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Erwachsene Malerei

# Academic Portrait Painting in Oils Three Days of Oil Painting from a Live Model

mit **Sofia Zuluaga**

## Termine

**20.11.2026 - 22.11.2026**

Each Day 10:00-17:00 (one-hour  
lunch break included)  
€ 350 inkl. USt. und Modellkosten

To paint a portrait is to translate a living presence into planes of color and light. In this focused three-day workshop, you will learn the academic approach to capturing a likeness – working directly from a live model, and exclusively with the Zorn Palette: a historically restricted set of oil colors that trains your eye to master value and temperature relationships rather than reaching for an endless array of tubes.

## What to Expect

The workshop follows a clear method: from the initial structural block-in through the first layer of paint to the subtle development of the focal point. The Zorn Palette is not a limitation – it is the condition under which real understanding of color becomes possible.

## Day 1 – Foundations and the Block-In

An overview of portrait painting, theory, and historical examples. Introduction to materials and a detailed breakdown of the Zorn Palette and its logic. The day closes with a demo and a first imprimatura and block-in of the figure.

## Day 2 – Value, Color, and the First Layer

Theory: mixing paint and establishing a value scale. The first layer of paint is applied to the canvas. A structured block-in of values in the portrait gives the work its tonal foundation.

## Day 3 – Refinement and the Focal Point

## Kursort

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## Kursleitung

Sofia Zuluaga



Adjusting color and value relationships. Developing the smaller planes and forms of the face. Establishing a focal point – where precise observation meets deliberate decision.

**Organisatorisches**

**Age Group:** Adults

**Participation Requirements:** All levels – no prior experience required.

**Language of Instruction:** English (German support upon request)

**Course Materials:** tba

**Model Costs:** Included in the course fee.

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<https://www.zeichenfabrik.at/kurse/academic-portrait-painting-oils>

Die angeführten Termine und Preise entsprechen dem aktuellen Planungangstand vom 19.02.2026.  
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