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# The Art of the Mask

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South Florida-based Joyce Birkenstock is a world-renowned, award-winning artist known for oil on canvas portraiture. Her exquisitely detailed paintings capture masked women and men of exotic cultures from her travels around the world.



The Carnival of Venice has a long and intriguing history, and this tour/class will give the attendee a brief but spectacular overview of this now world-renowned event. We will trace the origins of the Carnival back to ancient Greece and Rome and bring you up to the present day festivities that are now being experienced by thousands of tourists each year prior to the Christian Lenten Season. Along with the historical roots of the Carnival, you will have an opportunity to see some photography that represents the elaborate costumes worn by Carnival participants, along with oil paintings beautifully recreating the elaborate masks and costumes worn by the Carnival attendees as they wander through the streets of Venice.

Both the photographer and artist will be available for a Q & A session after the presentation.