

BENJAMIN BJÖRKLUND

Painting Workshop I

Madrid, June 10-11th 2019. 12 places

EASY GOING OIL PAINTING



Atelier Villeneuve
Calle Salaberry, 89, 28019 Madrid
10 am – 18 pm

INSCRIPTION

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A masterclass in Madrid with Benjamin Björklund



Benjamin Björklund was born in Trollhättan, near the west coast of Sweden. Benjamin Björklund has a varied career as a prison night guard, psychiatric nurse and veterinary technician. As a painter, he takes inspirations from classic and contemporary painting influences for his oil and watercolor creations.

Benjamin Björklund lives in Uppsala, Sweden, where he has spent most of his life. Ben enjoys a simple life based on a small 19th century rustic farm shared with his great Dane Ruben and a collection of pets including rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and rats.

Looking for inspiration in everyday life, Björklund interprets through his paintings the emotions and the characters and beings that surround him. He keeps simple compositions and focal points to ensure emotional closeness to his painting subjects. His dogs Solomon and Ruben, wild and domestic animals and family members have been frequent subjects, although he also works on old photos and memories as references.

The figurative and portraiture work of Björklund sometimes depicts scenes that border on the surreal, picking up the influence of the beings that surround him physically and emotionally. These representations are usually emphasized through the use of abstract light and intense color strokes. Benjamin Björklund refers to these as "happy mistakes" that are born from spontaneous actions that help to focus the attention adding an emotional impact on the viewer.

Björklund's work can be found in public and private collections around the world such as London, NY, LA, San Francisco, Melbourne and throughout Sweden and Europe.

Latest Exhibitions

Studio The (London) 2014 solo

Trollhättans Konsthall 2012 only

Liljevalchs Vårsalong 2012 group exhibition

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CONTENT:

In this Workshop, the artist Benjamin Björklund will share with the attendees his working methodology and his approach to artistic creation, performing demonstrations and assessing and contributing with ideas to the works of the attending artists.

During the workshops the following topics will be covered:

- Explanation of the oil painting techniques and materials used by the artist Benjamin Björklund; paints, medium, brushes, support, etc
- Oil painting demo with special focus on the appreciation of shapes and simplification.
- Oil painting practice by the attending artists with interaction and supporting comments by Benjamin Björklund.

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

- Basic color palette: Titanium white, Ultramarine blue, Phtalo green, Gold ochre, Cad red light, Burnt sienna, Quinacdrone red, Raw umber, Cobalt blue. Although each artist can bring all the colors which he/she feels comfortable with.
- Brushes: large synthetic flats, also others of different size and shape.
- Supports: canvas of max, 50x70 cm The participants can choose the subject, either from life or from a photo reference.

REGISTRATION

Workshop cost: 310€

Interested artists can register online at:

www.theartdiggerlab.com

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