## Introduction to Watercolours 2024



## COLOUR

Why do you want to be able to mix your own colours?

## COLOUR

## Colour chart



## COLOUR - Label

## Watercolour paint

Pigment + binder (gum arabic) Pigment: PB28
Transparency
Lightfastness
Staining property


## COLOUR - HSV

## Colours "Three Dimension"



## COLOUR - HSV

## Colours <br> "Three Dimension"

- Hue
- Saturation
- Value



## COLOUR - HUE

## Primary Colours



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## Primary Colours

- Yellow
- Red
- Blue



## COLOUR - HUE

Added Secondary Colours

- Orange
- Purple
- Green



## COLOUR - HUE

Primary Colours

- Are three colours enough?



## COLOUR - HUE

Absolute Temperature: WARM:

- Yellow, Orange, Red COOL:
- Purple, Blue, Green



## COLOUR - MIXING

## Split Primary Palette Relative Temperature Warm / Cold Red Warm / Cold Yellow etc.



## COLOUR - MIXING

Exercise: Get to know your own colours

- Create a colour wheel with fully saturated colours
- Fill in desaturated
"convenience colours" ( e.g. burnt sienna)



## COLOUR - SATURATION

## Saturation:



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## Saturation:

- Same Hue
- Same Value
- Reduced Saturation by mixing with complimentary colour



## COLOUR - SATURATION

## Exercise:

- Desaturate Orange (Burnt Sienna) with Ultramarine Blue and ...
- Vice versa



## COLOUR - SATURATION

## Exercise:

- Desaturate Yellow with Ultramarine Purple (Mix Ultramarine Blue with Alizarin) and ...
- Vice versa



## COLOUR - MIXING

Mix from Primary Colours:

- Mix Green from Primary Blue and Yellow
Result:
- Desaturated Green



## COLOUR - MIXING

Mix from a colder yellow and a warmer blue results in a more saturated, more vibrant green


## COLOUR - MIXING

## Exercise:

Mixing Blue - Yellow

- Ultramarine - New Gamboge
- Phthalo - Lemon Yellow



## COLOUR - MIXING

Many artists choose a basic set of 6 colours.
(Split Primary Colours) Note:

- Every manufacturer has its own definition of colours



## COLOUR - HSV

Colour Exercise
"Colour matching"

- Match the colour of samples



## COLOUR TIPS

## Limited Colour Palette



## COLOUR TIPS

## Connect shapes through continuous washes



## COLOUR

Direct Painting Technique

- Start with a rough drawing


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Direct Painting Technique

- Start with a rough drawing
- Pre-mix colours (Try for a match)
- Fill in colours with correct hue, value and saturation


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