

In *Estudio de Arte 13* you learn to paint.

What does “learn to paint” mean? Learning is a form of channeling the passion we feel for something, towards that which we would like to understand. A passion for art and for creating works of art isn’t unique to professional or acclaimed artists. Anyone who, out of personal interest or for whatever reason, devotes a few hours or days a week to an in-depth investigation of art, demonstrates passion.

The passion of the students and their desire to investigate and develop their creativity has been an essential part of *Estudio de Arte 13* for the past two decades. The results of this profound interest can be seen in the works produced, many of which are comparable to those of professional artists.

Learning to paint, draw or sculpt is an endeavor that falls somewhere between a relaxing hobby and the study of constructive techniques, requiring not only concentration but also intellectual effort on the part of the student. Effort and relaxation: two components of the apprenticeship, experienced by everyone who has ever confronted a blank canvas or sheet of paper. Tranquility and relaxation are necessary in order to discover that “reality” is composed of lines, shadow, nuances and color; concentration is required so that, once these constructive elements have been sufficiently assimilated and dominated, an image---real or abstract---can be produced.

We live in a society that encourages us to make a place for ourselves; we expend tremendous quantities of energy on the workday and day-to-day living. So it’s truly amazing to see how certain people are able to dedicate a part of their energies to expressing their emotions on a blank canvas.

Art---any of the arts---is one of the few activities which allow us to develop our subjective selves, during times in which greater value is placed on objective as opposed to subjective expression. That it is truly an activity worth pursuing can be seen in the satisfaction and continuity of the many devoted students who return, year after year, to develop their creativity at *Estudio de Arte 13*.

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