**Advanced Studio- “No Brush” Portrait Painting**

The last project of the semester will be an exploratory portrait painting completed using tempera paint. You will work on black paper, and you will **not** use a paintbrush to complete the painting (except for perhaps the tiniest details that there is absolutely no other way to clearly achieve). Instead, you will use palette knives, matte squares, sponges etc. in an attempt to create a more expressive, unique piece of work.

Begin by sketching your composition lightly in pencil on the black paper provided. You may use a mirror, bring in a photo, or work intuitively. You may crop the face, you may depict some (or all) of the body, and/or choose a non-traditional point of view or pose. Focus on large shapes, merely establishing a rough outline in which you will work.

Choose your color scheme- realistic or abstract? Complementary or analogous? Limited or full-range palette? Keep in mind local color as well as value color. Try to establish form and volume (pancakes are for breakfast, not for faces!)

Gather your tools and begin! Try to work background to foreground, and from general to specific. Be gestural, loose and expressive. Think process, not so much product. Let the results surprise you! Have fun!

As the painting develops, start to be a bit more controlling in terms of the details and clarity of your subject matter. Step back often to see the work from a distance. Ask others at your table for feedback. Provide feedback to them as well. Have the positive attitude of an artist.

**Advanced Studio- “No Brush” Portrait Painting Rubric**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/30 POINTS- Creativity**

Willingness to explore and experiment in terms of:

Composition

Subject (depiction of self)

Color choices

Approach to the media

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 POINTS- Craftspersonship**

Entire surface of paper is resolved

Attention to creating quality work is evident

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 POINTS- Citizenship**

Good use of class time

Positive attitude and willingness to explore

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/50 POINTS**