



Ballinglen: USA/Ireland offers this unique opportunity to work at the prestigious Ballinglen Arts Foundation. Mayo, Ireland, for a group of twelve artists to spend nine days in rural Ireland painting with artist Andrew Wykes.

Watercolour Painting Workshop

The workshop is mainly intended for artists with a desire to develop watercolour further or with no experience at all.

As watercolour is semi-transparent, the white of the paper gives a natural luminosity to the washes of colour. White areas of the image often are merely left unpainted to expose the paper. Watercolour is very manageable outside and transports well due to its quick drying. It allows for exploring subtle effects it is very forgiving and can be used in many different ways with pencil wash laying, subtracting, etc.

Andrew Wykes will provide group and individualized instruction and criticism. Discussions and presentations will provide the format for an intensive exciting learning experience. The focus is on the landscape and sea of this part of North Mayo, by experiencing the first-hand reaction to the magic of the place and its rich visual and atmospheric setting.

Wykes will present a series of ideas and explorations based on the perceptual and process in the studio and outside in order to understand that abstraction is the foundation behind ALL drawing and painting. Many examples of artist work will be presented

Students will fill a watercolour pad during the week from outside observations. Working from these ideas made in the landscape will be developed into investigations made in the studio. Wykes' teaching is not concerned with techniques or embellishing a safe stereotypical style but more with an approach to developing a transitional way of working while improving upon the student's understanding of the formal elements. Sessions will address many of these elements including; the picture plane, shape, tension, surface, figure-ground relationships, geometry, rhythm, space and light and especially analogy - the poetic emotive force behind our work.

Participants will bring their own materials. A list of specific items will be sent close to the date of the class.

Andrew Wykes was born just outside of London in 1960. He studied at Richmond upon Thames College as well as Epsom School of Art and Design, where he received his undergraduate qualifications in fine art. He received his MFA in painting from American University in Washington, D.C. and has taught art for over 38 years in the UK, Belgium and the U.S. Wykes has exhibited nationally and internationally, and his paintings are included in numerous collections in the U.S. and Europe. He has received Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grants in 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2019. He also holds the Agnes Hulburd Conger Prize for Excellence in the Humanities for outstanding research as a painter from Hamline University. In 2009, he was awarded a fellowship at the Ballinglen Arts Foundation in Mayo, Ireland, where he teaches landscape drawing and painting workshops during the summers. He is one of four Minnesota painters featured in filmmaker Kristen Lowe's documentary *Painting the Place Between*. Wykes is a professor of painting at Hamline University in St. Paul. In 2019 Wykes was selected to be filmed as a participant for the Sky Television series. *Landscape Artist of the Year*, made in the UK.

The cost is \$2,000 which includes tuition, shared cottage with private bedroom for 8 nights, lunch/dinner/dessert/tea/coffee, collection/dropoff to the bus/train stations in Ballina, full use of the Dolan/Maxwell library and facilities 24/7. Payment is made to Ballinglen: USA/Ireland using the payment button on the website

www.ballinglenworkshops.com. Participants arrive on the 2nd and depart on the 10th of October (The workshop is for seven days with arrival and departure day making it nine days). Please contact Andrew Wykes on awykes@hamline.edu with questions about workshop content or materials.

www.andrewwykes.com

To check availability for this workshop please complete and submit the form below.

Andrew Wykes Booking Form

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The Ballingen Arts Foundation

Watercolour Painting Workshop with Andrew Wykes

2nd - 10th October 2023

Class from 3rd - 9th October 2023

TOTAL \$2,000

Registration begins on 15th September 2022, booking forms must be received by May 31st 2023, first come, first serve basis.

A \$500 booking fee applies and is non refundable payable by cheque or credit card. Final payment must be made before the 30th June 2023, please email for details re payment, booking forms will be accepted online. We will email you a receipt once we receive a payment or booking. Payments are non-refundable 2 months prior to the class. Class participation constitutes an agreement to our Health and Safety Policy.

Accommodation available from 2nd May departure on the 10th October. Collection at train/bus in Ballina is also included. Please contact Andrew Wykes with any questions on the class directly on email awykes@hamline.edu.

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