

DPCC 2019: Creating Fantastical Creatures Workshops

This is an expansion of the Creating Fantastical Creatures Workshops from DCC 2018. We have changed things up a bit and a third class has been proposed per day due to the feedback and popularity of the workshops from previous years. If there's no room, space, or time for the third class, we are happy to keep to just two classes per day, but would really prefer the third class too if possible.

Supplies needed in room for EACH workshop: Paper & pencils for attendees (these workshops are interactive), ELMO projector, HDMI cord (to switch from presentation to ELMO), projector, & screen

Day 1: Friday, May 31st: Beginning Levels

Class #1: Creating Fantastical Creatures for Kids: Dragons, Unicorns, & More!

Ages 5 to 12

This workshop will offer kids a basic understanding on how to draw/create dragons, unicorns, & other basic mythological creatures. In this class, we will also learn how to draw basic dragon wings and horns.

Class #2: Creating Fantastical Creatures I: Basic Creature Drawing & Concepts

Ages 13 and Up

This workshop offers a solid foundation for beginning artists who wish to learn the basics of creating a creature from imagination. We will focus on finding inspiration, gathering proper reference, creating believability, and step-by-step how to draw a basic quadruped creature from the side. Everyone will leave with a hand out containing reference books and websites we recommend for further study in the field of creature concepts.

Class #3 (Optional): Creating Fantastical Creatures: Dragons & Other Mythological Creatures

Ages 13 and Up

Special Guest: Crystal Sully

This workshop will be building upon the basics of creature drawing and put them to how to draw dragons and other mythological creatures rather than creatures purely from imagination.

Day 2 – Saturday, June 1st: Intermediate Levels

Class #1: Creating Fantastical Creatures for Kids: Beyond Mythological Creatures

Ages 5-12

This workshop will help kids build upon the basics of creating dragons and unicorns into a made up creature of their own.

Class #2: Creating Fantastical Creatures II: Combining Science & Art

Ages 13 and Up

This workshop builds on the basics of beginning creature design by combining art and science. We will explore basic anatomy & the blending of real animals into the imaginary.

Class #3 (Optional): Creating Fantastical Creatures: Wings, Eyes, Spines, Poses, and more...

Ages 13 and Up

This workshop builds upon the basics of creature design and focuses on adding details to everyone's creatures. There will be demos on wings, eyes, spines, and other details, in addition to putting your creatures in different poses. There will be a Q&A session at the end for any additional questions or demos.

Day 3 – Sunday, June 2nd: Advanced Levels

Class #1: Creating Fantastical Creatures for Kids: Basic creature faces, eyes, wings, textures, and more...

Ages 5 to 12

This session is for kids to develop their imaginary creatures to final product with demos on how to draw the details of your creatures.

Class #2: Creating Fantastical Creatures III: Finalizing your Creature & Textures

Ages 13 and Up

This session is for those who have built a foundation of creature design the past couple of days. We will go over how to finalize your creature and create details such as textures. This will be predominantly a question and answer class with demos as needed. Stuck on a design or anatomy issue? Bring your questions and creatures for a roundtable style session sans the table. For those who are beginning at creature design, they will receive a handout with a basic step-by-step process.

Class #3 (Optional): Creating Fantastical Creatures: Advanced Creature Anatomy

Ages 13 and Up

This session will advance all the skills learned over the weekend and go into more advanced anatomy of fantastical creatures in order to make them more realistic and believable. There will be mainly lecture and demos with a Q & A session at the end. This session is recommend for ages 13 and up only.