



Dundee Contemporary Arts

Course Information for Mezzotint

Location: Print Studio, beside Jute Café Bar, Lower ground level of DCA

Date: Sat 22 January OR Sat 5 March

Time: 11:00 – 18:00

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What will be covered?

Learn how to make a small copper mezzotint plate by hand 'rocking':

- use of mezzotint rocking tool, and burnishing tools
- use of oil-based inks for printing
- inking up and printing a mezzotint plate
- using an intaglio printing press

What should I bring?

It would be useful to bring an image or small sketch to work from. All materials will be provided.

What should I wear?

Old clothes, just in case as inks used may not wash out of clothes, and suitable shoes (**no sandals or open-toed shoes**). We provide disposable aprons and vinyl gloves if needed. Please bring warm items of clothing as windows must remain open for ventilation as part of our Covid Health & Safety measures.

What Should I expect?

At the end of the class you will have created a number of prints taken from a small copper mezzotint plate, which will have been made in the earlier stages of the class.

- Welcome and introduction, tour of the studio, emergency exits and procedures.
- Processes will be described and samples shown, processes demonstrated.
- Tutors will give information about classes, equipment, joining the print studio and answer any other questions.
- You will be offered the opportunity to give a written evaluation.
- DCA Print Studio will close between 14:00 and 15:00 for lunch. Everyone must leave the studio during this time. Food and drinks are not allowed in the studio (a sealed water flask or drinking vessel is permitted). There are a number of shops close by or you could take lunch in the Jute Café Bar.

Visiting Safely

- Face Masks **must** be worn in the studio at all times unless you are exempt. Staff have the right to refuse entry to the Print Studio, to anyone who does not follow these protocols
- Use the hand sanitiser provided and wash your hands regularly.
- Don't visit if you aren't feeling well.