

# **Open Doors Art Academy**

## **Visual Arts Ministry Certification**

This certification program will provide artists and those who feel called to be artists with an atmosphere for learning and encouragement to minister through visual art. This certification program will provide a complete overview of study and prepare students to step into their calling as visual artists in the church and in the world. Upon completion of the one-year certification program, the student will earn a Certification in Visual Arts Ministry from Open Doors Academy.

### **Students will learn and explore:**

- **CONNECTING VISUALLY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- **RELEASING VISUAL EXPRESSION IN THE SPIRIT**
- **BASIC AND ADVANCED TRADITIONAL ART SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES**
- **ART HISTORY - HOW IT RELATES TO THE MODERN CHRISTIAN ARTIST**
- **PRACTICAL SIDE OF MINISTERING AND WORKING IN THE VISUAL ARTS**

### **CONNECTING VISUALLY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT & RELEASING VISUAL EXPRESSION IN THE SPIRIT**

Creative visual activities and exercises will be directed to help the student recognize how the Holy Spirit engages with artists visually.

The following forms of expression will be explored:

- **Movement In The Spirit** – transferring to imagery – “feeling” color
- **Visions** –imagery – visual interpretation
- **Hearing God’s Phrases** – transferring words to imagery
- **Pure Worship Art** – flowing in the Spirit – conversation with God
- **Message Artwork** – focus on the Word – visual Interpretation
- **Prophetic Art** – prophecy through imagery
- **Warfare** – changing the atmosphere

This exploration will be facilitated through:

- **Lecture and discussion** – Lecture and forum on each above expression topic
- **Guided practice** – specific “hands-on” exercises to practice the presence and recognize the expression of God. – This will help students to learn how to “take hold” of the visual expression of the Spirit in order to convey that visually.
- **Creative release** – putting into tangible form the expression that has been received from the Holy Spirit. Individual guidance and direction will be given.

### **BASIC AND ADVANCED ART SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES**

The student will learn:

- **The proper utilization of drawing and painting tools, materials, and techniques**
- **Fundamentals of art** – form, line, composition, value, color, depth, perspective, line weight, contrast, etc.
- **Forms of traditional study** – still life, figurative, portraiture, realism, abstraction, conceptual art, etc.

## **ART HISTORY & HOW IT RELATES TO THE POST-MODERN CHRISTIAN ARTIST**

Art movements throughout the ages and the progression of the arts will be explored from a biblical perspective and with a Christian world-view perspective. It is expected that the student will study and become familiar with art history, so as to understand how it relates to them personally as a Christian artist, how God has moved through Art in the past, and what He is doing corporately with Christian artists today.

Lecture and discussion using the text: *The Story of Art* by E.H. Gombrich.

Lecture and discussion of: Concerning the Spiritual in Art by Wassily Kandinsky.

Periodic homework will be assigned based on the Gombrich text.

The student will write a term paper using the Kandinsky text.

## **PRACTICAL SIDE OF MINISTERING & WORKING IN THE VISUAL ARTS**

The objective of this program is to be able to utilize visual art to touch the world with the power and love of God. Students will be given practical instruction and activities to help fully equip them to step into an Arts career and/or ministry upon completion of the courses. The following will be covered:

- **Art Ministry**
  - **Establishing and maintaining an arts ministry**
  - **Five-fold ministry artists**
  - **Influencing the seven spheres of society through art: business, government, media, arts and entertainment, education, the family and religion.**
  
- **Professional Art**
  - **Creating a portfolio and resume**
  - **Marketing**
  - **Professional Avenues – galleries, exhibits, contests, publications, graphic design, teaching, e-commerce, websites, etc.**
  - **Business Finances**

In the second semester, students will complete a portfolio and resume. Also in the second semester, students will engage in a real-life project which will be designed and facilitated by the students. This project will involve the student's vision for their unique calling in the arts. The school year will end with an art exhibit by the students, in which every student will be involved with the hands-on process of putting an exhibit together.

**Schedule and tuition to be announced.  
Payment plans and limited scholarships are available.  
Contact Pattie Ann Hale for information.**

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