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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

Kursort

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Kursleitung

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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



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: Please find the materials list for download [here](#).

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 Planungstand vom 01.06.2026.

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