



ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

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### PAINTING WORKSHOPS AT ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART BRING COLOR TO MARCH

Watercolor, Acrylic and Mixed-Media Classes Are This Month at the AMA

**[For Release March 3, 2022 – Albany, GA]**— Spring has returned early to Southwest Georgia. Your creativity can get an early start as well at three separate painting workshops in March at the Albany Museum of Art.

“We start off Saturday, March 12 with a mixed-media workshop that will be led by Melissa Huang, whose exhibition *Prismatic* is on view through April 23 in the East Gallery,” AMA Director of Education and Public Programming Annie Vanoteghem said. “Then we have watercolor workshops on two Saturdays—March 19 and April 2.

“On the last day of March, we will celebrate Vincent van Gogh’s birthday with a Thursday evening *Wine & Design* acrylics class in which we will recreate one of his paintings featuring his trademark sunflowers.”

Vanoteghem said the variety of media used in the different workshops helps ensure that a wider audience is served through the classes, which are geared toward older teens and adults. You must be 21 or older to participate in the *Wine & Design* workshop.

“These workshops are for people of all skill levels, from those who are practicing artists to those who have never touched a paintbrush,” she said. “If you want to improve your skills in a medium or branch into a different one, these classes are perfect choices. Expressing yourself with your own unique style while spending time with others who also enjoy art is a wonderful way to get your creative juices flowing.”

The *Prismatic Painting Workshop with Melissa Huang* is scheduled for **2:30-4 pm** on **Saturday, March 12** and is for beginning to advanced artists. Participants will talk with Huang about the inspiration for her work and be introduced to new techniques.

Huang, an interdisciplinary artist from Statesboro, Ga., where she is an assistant professor in 2D Foundation at Georgia Southern University, explores in her work the multiplicity of identity. Her glitch-

inspired painting and video self-portraiture studies the desire, failure, and dissonance associated with portraying an idealized self for today's largely digital audience. She notes that the way a person is perceived and presents to others changes from person to person.

"A different version of you exists in the minds of your family, friends, colleagues, strangers, and digital audience; none of which encompass your complete identity," she said. "Rather, each of these fragments comes together to paint a fuller picture of 'you.'"

A secure registration link for Huang's workshop may be found at [www.albanymuseum.com/prismatic-painting-workshop](http://www.albanymuseum.com/prismatic-painting-workshop). The cost of the workshop is \$25 for AMA members, and \$30 for future members.

The first of the two watercolor workshops, both of which will be taught by Henrietta Ladson, an art teacher at Deerfield-Windsor School, is set for **10 am-noon on Saturday, March 19**. A second workshop will be **10 am-noon on Saturday, April 2**.

"These art classes are geared toward students 18 and older and adults who are new to the watercolor medium, want to learn new techniques, or would like to brush up on their skills," Vanoteghem said. "You can sign up for either or both classes, and participants are welcome to bring a watercolor paper notebook if they want."

The cost of participating in each watercolor workshop is \$15 for AMA members and \$20 for non-members. A secure online registration link may be found at [www.albanymuseum.com/watercolor-classes](http://www.albanymuseum.com/watercolor-classes).

Finally, the AMA's first *Wine & Design* workshop will celebrate the birth anniversary of Dutch master Vincent van Gogh at **5:30 pm on Thursday, March 31**. *Wine & Design: Van Gogh* is for participants age 21 and older, who are welcome to bring a favorite beverage to sip or share.

"Van Gogh, whose 169<sup>th</sup> birthday is March 30, was known for his unique style, and millions love his paintings of brilliant yellow sunflowers," Vanoteghem said. "Our participants will recreate and reinterpret them on 12-by-16-inch canvases.

"We will go step by step, so this class is for both beginners and advanced painters. Why not unplug from the TV or your tablet and experience something different by creating art in community? It's a great date night with a spouse or special someone, or for hanging out with a friend."

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for AMA members, and \$30 for non-members. A secure registration link for *Wine & Design: van Gogh* may be found at [www.albanymuseum.com/wine-and-design](http://www.albanymuseum.com/wine-and-design).

If you have questions about these art workshops or other programming at the AMA, contact Vanoteghem at **229.439.8400** or email her at [annie.vanoteghem@albanymuseum.com](mailto:annie.vanoteghem@albanymuseum.com).

## AMA EXHIBITIONS

- *The Way of Life, Works by Ray Pierotti* is in the Haley Gallery Jan 20 -April 23, 2022.
- *Prismatic, Works by Melissa Huang* is in the East Gallery Jan 20 -April 23, 2022.
- *Ordo naturalis, Works by Eric Mack* is in the McCormack Gallery Jan 20 -April 23, 2022.
- *African Artifacts of Spirituality and Identity* is in the Hodges Gallery Jan 20 -April 23, 2022.
- *Escape Plan*, installation by Elinor Saragoussi, is in the West Gallery.

## **ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART**

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive in Albany, Ga., adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open to the public 10 am-5 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, [www.albanymuseum.com](http://www.albanymuseum.com) or call 229.439.8400. Be sure to follow the @AlbanyArtMuseum on Twitter, AlbanyMuseum on Instagram and AlbanyMuseumOfArt on Facebook.

## **CAPTION INFORMATION**

Artist Melissa Huang will lead a mixed-media art workshop and discuss her work with participants on Saturday, March 12 at the Albany Museum of Art. Huang's multimedia installation *Prismatic* is currently showing in the East Gallery of the AMA. (Photo courtesy of the artist)

Participants in the *Wine & Design: Van Gogh* painting workshop on Thursday, March 31 at the Albany Museum of Art will recreate one of Dutch master Vincent van Gogh's famous sunflower paintings. (Special photo)

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