

## **VARTS 282: The Renaissance Workshop: Selected Techniques**

Credits: 3

Instructor: TBA

Schedule: TBA

Prerequisite: None

Site visit fee: \$ 40

Material fee: est. \$ 80

### Course Description:

Appropriate for beginners as well as the more experienced student wishing to branch out into new techniques, this course is designed for those who wish to explore a selection of art practices that were used widely in the Renaissance. It will be held in the Institute's newly acquired authentic XVth-century workshop space (bottega) of the kind where Leonardo, Michelangelo and others spent their apprentice years. Students will learn the secrets of "trompe l'oeil" - the trick the eye style that still fascinates the viewer -, "sgraffito" - the unique method of decorative incision work -; and encaustic painting, which uses wax bonded colors on stucco set with heat, a favorite technique of Leonardo. Students will work through all the steps involved in each technique and will produce original works, while visiting historical examples of each method throughout Florence.

Class will meet for six hours per week in the studio.

Course descriptions may be subject to occasional, minor modifications at the discretion of the instructor.