

Southern Nature Art workshop – Vic Bearcroft

‘Xizi’ – Amur leopard in pastels on velour £57pp



The Amur leopard is the world's most endangered big cat, and certainly one of the most beautiful; their richly marked fur being one of the reasons for their endangered status.

As artists, of course, we love these animals for entirely different reasons.

Xizi is a gorgeous cat who lives at the Big Cat Sanctuary in Kent; a wonderful place that not only looks after rescued cats, but also does a great deal of conservation work worldwide.

The Amur leopard's dense fur and markings may seem a little trickier to paint than that of a lion for example, but the finished result, especially on velour, is worth the extra bit of effort.

Amur leopards have the most stunning eyes, and this will be one of the features of this workshop – learning how to paint realistic eyes that shine and give life and soul to your cat paintings.

We will also focus on layering techniques over a tonal under painting to create the leopard's soft, dense fur texture.

It would be wonderful to see Xizi at home in the wild, but, as this is not possible, we can do the next best thing. By using artistic licence in our painting, we can place Xizi in a bright sunny clearing somewhere in the Amur forest, thereby creating a painting that is ultimately better and more naturalistic than the original reference photo.

All materials are provided, but feel free to bring your favourite equipment as well as an apron or a smock to protect your clothes.

Workshop details

Workshop is £57 per person

Date Thursday 23rd August 2018

Times - 10.00am to 4.00pm

Refreshments included

Tea and coffee and biscuits on arrival,
Lunch - Sandwiches, sausage rolls, tea and coffee
Tea and coffee and cake in the afternoon

Location – Rookesbury Park,
Wickham,
Hampshire
PO17 6HT

To secure your place on the workshop, full payment is required when booking please complete this form one per person, per workshop and either scan it to southernnatureartexhibition@gmail.com or post it to

**The Workshop Administrator,
55 Hill Park Road,
Fareham
PO15 6EW**

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