

East meets West: Life Drawing the Chinese Way

Lei Lei Qu

6th - 8th Jun 2025

Friday to Sunday

This will be an intensive life drawing 'masterclass' course, with one of the UK's leading Chinese Brush Painters and tutor, based on Ancient Chinese Taoist philosophy blended with Western technique and styles. With a professional model on hand all weekend we will be working from observation and building a deeper understanding of the figure, combined with uncovering artists' as yet unexplored expressive abilities. We will be combining both Chinese and Western instruments and techniques.

Description

This will be a 'masterclass' in Life Drawing using a traditional Chinese Brush Painting approach. Qu LeiLei is a highly regarded Chinese Brush Painter and tutor who is renowned for his traditional work and has had great success with exhibitions of his more contemporary works that showcase the blending of Eastern traditions and Western subject matter and styles.

An experienced artist model will be available all weekend and will be holding very short poses throughout the course sessions.

Students will be asked and encouraged to approach the drawing from various different angles and artistic perspectives. So, for instance, some drawings will start with line and some drawings will start with the wash etc. Also differing media will be explored.

Students will be encouraged to catch the spirit of the movement as well as the correct structure of the figure throughout the course.

Please bring with you

Drawing pen
 Reed or bamboo pen or quill pen
 Pencils one 2b one 6b
 Conte black brown and earth red
 Charcoal medium size box
 Chinese brushes one large one fine tipped
 White plate and jam jar
 Chinese ink
 Chinese watercolour just burnt Sienna and indigo blue
 Lots of paper - wall paper lining paper is very good or a drawing pad minimum 100 sheets otherwise sugar paper.
 Please bring a very large quantity

Available to purchase from the tutor

Chinese brushes for those who are unable to bring them

Level

This course is suitable for all that are interested in life drawing and/or Chinese Brush Painting. Experience of Chinese Brush Painting or of Life Drawing is not necessary although some drawing experience would be helpful.

Course Location:


Missenden Abbey


Great Missenden
 Buckinghamshire HP16 0BD

| Friday | |
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| 4pm onwards | residents may check in |
| 6.45pm | Dinner |
| 7.45pm | Non-residents arrive |
| 8-9.30pm | Teaching session |
| Saturday | |
| 8-10am | Breakfast for residents |
| 9.30-12.30am | Teaching session |
| 12.30-1.30pm | Lunch for all |
| 1.30-5pm | Teaching session |
| 6.45 for 7pm | Dinner for residents |
| Sunday | |
| 8-10am | Breakfast for residents |
| 9.30-12.30pm | Last teaching session |
| 12.30-1.30pm | Lunch for all |

About Lei Lei Qu

Qu Lei Lei is an internationally recognised contemporary artist. His works have been collected by numerous museums including the British Museum and the Ashmolean Museum. He has written many books on Chinese art and is a prolific artist who regularly shows his work internationally. Qu Lei Lei received a highly commended award from NIACE for his outstanding skills as a caring and most inspiring tutor, and has been lecturing for many universities and colleges nationally for many years

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