

Program Description:

Imagination Fort Worth is forging a partnership with Texas Academy of Figurative Art

by offering a 2 week Summer Academy for serious high school art students. The program offers students of visual arts the singular opportunity to delve into the rigor of classical realist painting and drawing, which has been largely removed from high school art curriculum, leaving a significant gap in artist competency.

Overview: Tafa (located at 415 South Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76104) provides visual art education for artists working to improve their artistic skills and knowledge in the classical realist tradition. The Teen Academy is a unique opportunity to introduce high school age students to observational based drawing and painting in the classical tradition. Tafa is the only fine art academy in Texas that is devoted exclusively to teaching realist drawing and painting. In its core program, Tafa provides a four-year curriculum and instructional experience for contemporary artists seeking to connect with a foundational and historical approach to fine art education, teaching Old Master methods alongside a contemporary academic approach. The Teen Workshop is a rare offering in classical drawing and painting for teens that is matchless in North Texas.

About the Summer Academy for Teens: The Texas Academy of Figurative Art and IFW Summer Academy (July 10-21, 2017) is a two-week (60 hour) intensive art program that has great appeal to aspiring young artists. The program exposes teens to the principles of realist art through a classically-based curriculum. It offers high school students the hands on experience to anchor their drawing and painting skills in classical methodology as well as enhances their portfolio preparations. Key faculty who will be teaching this two-week course are: Ron Cheek, Founder of Tafa; Andrew Boatright, a gifted realistic painter who apprenticed under Ron; and Michael Planta, a student instructor who offers critiques to new students. (Special accommodations will be made by Tafa to prevent student exposure to nudity).

This unique program is available to:

- 12 carefully selected High School Students
- Incoming Juniors and Seniors
- Students who would not otherwise be able to afford the opportunity

Application requirements:

- A simple written application
- 3 digital images of student's artwork
- Submission of student video interview
- A teacher recommendation
- Student agreement to attend all sessions
- A parental agreement
- Submitted by March 31, 2017

Provided by Imagination Fort Worth:

- \$2000.00 Academy fee
- Art supply kit
- Lunches and snacks
- Transportation if necessary

Anticipated outcomes:

- Students will increase their knowledge of 19th and 20th century realistic artists and their work
- Students will develop determination, rigor and skills required by realistic drawing and painting
- Students will participate in an exhibit of their work at the end of the 2 week period, which includes an artist's outcome statement, as relating to the process and impact of learning during the experience, and the creation of a plan to integrate the experience into their studies during their remaining years of high school
- Students will participate in panel discussions during lunch hours, led by professional artists (topics will include: wealth creation in the real-world-profession of visual arts, opportunities for visual art focused studies beyond high school, practical and soft visual arts skills applicable in arts related job markets)
- Students will increase their self-confidence and desire to pursue art education after graduating from high school

Visit the Tafa facebook page to view a short video of a previous teen workshop: <https://www.facebook.com/TAFAstudio/videos/vb.170822212958028/1303445033029068/?type=2&theater> CTRL + Click to open the link

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