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Savannah Tate-Cuff

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Building Form with Reductive Drawing

December 19 - 21, 2025

Course Description

This three-day portrait workshop introduces artists to the reductive method—a process that starts with a toned ground and builds form by erasing and pulling out light, rather than only adding dark marks. This approach emphasizes clarity of value and structure, helping artists see the portrait as an interplay of light and shadow rather than just lines.

The workshop begins Friday evening with a demonstration, followed by two sustained portrait poses over Saturday and Sunday. Participants will work step by step, starting with a flat block-in and gradually modeling form under a single light source. Along the way, instruction will cover anatomy, proportions, and composition, with live demos and individualized critiques to reinforce learning.

Materials List:

- Drawing Board
- Paper: one piece of Fabriano Artistic Hot Press 140 lb 18 x 24 in
- Graphite Pencils 2H, HB, B (Tombow brand recommended)
- Black wing pencils
- Razor for Sharpening
- Sand Paper for Sharpening
- Kneaded Eraser
- Pen Eraser (Tombow MONO Zero Recommended)
- Measuring Needle (knitting needle, skewer, etc)

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