# Landscape Painting: Creating atmospheres of space

**Objective:** Participants will explore elements in painting: composition, color, mood and perspective by observing, discussing, sketching and painting both small studies. They will then create larger final landscapes based on what they learned and personal



# Composition/ Color blocking: (week 1)

Discuss and view different paintings and how they are divided into landscape percentages (30/70) (20/80) etc.. How does that affect the elements of design, the focal point or the overall sense of space and tension in the painting? Learn to view the shapes in a painting. Sketch and create mini paintings by exploring composition percentages and shape blocking of various landscapes (from magazines, books, print outs). Discuss in class what we choose and why.



### Basic color mixing/Mood: (week2)

Understand primary, secondary, complementary, analogous colors, how to mute a color when mixing, how colors relate to each other and how these relationships work in painting. Discuss and explore how color, composition, texture, subject matter and technique create a mood in a landscape. Recreate the mood of a landscape by applying what we learn about color.



# Creating depth/perspective: (week 3)

Explore the lines of perspective, vanishing points, foreground, middle ground, background and how size, color, light/ dark and focal point work to create perspective. Recreate a landscape and give it perspective using these tools.



### Styles of painting: (week 4)

Observe, discuss and create styles of landscape paintings from impressionism, abstract, realism, surrealism and expressionism. Create mini paintings choosing 1 or more style to mimic.



Choose and discuss your final landscape composition, color scheme, mood and style of painting. Create a large landscape using all the things learned from our study paintings and exercises.



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