Live art lesson: Follow-along dog painting

Tune in Oct. 15 for a lesson and interview with Baker City artist Brian Vegter

BAKER CITY — Artist Brian Vegter, who specializes in painting dogs, will lead an online art lesson to help others paint their own canine friends.

The event is Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees can tune in from anywhere to this livestreamed event. The link to join can be found at www.travelyr.com/ upcoming-sessions.

Students need acrylic paints, paintbrushes, a photograph of your favorite dog and a canvas for painting. This is for all ages, and participants can ask questions. The session will conclude with a virtual tour of Churchill School, the historic building that Brian and his wife, Corrine, bought several years ago, restored and turned into a venue for concerts, an art gallery, bike hostel, studio spaces for artists and more.



Dan Sizer/Contributed Photo

Baker City artist Brian Vegter will lead an online art class Oct. 15 on how to make a painting of your dog. The class is part of the Travelyr series, which aims to connect rural art centers to the world.

This live art lesson is presented by Travelyr, an organization that connects rural art centers and the artists they support to the world via livestreamed, follow-along art experiences.

Travelyr was founded by Dan Sizer this year in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

"COVID-19 impacted everyone," Sizer said. "In my rural Oregon community, our nonprofit art centers were disproportionately impacted. I wanted to start a project that gave people a reason to donate to their local art center, and because everyone needs art."

Sizer works with artists who distill their craft to a level that anyone can re-create at home.

The events are free, although donations from participants go to support an art venue. Donations from Vegter's session will support Churchill School. To donate, go to www.travelyr.com. Become a member

Travelyr offers memberships, which support its mission as well as local art centers and artists. Donations are split between Travelyr and the monthly featured art centers. Members receive exclusive access to archived videos and workshops, and receive advance notice of upcoming livestreamed lessons. The top tier receives a piece of art from a monthly featured artist.

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