

CARVING A BAROQUE PUTTO IN TUSCANY:

From 3 April to 10 April 2022

Instructor: Athar Jaber

Price: 1400 Euro all-in (except meals)

Immerse yourself in the luxury of a Tuscan holiday, relax and learn the art of stone carving. All in a unique setting between nature, food, wine and culture.

Immersed in the fantastic setting of Tuscan nature, in a villa with swimming pool, you can combine a week of relaxation with learning the art of stone carving from Athar Jaber. A unique opportunity to experience a relaxing holiday combined with a passion for art.

About the Course

This course is a week-long workshop aimed for advanced sculpture students. The course will focus on the carving of a Baroque Putto Head. It is the ideal exercise to acquire confidence and build insight into figurative stone carving. Each student is guided individually as Athar Jaber will be at your side throughout the whole carving process.

This course is designed for advanced stone carving enthusiasts who already have experience in stone carving. The course will allow you to refine your technique and carving skills through the carving of a classic exercise that will also provide you an invaluable insight in figurative sculpture aesthetics.

Where

The course will be held at Casa d'Era, a Tuscan countryside house in Lajatico. Located in a very quiet area, the large spaces outdoors and inside the house allow you to maintain the necessary spacing rules in this emergency period.

Course Content:

- Tools and techniques.
- Anatomy of the Roman capital letters:
 - Shape analysis
 - Proportions
 - Aesthetics
 - Intersections
- Preparation of the stone.
- First exercises:
 - Straight horizontal lines
 - Vertical straight lines
 - Waves and seagulls (thank you)
 - Squares and rhombuses
- Letter "I".
- In order letter "E", "A", "O".
- Personal project carving.

What you will learn:

- How to carve faces.
- Analyse and understand basic facial anatomy.
- Acquire sculptural insight.
- Build confidence with carving techniques.
- Develop chiselling skills.

Results

At the end of the course, you will have carved a baroque Putto head. The exercise will provide you with all the necessary insight for continuing in the art of figurative carving.

Material

All materials useful for the course are provided by the teacher and are included in the price. The student is solely responsible for clothing and footwear suitable for work.

PROGRAMME:

With the aim of feeding both the mind and the body, the week is balanced between education and relax. Each day will consist of 6 hours of lessons. Three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. The sculpting day will end at 18:00, after which you can jump into the pool and enjoy a Tuscan aperitif before dinner.

DAY 1:

- **08:00 – 09:45: Breakfast**

- **10:00 – 13:00: Morning lesson:**
 - Theoretical introduction:
 - Discussion of tools and techniques:
 - Chisels
 - Hammers
 - Stones
 - Discussion of the process:
 - Drawing
 - The six steps

- **13:00 -14:45: Lunch**

- **15:00 – 18:00: Afternoon lesson:**
 - Technical Drawing
 - Drawing the grid onto the plaster cast
 - Transposing the grid onto the stone

DAY 2:

- **08:00 – 09:45: Breakfast**
- **10:00 – 13:00: Morning lesson:**
 - Step 1:
 - Carving the base line
 - Fixing the stone
- **13:00 -14:45: Lunch**
- **15:00 – 18:00: Afternoon lesson:**
 - First letters:
 - Carving the hemisphere (step 1)

DAY 3:

- **08:00 – 09:45: Breakfast**
- **10:00 – 13:00: Morning lesson:**
 - Step 2 (first subdivision):
 - Hair and face
- **13:00 -14:45: Lunch**
- **15:00 – 18:00: Afternoon lesson:**
 - Step 3 (second subdivision):
 - Three main subdivision of the hair
 - Forehead and face

DAY 4:

This is a free day to rest and discover the cities nearby or the surrounding nature.

DAY 5:

- **08:00 – 09:45: Breakfast**
- **10:00 – 13:00: Morning lesson:**
 - Step 4 (third subdivision):
 - Side curls
 - First facial features
- **13:00 -14:45: Lunch**
- **15:00 – 18:00: Afternoon lesson:**
 - Step 5 (fourth subdivision):
 - All curls
 - Defining facial features

DAY 6:

- **08:00 – 09:45: Breakfast**
- **10:00 – 13:00: Morning lesson:**
 - Step 6 (last step):
 - Finishing facial features
- **13:00 -14:45: Lunch**
- **15:00 – 18:00: Afternoon lesson:**
 - Step 6 (last step):
 - Curls