



School of Art and Design

Painting Program

Wichita State University Painting and The International School of Painting, Drawing and Sculpture in Umbria, Italy (ISA)

“One of the top ten artist residency programs in the world.” ArtInfo.com

Art study or artist residency at ISA offers an exciting rewarding opportunity for students, alumni and friends of the WSU Painting program. ISA has a very intensive and selective program with excellent faculty, visiting artists and scholars. The school takes good care of the students, making the ISA experience a perfect one, even for first-time travelers to Europe. The program has a strong emphasis on figure and landscape painting and drawing from direct observation, making it compatible with that aspect of our own academic approach. However, there is no bias against other modes of artwork or studio methodology. Artists working indirectly or abstractly are also encouraged to apply, and they receive the same excellent educational experience. ISA now has a permanent location in the small hill town of Montecastello di Vibio, just north of Todi. Students, resident artists and faculty are housed in apartments in the town or in the primary school facility. Local cooks make rustic Umbrian meals, and everyone dines together. The evening meal takes place on the dining terrace, overlooking the Tiber River valley. Private and semi-private studios with 24-hour access are located in several great stone buildings. Visiting artists and lecturers plus trips to Rome, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Bologna, Sansepolcro and Perugia add to the total experience. Those of you who have been to Italy know that this area of Umbria in central Italy is beautiful, so the natural and built environment is in itself an inspiration. ISA has an excellent Internet site at www.giotto.org. The site has complete information on all ISA programs. There is also an ISA display on the McKnight third floor bulletin board.

WSU Painting now has 28 alumni of ISA. They are Jodi Lightner*, Chiyoko Myose*, Jacob Seymore*, Martha Wherry*, Karrie Maxwell*, Joanna Mix, E.Vincent Wood III*, Matthew Hilyard*, Carole Branda, Judy Dove, Rosemary Dugan, Ann Gethen, Jennifer Lawhead*, Jennifer Locke*, Carole Ranney, Jonathan Stevens*, Maureen Walter, Rebecca Franz*, Kyle Bowen, Maureen Tunnell, Christopher Bertholf*, JoAnn Ray, Judy Higdon, Ann Martin, Shirley Glickman, Barbara Mallonee, Mary Morgan* and Mika Holtzinger.

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