## SCENIC PAINTING for the Theatre



THEA 4110 FALL 2017

or

## **Tuesday/ Thursday 9:30-11:50am** RTFP 132- Scenic Shop & Studio Theatre

## Course Description:

"Principles and practices of scene painting. Use of the tools, materials and techniques of the modern scenic artist."

## Course Objectives:

Students will be exposed through a series of hands on projects to various methods and approaches to common scenic painting challenges.

Students will gain an understanding of the role of the scenic painter both historically and in a modern shop.

Students will gain a greater understanding of the common materials used for scenic painting and how best to work with those materials in a safe and efficient manner.

Students will create a series of painting examples for their portfolio as well as a catalogue of research images to draw inspiration from.

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by appointment







# "Ain't Nothin to it, but to do it."

-Maya Angelou



## **Supplies**

- Architectural Scale Ruler
- •Tape Measure (no shorter than 12')
- •Various Pencils and Erasers Including Colored Pencils
- •Black Sharpie or two- regular tip
- Small sketchbook to take notes/ sketches\*\*
- Access to the internet (Pinterest Account)

Paint Clothes and Paint Shoes
(YOU WILL GET PAINT ALL OVER YOUR CLOTHES)
Do not bring ANYTHING in the shop you do not want paint on.

—There will be a limited amount of lockers assigned.

The coarse fee for this class will cover the paint, brushes as well as various expendable materials and canvas. Please be respectful and careful with our shared space. Points WILL BE deducted from project grades for leaving a sloppy work area. *Working clean is working efficiently and affectively.* 

#### **Attendance**

COME TO CLASS. BE ON TIME.

For those who need specifics:

- If you are more than 15 minutes late you are considered absent.
- AFTER THE FIRST 2 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES- EVERY UNEXCUSED TWO CLASSES YOU MISS YOUR GRADE WILL DROP ONE LETTER GRADE
- 3 lates (1-15 minutes late) will count as a one absence. There will be no time outside of class allowed to make up work.
- · Excuses will only be accepted for the following reasons-
- \*In the event of death of a close relative or hospitalization of yourself. Documentation of either must be provided.
- \*Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused. A student whose absence is excused to observe a religious holy day is allowed to contract with the instructor to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence. Please alert the instructor with ample time prior to the absence.
- Cell phone interruptions will not be tolerated during class. They WILL get paint on them so please put in a baggie!
- Be kind to all your fellow classmates. Theatre is a collaborative art form and we will be collaborating and giving constructive critiques in this classroom. Anything short of the utmost respect will not be tolerated.
- Be ready to take notes in your sketchbook at each class.

## **Grading**

You will not be graded on your "talent" but on your ability to follow directions, take risks and your improvement.

(1000-900=A, 899-800=B, 799-600=C, 599-400=D)

- Preparation & Participation=100 points
- Sketchbook = 100 (See Sketchbook Handout for information.)
- 7 minor projects (25 points each)= 175
  - Color Mixing, Basic Painting, Light & Shadow, Bricks, Wood Planks, Wood Panel
- 7 major projects (75 points each)=525
  - Marble & Detail, Fabric, Lettering, Landscape, Trellis Wall, Portrait, Illustration
- Final Website= 100 (See Website Handout for information.)

# Course Layout

ALL painting will be done during class hours. A scenic painter is often working on a very tight time budget and this class will be no different. You will be challenged to manage your time accordingly.

The Course Layout is subject to change. All changes will be posted on Blackboard site as well as made clear in class.

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8-27: Syllabus, Safety, Tour,

Painting Prep 101, Tools, Sketching

8-29: Color Mixing & Prep

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9-3: Basic Painting Techniques

9-5: Light & Shadow

3

9-10:Light & Shadow

9-12: Light & Shadow (Recover)

4

9-17: Brick & Planks

9-19:Brick & Planks (Recover)

**5** *Lives Load In* 

9-24: Wood Panel

9-26: Wood Panel (Recover)

6 Lives Tech/Run

10-1: Marble

10-3: Marble

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10-8: Marble & Fabric

10-10: Fabric (Bring in lettering)

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10-15: Fabric

10-17: Fabric & Lettering (Recover)

**9** Ch. 12

10-22: Lettering

10-24: Lettering

**10** Nathan Load In

10-29: Landscape

10-31: Landscape

**11** *Nathan Tech/Run* 

11-5: Trellis Wall & Portrait

11-7: Portrait

12

11-12: Portrait

11-14: Portrait

13

11-19: Finish Portrait & Illustration

11-21:Illustration

14

11-26: Catch Up

11-28: THANKSGIVING

15

12-3: Illustration

12-5: Illustration & Clean Up

**FINAL:** Website Portfolio Presentation Thursday December 12 8am-10am

Yes, it's early... there will be donuts

Class will end each session with ample time to clean up the work area- NO ONE is allowed to leave/ change their paint clothes etc until their area is cleaned- you will help to ensure that at the end of every class it looks as if we have not been there. Students will rotate through cleaning duties 2x or 3x a semester. We practice LEAVE NO TRACE. Please see the shop safety guide on the blackboard site for the rest of the rules regarding our workspace/ lab for example- NO EATING OR DRINKING WHILE PAINTING.

### **UNT Dance & Theatre Department** You Are Entering a Safe and **Affirming Environment**

We in the Department of Dance and Theatre strive to maintain a safe and affirming environment at all times.

A safe and affirming environment is a place for you to learn, visualize, contemplate, affirm, solve problems, get advice, express yourself, relax, have fun, hang out, and communicate with others. We use the phrase "safe and affirming" because it seems to incorporate the qualities of preciousness, sanctity, retreat, safety and refuge.

In the Department of Dance & Theatre, absolutely no one—whether she or he is a peer, faculty member, or administrative staff-is allowed to threaten, scare or harm another. We have "zero tolerance" for behavior that diminishes and alienates

If anyone does threaten, scare or harm you, then report the incident immediately. The reporting can occur through face-to-face disclosure to faculty members or administrative staff you trust. You can also report the incident in writing as in an email, or in an anonymous note. Each report will be handled and investigated with utmost care and confidentiality.

Your feelings and concerns do matter and deserve full attention.

Keep in mind that you are not accusing anyone by reporting. You are simply reporting concerns about someone's conduct. In actuality, you are fulfilling your responsibility of keeping everyone safe.

Also, keep in mind that no form of retaliation will be tolerated.

A safe and affirming environment is possible. It starts with respect and support, requires that we address the hurt and pain inflicted, and continues with efforts to remedy our mistakes going forward.

#### **Department Policies**

Instructors can drop students on the first day of class for being absent without prior arrangement. Dance/ Theatre students are expected to budget and organize their time and efforts in order to meet both their academic and production commitments satisfactorily and on time. The faculty and staff recognize that the academic and production assignment within the Department as well ad outside employment and other obligations sometimes impose conflicting pressures on Dance/ Theatre students. One of the principal responsibilities of each student is to carefully identify and monitor the commitments that compromise of their departmental assignments and outside obligations. It is also important to keep in mind hat production work and outside obligations do not constitute an excused absence form any class or from the completion of any required class assignment.

To remain a theatre major and to graduate, students majoring in theatre must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for all theatre courses.

The department does not allow students to obtain a D or below more than twice in a theatre course comprising the major. Once the student receives the second D or below in the same course, the student will be dismissed from the department.

#### **ODA**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the Office of Disability Access website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

#### **Academic Integrity Policy**

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University. [Insert specific sanction or academic penalty for specific academic integrity violation.

#### **Course Safety Procedures**

Students enrolled in THEA 1700 are required to use proper safety procedures and guidelines as outlined in UNT Policy 06.038 Safety in Instructional Activities. While working in laboratory sessions, students are expected and required to identify and use proper safety guidelines in all activities requiring lifting, climbing, walking on slippery surfaces, using equipment and tools, handling chemical solutions and hot and cold products. Students should be aware that the UNT is not liable for injuries incurred while students are participating in class activities. All students are encouraged to secure adequate insurance coverage in the event of accidental injury. Students who do not have insurance coverage should consider Standard Syllabus Statements Related Policy 06.049 Course Syllabi Requirements obtaining Student Health Insurance. Brochures for student insurance are available in the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center. Students who are injured during class activities may seek medical attention at the Student Health and Wellness Center at rates that are reduced compared to other medical facilities. If students have an insurance plan other than Student Health Insurance at UNT, they should be sure that the plan covers treatment at this facility. If students choose not to go to the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center, they may be transported to an emergency room at a local hospital. Students are responsible for expenses incurred there.

#### **Emergency Notification & Procedures**

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure,

please refer to Canvas for contingency plans for covering course materials.

#### **Retention of Student Records**

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system. Including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students

have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student's records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and

the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University's policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

#### **Acceptable Student Behavior**

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct.

#### Access to Information - Eagle Connect

Students' access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: my.unt.edu. All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student's Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

#### **Student Evaluation Administration**

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (noreply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website at http://spot.unt.edu/ or email spot@unt.edu.

#### **Sexual Assault Prevention**

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT's Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders,