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Modern Painting (Ages 12 - 16)

Instructors: Leo & Krista Johnson

6 Thursdays, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Session 6: June 24 – July 29; \$75/90

Session 7: September 2 – October 7; \$75/90

A class based on modern art where students can learn different methods and appreciation of modern art from the early days to present and produce works for the future.

Leo Johnson is a third generation Cuban-Sicilian, who is still immersed in the art, culture and language. Leo studied painting in San Miguel, Mexico, at a school founded by Diego Rivera, Orozco and Siqueiros, the great Mexican muralists.



I am a visual artist who has shown numerous times in this community, as recently as: March 09-*State of Abstraction* at the Alliance for the Arts, January 09 *Leo and Krista Johnson New Work* at Florida Gulf Coast University and in September 08 at the Arts for Act Gallery, *Leo and Krista Johnson*. I have managed to show my work consistently in local venues over the past 20 years. I have worked in conjunction with many local businesses and non-profit groups such as The Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, painting a mural for the YMCA in Fort Myers with children and young adults. I consider it important to be active in the community, giving lectures and teaching painting to under-

privileged, disabled and at-risk children.

Leo Johnson's style is unique, personal and captivating. In his classes he will share his vast knowledge of painting beginning with the old masters and focusing on modern movements in art. You will gain an overall appreciation of the progress and current state of visual art. He was nominated for teacher of the year in 2009 Angels of the Arts Awards and was the 2003 artist for the Arts for Act Auction.

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Krista Johnson is a visual artist and songwriter. She attended Edison College and has traveled



throughout Europe and seen many of the styles employed by Modern European painters.

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I have been a co teacher with Leo Johnson for 12 years in the Open Doors Art Program, a painting class for underprivileged children which is held at the Alliance for the Arts. This program works in conjunction with local schools to find suitable candidates for the program. The children receive free tuition, supplies and are able to show and sell their artwork twice a year at the Alliance for the Arts and Big Arts on Sanibel.

I have my own personal and distinctive style and work closely with the students to bring out their best qualities.

As Exhibitions Coordinator for the Alliance for the Arts she has managed to become familiar with local artists, art collectors and galleries and with the committee helps to facilitate new and inventive exhibits.

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