

## WORKSHOP: Towards Abstraction with John Crossley RWS

Price: £70 / 65 Friends

Location: The Heatherley School of Fine Art, Chelsea

Date: Saturday 25 April

Time: 10am – 4pm (with 40 minutes for lunch)

### About the Workshop

Explore the basic properties of abstraction through observation of shape, rhythm, space, mark and colour. Using chance and order to challenge the properties of water-based media, RWS artist John Crossley will lead you through the potential of working with cut-outs and stencils as a mechanism to develop ideas.

This workshop is suitable for all levels of ability.

#### Morning

- Introduction
- Observing the surroundings of the riverside, from the minute to the large, to produce studies in water-based media.

#### Afternoon

- Using the studies produced in the morning, participants will expand the ideas in a more finished piece, or series of pieces.
- Conclusion

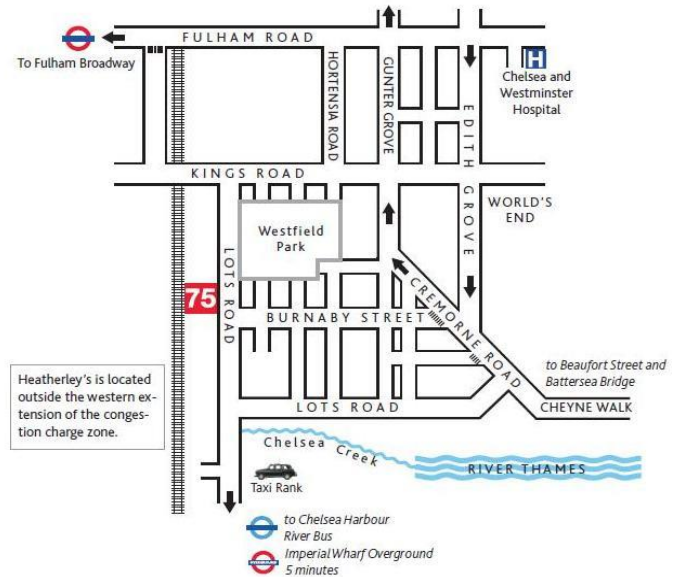
### About the Tutor

True to the roots of the artist, he originally studied sculpture in the 70's at St. Martins School of Art under Anthony Caro, Phillip King and William Tucker, Crossley's works marry colour with form and space. Unlike many of his contemporaries he is attracted to the resonance of colour as a language of emotional experience. Crossley's paintings are bright clear notes ringing out amid the cacophony of contemporary art, characterised by their exuberant, gleaming colours, his paintings transcend our assumptions about 'Englishness' and beguile us instead with an exotic vibrancy.

### Materials

- A range of colours in watercolour, acrylic and/or gouache
- A small cutting mat and scalpel
- Metal ruler
- Paper and pencils (2B upwards)
- Sketchbook
- PVA or pritt stick
- Low tack masking tape

# About Heatherley's



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## Getting there

- There is limited parking on the premises. The nearest car park is located at Edith Grove which can be found [here](#).
- The nearest stations are Imperial Wharf (overground) and Fulham Broadway (District Line).
- Entry to the school is through the front door and these are opened for students at 9.45am. Students must sign in at the office upon arrival. You will be advised by the member of staff on reception as to where you can find your studio.
- If you are unable to attend at the last minute, please contact the Heatherley's reception on 020 7351 4190 after 9.30am and they will pass on the message to the tutor. Please do not call Bankside Gallery as the office does not open until 11am. Please note that all bookings are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## Refreshments

- Local food shops are usually closed on Saturdays so you are advised to bring a packed lunch along with you.
- In a bid to help the environment, Heatherley's no longer provide plastic cups for drinks. If you wish to make use of the tea and coffee machines, please bring a mug along with you.