

Fine Arts Model Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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Question # 1

Tell me is painting a very important part of your life?

Answer:-

It's what I do for a living; it's not my life. I'm not in love with it; I simply don't mind doing it.

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Question # 2

Tell me don't your clients want to see what the work is going to look like before they approve it?

Answer:-

In my experience, most clients want to see a finished painting of the finished painting before they say yes to a commission. The only way I will do so is if they pay me for all the time and effort that will take. They rarely agree to do this.

What I do instead is "describe" what the painting is going to look like. I show a sample of my work so they can judge the quality of the draughtsmanship and painting style, and I ask them to trust my judgement. So far, I have had no complaints.

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Question # 3

Tell me is there a big difference between mural painting and "easel" painting?

Answer:-

Absolutely. An easel painter paints for himself; a muralist paints for others. It takes more ingenuity and creativity to work around the clients demands and still get your way. But also, a painting is a self-contained environment; a mural is contained in an environment.

Understanding this principle is what separates muralist from easel painters. You would be surprised to discover how many artists have tried to become muralist and failed. They simply could not adjust their thinking.

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Question # 4

What's the best thing about painting?

Answer:-

Getting paid. :)

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Question # 5

Tell me why don't you make more paintings?

Answer:-

Because I only paint when someone hires me to paint. Except for a few panels that I keep for myself, I have nothing else to show.

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Question # 6

Tell me is this what keeps you successful in the business?

Answer:-

If by that you mean success as judge in dollars, then I have failed miserably. I have discovered that being a good artist sometimes has nothing to do with financial success in this business. The business side of art has to do with marketing, showmanship and the bullshit factor.

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Question # 7

Many artist are particular about their beliefs. Are you superstitious?

**Answer:-**

I am neither religious or superstitious; I am agnostic and academic. But I will protect people's right to have their own convictions even if I do not agree with them. I also try to be aware of the beliefs of others because this is going to influence how they perceive me.

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Question # 8

General Fine Arts Job Interview Questions:

Answer:-

- * What inspired you to become an artist?
- * How did you get where you are today?
- * What is the main challenge you face when beginning a painting?
- * At what point in the process of the painting do you begin to feel like the painting is almost completed?
- * How has painting influenced your life?
- * What qualities do you look for in people you work with or other artists?
- * How do you manage balancing work/life?
- * What do you like most about your career?

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Question # 9

Basic Fine Arts Job Interview Questions:

Answer:-

- * Tell us about yourself.
- * What do you enjoy outside of your job?
- * Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
- * What is a goal you would like to accomplish?
- * Where did you earn your degree?
- * Why did you choose this institution?
- * How will your educational background help you be successful in this position?
- * How would you describe your communication skills?
- * What drives you to work in the field of fine arts?
- * Do you prefer to work with a team or as an individual?
- * What personal experiences and skills do you have within the art community?

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Question # 10

How to make the most of a small budget for art supplies?

Answer:-

Many school districts can't offer you huge amounts of money for art projects. Explain that you're a natural bargain shopper. You'll always seek out the best deals on art supplies.

You should remind the interviewer of your no-waste philosophy. You don't let kids throw away big scraps of paper that can be used again. You'll try to unclog those stuffed up glue bottles, rather than throw them away.

Also, let them know that you can make artwork from simple, everyday household objects. Maybe you know how to make Christmas ornaments from light bulbs or you can turn empty soup cans into lanterns.

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Question # 11

Tell me why do you do What you do?

Answer:-

This is a very important question to be asked to an artist while taking an interview. It gives the understand why the artist is passionate about his work and why he enjoys doing his work.

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Question # 12

Tell me what's your Favorite Artwork?

Answer:-

This question needs to be asked to know the favorite artwork of him and why it is favorite to him.

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Question # 13

What's the worst thing about painting?

Answer:-

Not getting paid. Even Titian had problems collecting from clients.

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Question # 14

Tell me have you ever envisioned yourself retiring?

**Answer:-**

Retirement? There is no such thing for an artist! I may stop painting tomorrow but I can't stop being an artist. Artists never retire.

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Question # 15

Tell me what has been a Seminal Experience?

Answer:-

By asking the question you can gain the understanding of the experiences a artist is having.

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Question # 16

As you know art teachers have a unique set of classroom management challenges, you see so many kids for such a short time-- what would you do when a kid is off-task, unmotivated, or not participating in a lesson?

Answer:-

The most effective way of avoiding behavioral problems is to keep students interested, involved, and engaged from the moment they walk into your room to the moment they leave. It is essential to have classroom rules posted clearly in your classroom. Routines are important-- kids should know where to sit, when to get materials, what the clean up procedures are. As the teacher, you must enforce the rules and routines consistently each and every day.

Hopefully, you use positive reinforcement to encourage the best behaviors. You praise your students' efforts often, and you offer constructive criticism in a positive way. When kids do misbehave, it's best to handle situations on your own, when possible. (Only the most severe cases of disruption or violence should be sent to the office.) Taking away privileges or responsibility is often an effective method for managing classroom behavior problems.

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Question # 17

Tell me how you connect your activities in the art room into lessons taught within other subject areas?

Answer:-

You can easily connect art to Social Studies by teaching cultural art. Example: If students are learning about Australia, you can teach kids to make Aboriginal Dot Paintings in art. You can also connect art to historical themes by making connections with art history. You can also tie into Reading and Writing by teaching kids to describe and critique artwork.

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Question # 18

Explain me some ways you present and display student work throughout the school and throughout the community?

Answer:-

Whether you like it or not, the art teacher is often responsible for setting the decor of the entire school. You'll likely be responsible for keeping the halls full of student work and updating displays on a regular basis. You'll be the one they turn to when they want a mural painted on the gymnasium wall. They'll run to your room when it's time to set up the annual display in the district office building. And, when the community art show comes around, you'll be the one that is expected to coordinate it. When it's time to create the yearly district events calendar, you know they'll be turning to the art teacher for a collection of high-quality student work samples. Art teachers have a HUGE responsibility outside of general teaching. You need to reassure the interview committee that you're aware of these responsibilities and are excited to take on these challenges.

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Question # 19

Are you implying that the business side of art is taken precedence over artistic value?

Answer:-

Art as we know it has always been about business. The purists think this is wrong. That art should not be concerned with this. I agree with the principle of this sentiment, to a point. There is a certain ring of truth about it that feels right.

But the purists like to create dogmas that tend to forget reality. Some consider artists, like me, who have managed to earn a living by marketing art to others, to be beneath their self-proclaimed standards of what a true artist should be. They forget to realize that artists have lived from time immemorial from the fat of the land.

Let's face it; a painting or a sculpture, for example, has no practical value. It cannot feed you or shelter you. Therefore, the artist depends on others to support them so that they can make art. The artist has to secure ways to get that support, and in my book, however he gets the support he needs, is valid.

Unfortunately, for those "intellectuals" who make distinctions, to be "commercial" is a filthy way to earn that support. But I tell you, if I were able to take away the art grants, the fellowships and the museum gifts, most of those voices will be silenced. They will cease to exist. Survival of the fittest would rule. Supply and demand would rule.

Artists and art intellectuals who think that they work in a vacuum neglect to acknowledge that without an audience, a market, without the sponsors and the buyers, there are no artists. Without these they will die. We all need each other.

The artist always hopes, secretly perhaps, that there is a discriminating and perceptive public which will admire his or her work. The public needs the artist to remind him that in a world of tangibles, art offers them something they desperately need: spiritual values. It may not be a perfect system and it is subject to abuse, but in the end, the market, the buying public, has the last word.

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Question # 20

Tell me do you consider painting murals more of a challenge than working on a canvas?

Answer:-

Murals are more demanding. A muralist works in the open. He is exposed to the public and to the elements. It demands confidence in ones abilities and, above all, it requires physical endurance.

I have painted in weather ranging from 105 to 35 degrees Fahrenheit. I had brushes become stuck the surface because the heat would dry the (acrylic) paint almost instantly. Also, when you are close to a wall you lose your point of reference.

Therefore, you have to be a good strategist and be absolutely sure of what you are doing. Timing yourself is essential. If you time it wrong and miss a deadline, you



may lose more than money; you will lose your reputation.

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Question # 21

As you know art is an elective, which means you'll have to promote student interest in your courses. How will you do this?

Answer:-

This question is for candidates that are interviewing for high school art positions. The simplest answer to explain how you engage students in worthwhile art activities. The final projects come out so beautifully that students are proud of their work, see their talent, and have a strong desire to create more!

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Question # 22

For an artist who does not like to paint, you sure stay busy. Is this how you challenge yourself?

Answer:-

I challenge myself by trying to get in and out of bed at the same time every day. I challenge myself by trying to keep up with an exercise program. And, I challenge myself by learning something new every day, like a word in a foreign language.

In all these things I have failed. But when it comes to painting, there is not much of a challenge; painting comes easy.

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Question # 23

Explain me the qualities that define an artist?

Answer:-

First, the capacity to bring the obvious into focus. In other words, to see beyond ones nose. He does not judge, he makes us understand. A good artist has the ability to perceive what others have failed to notice.

Then, the artist organizes these ordinary images of life to say extraordinary things about us and the world in which we live. Finally, the artist must communicate his art in a language of symbols that have meaning to the viewer.

Unfortunately, there is a lamentable split between artist's intentions and public perception. It is largely the result of the absence of art education and the nurturing of visual thinking throughout our public school systems.

And it is also the result of the isolationist stance of the art community, which has refused to recognize that visual perception in the public sphere does not occur within art world parameters. It occurs in the context of the "real world," in the context of popular culture.

Pretty colors will catch the eye of the public for a few seconds; colors can even influence psychological and emotional moods. But it is the understanding of visual symbols and the relationship of images that engages the mind of the viewer in a cognitive dialogue.

When communication between the artist and the viewer is achieved, there is a higher state of human enrichment. I believe that it is at this point that the artist creates art.

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Question # 24

Tell me where is the relationship between the artist and his art?

Answer:-

There is involvement and professional satisfaction while you work on a piece. You take pride on doing a job to the best of your abilities. But once you're finished, you have to walk away and forget about it.

An artist needs a certain level of detachment from his work in order to remain objective. You can't fall in love with your work. I've known so many who puke on a canvas and call it a masterpiece.

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Question # 25

Tell me how much drawing do you have to go through to prepare for a painting?

Answer:-

Only one... really! All my drawings are done inside my head; I am no good with a pencil. After I complete the research, gather the props (or pictures of the props) and visualize the composition, I then proceed to draw the cartoon (a finished drawing that serves as the pattern for the painting), which will end up projected onto the painting surface.

I rarely make changes. This is a very reliable and productive method I learned from studying Norman Rockwell.

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Question # 26

Do you believe that artists have a higher calling in life?

Answer:-

Everyone has a higher calling in life. Isn't that what all religions teach us to aspire? I think humanity's higher calling should be the protection of everyone's right to achieve happiness and fulfillment. The artist role is to help bring forth that which is best in every one of us.

I believe that art does not exist merely to entertain and gratify; it must edify. It can improve our collective existence by participating in the development of attitudes which can lead eventually to a better society.

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Question # 27

Tell me what's your favorite thing you've ever created?

Answer:-

I'm not sure I really have a favourite. I like to look back at what I've done but only to get an overview of my trajectory to help me figure out where I'm going next. I'm



developing all the time and fixing on one thing would feel like saying "That's it, I've arrived!" and I'd be afraid of trying to somehow repeat on that for ever after. I'm not trying to sound trite but it really is the process and not the product that motivates me now; its the journey of discovery -when I'm transported into a parallel universe - that I love.

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Question # 28

Tell me which creative medium would you love to pursue but haven't yet?

Answer:-

I definitely have an outstanding engagement with short film. When I was at art college I had two 'film disasters': The first short film I was making got burnt in a fire in the college and the second, which was a music video, the musician ran off with the only copy before I could even present it for my course! So I'm due for third time lucky! I can't do anything too complex due to my RSI but I'd like to combine my collages with music somehow.

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Question # 29

Explain me why do you think art is an important part of a child's education?

Answer:-

This answer, will of course, vary from person to person. Some things you might want to think about: Art is a small, but important part of a well-rounded education program. Art teachers stimulate students' imaginations, by encouraging them to express themselves creatively. Art teachers develop students' self-esteem, by allowing them to discover other talents they may have that go beyond the rest of the school's curriculum. And art teachers help students to better accept the world in which they live by inviting them to view things in different ways.

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Question # 30

Tell me how do you advertise?

Answer:-

Word of mouth. That's the best promotion. A satisfied client is the artist's best friend; an unsatisfied, his worst enemy.

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Question # 31

Is painting require a certain level of inspiration?

Answer:-

One great painting out of a hundred bad ones, that's inspiration. This doesn't make a professional. A true artist is a trained and experienced master whose work gets consistently better from one painting to the next. To rely on inspiration is to starve.

When a commission comes my way, I can't wait around for inspiration to get me going. Whatever is demanded of you by a client, you do. That's what I'm getting paid for. You trust your skills and you rely on experience to work on cue. Would you select a brain surgeon on the basis of inspiration?

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Question # 32

Tell me how do you keep in touch with the public?

Answer:-

I am a very down-to-earth person. Very accessible. When I complete a mural, I include my phone number (now changed to an e-mail address) next to my signature. The public, friends and critics, are invited to call in with their comments and suggestions. I like to know what they are thinking.

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Question # 33

What's your Background?

Answer:-

To know the personal details of the artist this is the best question to ask him in interviews. It gives you the ideas how the artist is associated with his art work. Whether he had met any challenges to pursue his career as an artist and what opportunity and obstacles had come in his way while he was passionate about his work. Whether he got full support from his family, friends and relative to pursue his career as an artist or not.

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Question # 34

Explain me how do you design your paintings?

Answer:-

Through a visualizing technique: I listen carefully to the client's ideas and desires and I listen for the things he or she is not telling me. What they want is usually in between.

Then I lie down, close my eyes and do absolutely nothing. In a few minutes, hours, days... a week (it depends on the complexity of the commission), I will have the entire painting visualized in my mind, every detail, exactly as it will look when it's finished.

The rest is easy: I do the required research, gather the necessary props and materials, make some mental revisions, and then, I paint the picture that's inside my head.

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Question # 35

Tell me do you employ volunteers?

**Answer:-**

Only when doing a teaching workshop. Never on professional commissions. That is not the place to be teaching (though spectators are always welcome). Professional mural painting is not a democratic process or a paint-by-numbers enterprise.

Non-professional help dilutes the quality of the work. Let's go back to the brain surgery analogy: would you like some volunteers working on your head? I do however, take experienced art students as apprentices.

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Question # 36

Show me pictures of your work as an artist?

Answer:-

You should have your teaching portfolio with you at an interview. Since you're an artist, your portfolio should include pictures of your own artwork, in addition to lesson plans and student artwork. Be sure the works you show the committee are appropriate for a school setting. Don't show them your latest nude sketch or a violent scene. Keep the content of the material in your portfolio light, upbeat, and positive.

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Question # 37

Explain how do you Work?

Answer:-

To continue the flow of conversation and to understand the work of the artist this is the best question to ask him in an interview. Every artist has their own unique style of working to brings out their creativity in their work. Every artist follows their own set of guidelines and procedure to do their work. Hence by asking this question to the artist we can understand how they work to brings out the creativity.

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Question # 38

What are the assets of being a bicultural artist?

Answer:-

It's like having the best of both worlds. It has also produced some funny side effects. One of my greatest artistic assets with some of my wealthy clients, it's generally... my accent. It makes me sound foreign and sophisticated (in spite of being a buckeye from Cleveland, Ohio).

Clients who can afford to get any competent artist are always looking for something extra to come with the package. So they will choose the one they can impress their friends with. They want to say, "I am sophisticated because I picked him".

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Question # 39

Explain some of the art projects your students have loved?

Answer:-

This is a simple question. Describe your "best work" as a teacher. In other words, you're looking to tell them about project that was engaging to the students, educational in terms of artistic development, and well-received by others when it was displayed. Pass around some pictures of this lesson from your teaching portfolio!

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Question # 40

Do you know what Role does the Artist have in Society?

Answer:-

We live in a society and we do have some social responsibility. An artist is the role model for a society. Hence his work can made a lot of impact to the society. There are many problems in the society and we need to solve the problem. An artist can help the society in finding the solution of the problem through his artwork.

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Question # 41

Tell me what's Integral to the work of an Artist?

Answer:-

As we know that every artist has their own style of working .We need to understand the integral part of his work to know him better. This is also a one of the good questions to ask to an artist in an interview.

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Question # 42

Please explain do you consider yourself a good artist?

Answer:-

Yes, but not because I paint. I am a good artist because of my ability to transform the obvious from invisible to prominent through my expressed observations, which I may or may not choose to communicate in a visual image.

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