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JAGDHOF LAUNCHES FIRST PAINTING COURSE WITH LUCIA RICCELLI

The internationally acclaimed painter, performance artist and art lecturer Lucia Riccelli launches her first 3-day painting course 'LAND(E)SCAPE', from 25 to 27 April, at SPA-HOTEL Jagdhof in Austria's Stubai Valley. Her work has been shown in Vienna, New York, Miami and Genoa and her background in classical ballet, contemporary dance and music informs her painting. She is a passionate teacher and offers an inspirational awakening to the world of art. The course costs €250 per person and includes daily tuition in watercolour, acrylic and mix techniques.

'How is a picture created? Does technique help or hinder the free flow of ideas?' asks Lucia Riccelli. She believes that painting is about learning. Learning to look at nature from a different perspective: to look 'inside' it, and inside oneself. Learning to set goals, and to welcome the element of surprise. 'By simply existing in the here and now, we are able to discern the process that leads to new ideas and to recognise them as they appear,' says Riccelli. Playing with these new ideas and feelings is a key part of the creative process and the experience of the course. 'Fun also included!', the teacher adds.

Painting course for all ages and abilities

Based in Vienna since 1995, Riccelli not only has a penchant for the performing arts, she is also passionate about teaching. Armin Pfurtscheller and his team at the 5-star Relais & Châteaux SPA-HOTEL Jagdhof in the Tyrolean Stubai Valley are thrilled to have obtained the sought-after painter to lead the exciting new course. LAND(E)SCAPE – landscapes and motifs reinterpreted (in you) – in watercolour, acrylic and mix technique – takes place for the first time at the Jagdhof from 25 to 27 April 2019 and is open to all ages and abilities. During the course, participants spend three five-hour days learning from the artist, gaining insight into her thoughts, creative processes and methods, with ample opportunity to ask for advice and pick up invaluable tricks of the trade. Quite simply, an exceptional experience for anyone interested in art and painting. An open mind and a creative imagination are all you need to bring.

Experience nature then paint it

Nature is there to be discovered in the Stubai Valley, from the SPA-HOTEL Jagdhof's pretty garden and surrounding meadows to the glaciers and 3,000m peaks. Painters express what they see in watercolour or acrylics, guided and inspired by a professional. But nature goes beyond landscape. Human nature is of great importance in Riccelli's work. She invites her students to broaden their definition of 'landscape' to include the human soul. In her own work, the female form acts as a starting point. The artist explains her approach to portraits: 'When people come together, it is the tension created by the unspoken that inspires and moves me. The forces at work in people's faces are what I try to capture in my paintings.'

The aim? To go with the flow

If we start the creative process with an open, free and inspired spirit, we enter a state of flow. 'Go with the flow' is a refrain we all recognise' says Riccelli. 'We become so absorbed in what we are doing that we forget time, charged with energy in the present. We are neither over- nor underchallenged but carry out

tasks with a special energy flow. I have one clear aim for the painting course at the Jagdhof: to help the painters enter this state. Not only does this make painting fun, it helps them to bare their soul.'

LAND(E)SCAPE – landscapes and motifs reinterpreted (in you)

Painting course with watercolours, acrylic and mix technique

25.04: 1pm – 6pm

26.04: 10am – 1pm & 2.30pm – 4.30pm

27.04: 10am – 1pm & 2.30pm – 4.30pm

- Painting course cost: €250 per person
- Equipment & materials: can be ordered on booking for a surcharge
- No participant number restrictions
- All ages welcome —children do require basic painting skills

Tip: make a booking at the SPA-HOTEL Jagdhof from 24.04 to 28.04.2019!

About Lucia Riccelli

Born in Rome, Riccelli studied painting and set design at the Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma. She holds a diploma in classical ballet and is trained in contemporary dance and music (violin). Living and working in Vienna since 1995 she teaches painting and life drawing. Her work is internationally known from solo and group exhibitions. Since 2005, Riccelli has participated in live painting and dance performances at numerous performing arts events. The combination of dance, video, music and installation-art is reflected in her work as a painter.

About the SPA-HOTEL Jagdhof

The award-winning, 5-star SPA-HOTEL Jagdhof offers Tyrolean hospitality at its best combined with an exhilarating programme of activities and events and a marriage of contemporary and traditional cuisine – all set against the magnificent backdrop of the Stubai Alps. The hotel's 70 individually designed rooms and suites offer a sanctuary of comfortable country luxe. A member of the Relais & Châteaux association of fine hotels, the Jagdhof boasts a world-class wine cellar with accolades from The World of Fine Wine magazine, as well as the Fondue Ski Gondola – the smallest gourmet restaurant in Tyrol – and the award-winning Hubertus Stube restaurant. The 3,000sqm jSPA is one of the largest wellbeing facilities in Austria. Vitality World with an indoor and outdoor pool and 20 different wellness experiences offers signature treatments in the JOYFUL wellbeing area, the Tyrolean barn-style SPA CHALET, and the luxurious Private SPA Suite. On the SPA-HOTEL Jagdhof's doorstep the Stubai Alps and the Stubai Glacier invite guests to experience a unique outdoor world and Austria's largest ski area.

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