



JORDAN SOKOL

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Born in Queens, NY, Jordan Sokol studied and taught drawing and painting in Italy and Spain for 11 years before returning to the United States in 2014. In 2015 he participated in establishing the U.S. branch of The Florence Academy of Art in Jersey City, NJ, serving as its Academic Director for five years. In 2020 Sokol taught as an adjunct professor at the New York Academy of Art until moving to Old Lyme, CT in 2021 to serve as the Artistic Director of the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts.

Sokol's work has exhibited in galleries and museums throughout Europe and the United States, including London's National Portrait Gallery in 2015 as part of the BP Portrait Exhibition. His work has been featured in numerous publications including several books by Juliette Aristides, American Artist Magazine, American Art Collector, Artists on Art, Fine Art Connoisseur, and the Epoch Times.



AMAYA GURPIDE

DIRECTOR OF DRAWING

Born in Spain, Amaya's interest in art started at a very early age, inspired by her father who was a painter. In 1994 she graduated from the School of Fine Arts of Pamplona, and in 1999 she moved to New York City to broaden her studies in figure painting and drawing, studying at the National Academy of Design and Art Students League of New York. She was awarded several prizes and scholarships including the Evelyn Chard Kelley Memorial Scholarship for women under 30 and the Newington Cropsey Scholarship to study the Italian Masters.

In 2014 Amaya and her husband, Jordan Sokol, opened the U.S. branch of The Florence Academy of Art in Jersey City where she taught for 5 years. From 2016-2020 Amaya taught as an adjunct Professor at the New York Academy of Art. Amaya is currently co-directing the Lyme Academy of Art in Old Lyme, Connecticut as a Drawing Director along with Jordan Sokol.

Amaya's work has exhibited in museums and private collections throughout Europe and the U.S. In 2020 Amaya was commissioned by TIME magazine to create a cover for their '100 Women of the Year' project.