

# Chastain Arts Center Supply List

## Introduction to Character Design / Bryan Thompson

### **Class Description:**

This class will focus on the basic construction and ideation process of designing a character for Animation and film. We will focus on redesigning an existing popular character, but students will have the freedom to add their own personal artistic spin on the character's aesthetics based on story elements. Along with the Character's basic structure, we will also be designing various costumes, as well as props they will use as it pertains to their narrative. The basic elements and principles of design such as line, value, shape design, and form language will be a major focus to help elevate student's draftsmanship. This class will primarily use traditional media such as pencils on paper, but other media is optional such as colored pencils, pastels, watercolor and portable digital media (Ipads, Microsoft Surface Tablets, etc.).

The key to success in this class is Ideation (Idea Creation) and exploration. In the ideation process, come up with as many ideas as you can, no matter how far out they are, and communicate those ideas through rough exploration sketches that will gradually be refined.

**(Keep in mind, you do not need everything on this list)**

**We will discuss supplies in the first class**

### **PENCILS:**

- A set of Graphite Pencils that range from H to 9B
- Prisma Color Col-Erase Pencils (Black, Blue, or Red are fun to sketch with)
- Palomino Black Wing Pencils (Nice soft Japanese graphite, great for sketching and drawing)
- Mechanical pencils and Lead Holders
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Kneaded Erasers
- Retractable Pen style erasers

**INKS: Optional (Inks are not required, but you can get these if you want to experiment with inking your character designs to give them a comic book like feel)**

- Prisma Color Grey tone Marker Set
- Prisma Color Colored Marker Sets
- Micron fine Liner pens in various sizes
- Brush Pens

### **SURFACES:**

- 14" X 17" Strathmore Drawing Pad (Recommended)
- 14" X 17" Canson Marker Paper ( Optional for students who want to try markers for local tones)
- Drawing Board (Required) This surface will help you have more leverage as you design your characters.

**DIGITAL SURFACES:**

For Students that want to design characters digitally, you can bring your portable digital surfaces and Stylus' such as Ipads, Microsoft Surface Tablets etc., but it is not required.

**OTHER VARIOUS MEDIA:**

Students have the option of bringing other various media such as colored pencils, pastels, Gouache, etc when putting the finishing touches on their designs. It is recommended that students only bring these tools if they already have experience using them.