the arrangements for your course and we reserve the right to do so at any time. In this event we will inform you as soon as possible.

7. IF WE CANCEL YOUR COURSE – Although it is unlikely, we reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your course. In this event we will advise you as soon as possible and we will do our best to offer you an alternative course or date and if not accepted a total refund of your deposit will be made.

8. FORCE MAJEUR - Deposit refunds do not apply when your course is cancelled as a result of risk of war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions and similar events beyond our control.

9. MISADVENTURE – We accept no responsibility for any loss or damage you may suffer during the period of your course due to accident, illness of bodily injury or loss of equipment or belongings or from any other cause unless resulting from our negligence or that of our employees. We would stress the absolute necessity for you and the other members of your party to effect appropriate insurance cover and ~~we would advise you obtain form E111 from the post office which entitles you to certain free medical care.~~ *Free medical care is only available to European Union residents. United States residents are strongly recommended to arrange private medical insurance coverage in addition to travel insurance.*

Please complete the following details clearly in capitals.

NAME(S).....

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CONTACT ADDRESS

Street.....

City, State, Zip.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

E-Mail.....

Please check as appropriate:

Single Room (+\$200 supplement)

Double Room (I am sharing with.....)

Private Shower (+\$200 per room)

My partner is Non-participating (Reduction of \$500 instructional fee)

Please state any special diet requirements

While we will make every effort to assist we cannot guarantee to provide a special diet.

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This information sheet is derived from the Verrocchio Art Center website, and we have tried to enclose all relevant information about the course from this site, but please visit <http://www.verrocchio.co.uk> to confirm all the details above before signing this form and enclosing a deposit.

Please do not make any travel commitments until you have received confirmation from us, in writing, that you have a place on the course of your choice.

I enclose \$500 per person per course as deposit and part payment (checks should be made payable to Clive Pates).

I have read and agree on behalf of myself and all other persons shown on this booking form, with the terms and conditions and other information supplied by you in your brochure.

Signature.....

Date.....

Please complete and sign two copies of this entire form. Keep one copy for your records, and send the other copy with your deposit to:

Clive Pates
P. O. Box 903
Jerome, AZ 86331

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