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Storytelling Through Collage

Virtual Workshop with Blythe King



“Collage makes something new without hiding the traces of the old... [it makes] something else out of a world already exploding with images, ideas, wreckage and ruin, artifacts, shards, and remnants” (Rebecca Solnit, *Recollections of My Nonexistence*, 150).

Collage is the art of combining different materials, often paper, into a new whole, and as a result, a transformation occurs. In this workshop, we'll transform images from old magazines into visually rich portraits that tell a story.

Collect paper items from around your home, like colorful junk mail, wrinkled newspapers, and plastic and cardboard recycling, to turn into art. We'll create portraits of people, animals, and nature, and we'll learn about their stories along the way.

Experiment with combining various media, source material, and collage techniques to create multidimensional, layered, mixed-media portraits. Focus on portraiture, visual narrative, contrast, composition, and repurposing materials. Collect materials, supplies, and tools from around your home to use to construct and incorporate into your collage portrait.



Blythe's multifaceted background combines an MA in Buddhism and Art from the University of Colorado, and undergraduate studies of Japanese religion and art at the University of Richmond. Her collage portraits have been featured in exhibitions nationwide, including the *New Waves 2017* show at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, and the *Trending: Contemporary Art Now!* show for the 2016 National Women's Caucus for Art Conference in Washington D.C. Her work has been published online in Ann Landi's *Vasari21* and *Kolaj* magazine. In 2018, King was awarded the Catherine Edelman Scholarship, and was the recipient of the National Collage Society Award in 2017. Her talk, *Not Knowing*, was first presented at the Institute for Contemporary Art VCU in 2019. King currently lives and works in Richmond, VA as an artist, art educator, and professor of religious studies.

Virtual Course ideal for Public School Teacher recertification.
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Date: Friday, March 19, 2021

Time: 1-4pm

Class Fee: \$40.00



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