



Paint, Cook, Eat
and sketch your own
Recipe Book

Watercolor Workshop in TUSCANY

A week with **MAJID MODIR** and **PIA KOSKELA** as guest teacher

Summer edition: **21-28 May**

Fall edition: **10-17 September**

VOLTERRA 2023

arranged by
IL PUNTO WATERCOLOR SCHOOL



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Plein-Air & Studio Watercolor Workshop in Volterra / Italy

5-days workshop arranged by The [Watercolor School IL PUNTO](#)

in collaboration with [Volterra-Detroit Foundation](#)

Guided by [MAJID MODIR](#) - Swedish/Persian visual artist & watercolor instructor

Accompanied by the [PIA KOSKELA](#) (guest teacher) - Swedish artist and illustrator.

Hosted by [Villa Mascagni](#)

Join a creative adventure at the historical town of Volterra in the heart of Tuscany!

You will bring vibrant paintings, unforgettable memories and finally a beautiful recipe book back home!

Start with deepening your drawing & sketching skills, followed by improving various watercolor techniques and plein-air painting methods - learning at the same time how to do turn a usual cooking session into a joyful, creative process.

We will explore various locations every day:

Best spots of the old Etruscan town and surrounding picturesque villages, wrapped in the stunning nature of golden green hills with cypress trees. Good weather provided, we do a trip to the beach –and swim in the Tyrrhenian sea!

Our sessions will contain numerous demos, instructions, exercises and reviews, in- and out-door, individual and group tuition.

Concurrently we will spend time cooking and tasting delicious food: preparing dishes inspired by Tuscan & Middle East cuisine!

Majid is a passionate cook, known among his friends for mastering not only watercolor technique, but also performing with great engagement in the kitchen! He loves to harvest vegetables from his own sunny garden and transform it into healthy, tasteful and unique meal compositions and offer it to the loved ones :)

During the workshop he will share his knowledge, experience and his enthusiasm for cooking.

This experience will be accompanied by the professional illustrator Pia, guiding you in the process of producing, collecting the sketches, into final illustrating of an unique Recipe Book full of stunning pictures.

With Pia and Majid you will enjoy a rare adventure and get a memory for life!

For more impressions of our previous events please check here:

[Workshop by Majid at IL PUNTO Watercolor School](#)





Learning Goals

- THE ART OF OBSERVING THINGS
- IMPROVEMENT OF SKETCHING IN WATERCOLOR
- SIMPLIFYING METHODS
- COLORS & VALUES
- THE ART OF "TASTING" BY PLAYFUL DOCUMENTATION

Daily Schedule

7 days of accommodation including 5 workshop days, 7 hours session per working day including a lunch break

Morning: 3 hours (10 am - 1 pm) / Afternoon: 3 hours (2 - 5 pm) / Ending with a daily review

DAY 1 / Sunday ARRIVAL

- Registration at the Villa Mascagni, Welcoming Dinner at the villa

DAY 2 / Monday INTRODUCTION (a day at the studio/school of Volterra Detroit Foundation)

- Basics in watercolor technique, introducing materials and devices for plein-air works, followed by a demo
- Sketching the ingredients and making the lunch together, followed by practicing watercolors outdoors

DAY 3 / Tuesday THE COLOR PALETTE (Volterra town)

- Morning: Sketching & Cooking in the school, followed by lunch at the archaeological park
- Afternoon: Painting "Cold & Warm Nature": green life at the park, and color of the earth at the amphitheater Teatro Romano

DAY 4 / Wednesday SKETCH WALK (Trip to the picturesque village of Mazzolla)

- Morning: Finding subjects and painting in the castle, followed by lunch at the famous local Trattoria
- Afternoon: Back to Volterra, simplifying the crowd in the Piazza, by choosing one clear focal point

DAY 5 / Thursday THE VALUES (Trip to Badia Camaldolese)

- Morning: Sketching & Cooking in the school, followed by lunch at the view point of the monastery
- Afternoon: Painting panoramic landscape (outdoor), studying values with the contrast between light & dark (indoor)

DAY 6 / Friday PICNIC SKETCHING (Trip to the seaside)

- Morning: Sketching & Cooking in the school, followed by departing for lunch at the beach
- Afternoon: "Blue Palette" by painting the sky & the sea in different compositions

DAY 7 / Saturday EXHIBITION

- Final show with presenting the artworks of the week plus the Recipe Books for public in the school's showroom

DAY 8 / Sunday DEPARTURE

* With reservation for changes regarding the weather condition!

Language

English (Swedish, Persian and basic Italian possible)

Number of participants

Minimum 5, Maximum 10 participants

All levels are welcome! (preferably with basic experience of drawing and watercolor painting)

Supplies

Each participant will be provided with a high-quality watercolor kit:

Watercolor paper, Paint box, Brushes, Drawing pen & pencil and a Sketchbook

A specific list of including materials, and optional extra devices in order to buy will be send to the participants.



Working method

During the cooking sessions we will sketch the ingredients at the same time as we prepare and gradually start cooking. We also take photos of the process in order to continue painting, texting and finally arrange the recipe book during the off hours.

The plein-air sessions will take place in different locations according the daily schedule. It will be a mix of different spots in the old town as well as wide Tuscan landscapes.

All the recipe books and a selection of the watercolor works will be shown for public on Saturday evening.



Kookoo Sabzi



Melanzane alla Parmigiana



Accommodation

The workshop will be hosted in the beautiful [Villa Mascagni](#), located at the edge of town walls (5-10 minutes walk to the center).

The villa with 5 apartments is completely reserved for us in a week, each apartment has a bedroom with twin bed and a living room with a twin bed-sofa, to share for 2 persons.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

Workshop Fee: 1.950 Euro * (EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BEFORE 15 th JANUARY 2023 >> 10% DISCOUNT!)

Including:

- Tuition 30 hours (6 hours per day in 5 days) of lectures, demos, instructions and reviews by 2 instructors
- Accommodation 7 days (Sunday to Sunday) in shared apartments (2 persons) **
- Transfers between Pisa Airport and Volterra (arrival & departure), and daily trips to the locations
- 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches (Monday to Friday) and 1 Dinner (first supper at the Villa)
- Complete kit of art materials by high quality brands
- Final show exhibition of the artworks with special guests, snacks and drinks

* 1.250 Euro for a non-participating partner/company (includes Accommodation, Transfers, Meals)

** Possibility to use the apartment for only one person by paying extra 400 Euro

Payment & Cancellation policy

– A pre-payment of 150 Euro by PayPal or Bank Transfer (preferably Bank) is required to be registered.

This payment is not refundable!

– The rest (1.800 Euro / 1.100 Euro for non-participant) must be payed latest 1 month before the workshop start

By Bank Transfer (No PayPal).

– In case of cancellation by the organizer all the payed sum will be refunded.

This workshop is ALL-INCLUSIVE, providing all necessary art supplies.

(the only thing you need : your flight ticket)

Apply by sending a mail to: workshops@il-punto.org



Majid Modir

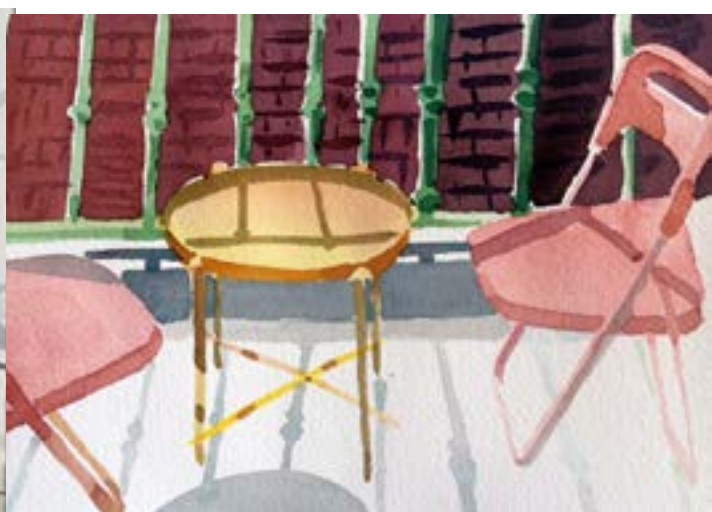
Visual artist, photographer and graphic designer, born 1961 in Iran, moved to Sweden 1986 and 2016 to Italy. He graduated in Graphic Design & Illustration (MFA) at The Swedish University College of Arts, Crafts and Design ([Konstfack](#)).

As creative director he runs his own [Design Studio](#) and also teaches motion graphic at The College of Art & Design ([Nyckelviksskolan](#)) in Stockholm. He is a member of [Nordic Watercolor Association](#), [Swedish Artist's Association](#), [Swedish Center of Photography](#) and a jury member of the European Broadcast Design Award ([BDA & Promax](#)).

Multiply awarded, he has been showing his works and watercolors in a number of separate and group exhibitions in Scandinavian countries during last 30 years as well as in Italy during the last 5 years.

Selected watercolors: <https://www.flickr.com/people/majid-modir/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ilpuntowatercolorschool/>





Pia Koskela (guest teacher)

PIA is a Swedish Illustrator/Graphic Designer/Author based in the Stockholm-area.

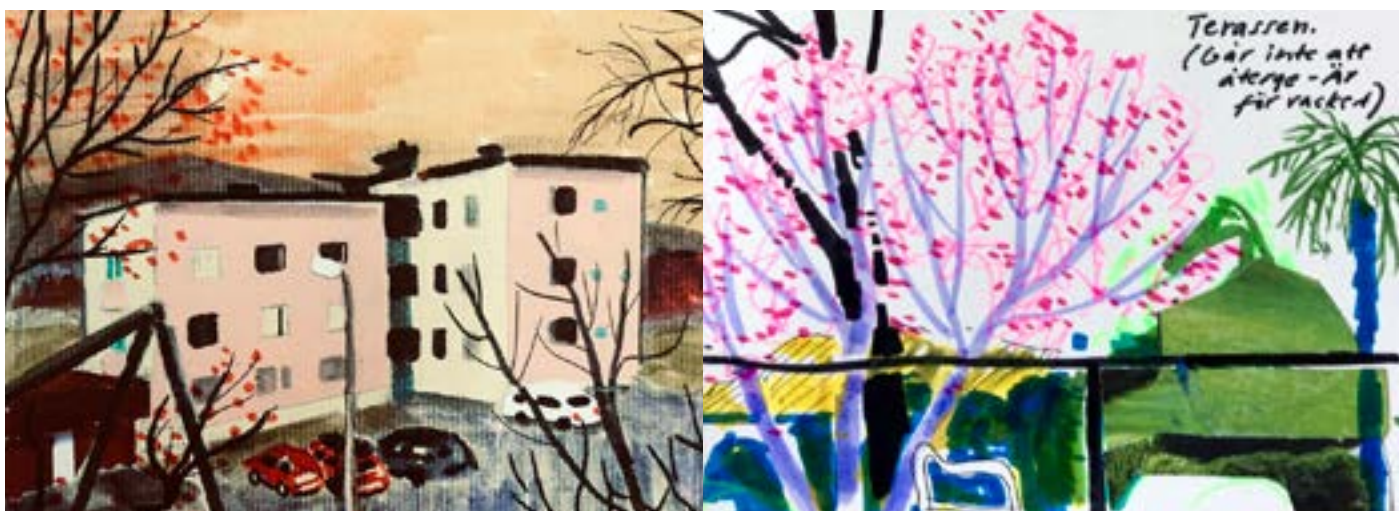
She works mainly with Editorial illustration for magazines, books and teaching materials, but also with her own creative work combining storytelling with illustration. In 2021 PIA made her debut as an author with the graphic novel/collagebook = "Karelen" (So far only in Swedish).

EDUCATION: Konstfack University College of Arts, Crafts and Design (1990-1994), OTIS School of Art & Design in Los Angeles (1993), Phillips University in Oklahoma (1988-89)

EXPERIENCE: Author/Illustrator/Graphic Designer, Freelance since 1998, Robin Cottle Design Los Angeles (1994-95), Typoform Graphic Studio Stockholm (1995-99)

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