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Beyond Alla Prima - Creative Abstract & Collage Painting Intermediate

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This workshop is designed to strengthen your voice by clarifying your thoughts, ideas, interests and feelings and guide them into powerful visual statements. We begin the painting working with shapes, sizes, and a sense of balance and visit the effects of initial decisions from layout to completion. The magic in the approach of *Beyond Alla Prima is* that spontaneity, exploration and discovery are a part of the process. Surprises and new ideas become part of the image as you proceed to layer and integrate collage and papers and acrylic and respond to the materials with experience, intuition, and improvisation.

Materials List

• Please bring your own favorite acrylic paints. Please bring what you have and do not bring everything you own! Just what you love to work with!

I use a warm and cool of each primary and include a few secondarys. These are the colors I use: Cadmium Red light, Golden Quinacradone Magenta, Golden Quinacradone Nickel Azo, Cadmium Yellow Medium, Hansa or Cadmium Yellow Light, Pthalo Blue (green shade), Ultramarine Blue. Please be sure to include Titanium white. It is not necessary to purchase these colors just bring what you are accustomed to playing with.

• Surfaces can include canvases, clayboards or panels - your choice! No paper! Please regesso all surfaces including pregessoed. Bring sizes that you are comfortable with, not too big and not too small. Somewhat larger sizes insure that you will get in the flow since it will take longer to cover. Ideal sizes include 18" x 24", 20" x 20", or somewhat larger if you work quickly. We will be working on at least two at one time. Please bring three and consider gallery wrap canvasses.

• Bring several large, inexpensive brushes such as: hardware store bristle (not nylon) brushes, 1" or 2" - and your favorite acrylic/synthetic combos.

A few favorite collage papers and Liquitex gloss medium and varnish 1 qt. quart. Order ahead, if possible, from DickBlick.com for best value.

Paper towels, small blade utility knife, scissors, 1 gallon tub for water, several small plastic margarine containers, apron and smile!

Collage materials: you can bring a few interesting papers, fabrics, or few items that you may want to include in painting. I will provide transparent tissue papers and some fabrics!