



2017 Art Workshops

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Introduction to Outdoor Painting

3 Days Tues 16th – Thurs 18th May
Residential

For: Improvers, Intermediate, Experienced - but have no little/no outdoor painting experience.

Where: Delphi Resort, Leenane, Co. Galway



Outline: This workshop is for artists who have never/seldom previously painted outdoors, but want to experience the joy of 'plein air' painting.

And all based in a luxurious 4 star hotel with spa – what could be nicer?

Outdoor (or plein air) painting is a fast-growing new artistic pastime in Ireland, with many local groups enjoying regular outings to interesting painting locations.

On this short introductory course, we will cover all the basics to enable you to paint confidently in what is a totally new and sometimes challenging environment – including:

We will cover how to prepare for an outdoor painting session, how to select and simplify your chosen 'view', the Six



Steps (or stages) I use when painting outdoors, the time you should spend on each Step to enable you to quickly but effectively. How to handle issues around weather, people and things arriving or disappearing while you paint them, how to handle people looking over your shoulder, and much more.

This workshop will give you a first taste of what for me has been my most enjoyable painting experience for over 40 years.

Is this Workshop for You?

I try to guide participants to those workshops that will most benefit them, based on their experience. This helps to ensure participants on any given workshop are within a similar range of ability.

However, apart from any group tuition/demonstrations, on all workshops I give one-to-one advice each day based on each participant's particular level of ability and improvement. I try to ensure all participants enjoy my workshops, and I will help each participant to challenge themselves to improve their understanding and skill during the workshop. We do all this within a relaxed friendly non-critical approach.



Levels of Experience*:

Beginner: Just what it says – no previous experience required. You'll still have to buy/have all the necessary equipment/materials etc – but I can give you all those details.

Improver: You have all the paints etc, you've tried mixing colours, you know about washing your brushes, cleaning your palette etc; you've painted a few paintings but you now know how little you know about painting, and you're eager to progress.

Intermediate: You've probably several years of experience, attended some art classes, and are ambitious to improve significantly. You're familiar with mixing colours, applying paint, and maybe understand the different styles of painting available to you. But you're not too sure about what makes a good composition or good colour harmony. Not sure about hard and soft edges and where to use them. We will cover these types of things on my workshops, and much more.



Experienced: You've lots of experience, probably have attended several art classes, perhaps are a member of an art group, and have exhibited in local group exhibitions, perhaps even have work in a

local gallery, and have sold some of your work over the last few years. But you want to learn more advanced concepts of art-making, and improve your painting and drawing skills.

Advanced/Professional: It's hard for advanced artists to find workshops that help them. You are perhaps earning some or all of your income selling your paintings and drawings. But you still want to improve. I have helped many such artists on my workshops. I will listen to what you are seeking, I will challenge your thinking, point out any weaknesses I see and suggest new ways to approach your work and achieve your goals.

I'd like to attend this workshop – what do I do next?

1. Email me at jdinan@eircom.net with your interest in this workshop before you do anything else – numbers are strictly limited so I can advise you if there is a place available.

2. If YES then I'll email you to pay your deposit either online through my website or by cheque to my home address – receipt of your deposit will confirm your place is held.

I will then send you all the information you need regarding art materials and equipment to bring to the workshop, plus online addresses of any accommodation choices available if that is necessary (not necessary on the Delphi workshop as it's an all-in price and accommodation is in Delphi Resort)



3. About 5 weeks before the workshop starts, I'll email you again asking you to pay the balance of the fees due – receipt of this will confirm your booking on the workshop.

Prices for this All Inclusive Workshop

Total Price € 730 Single Participant or € 894 Participant sharing with non-painting partner

*includes 3 Days Hotel (full board incl packed lunch on days outside) and tutored Art Workshop

- BUT WAIT – SPECIAL EARLY BIRD PRICE -

There's a **Special Early Bird Price** until end Feb only

€ 649 Single Participant or € 799 Participant sharing with non-painting partner

So book early to get the best deal – and John's workshop often book out quickly – participant numbers are limited.