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JAMVENTION 2016

Last month I had the tremendous opportunity to teach at Jamvention in Belgium. From October 21st through 23rd, I taught 12 hours of classes on painting realistic eyeballs.

This three day convention is unique in many ways. It is put on by Face Paint in Progress, a non-profit foundation that promotes professional face and body painting. Jacklyn & Willy Suiskens and their tight-knit, hard working team strive to keep this event as intimate and affordable as possible for artists of all experience levels. The attendance size is limited to ensure the best opportunities to learn and really get to know your peers and instructors. Instructors purposely teach their classes multiple times, giving attendees more opportunities to see everyone without having to miss a class or choose between two favorite topics. The conference fees are extremely affordable in comparison to other conventions, and even include food and lodging. Now when I say "food," I don't mean your average convention food...I mean AMAZING food.

This convention can be found tucked away in the country at De Bonte Beestenboel in Wortel, a school where young children spend each week learning about farming. Peacocks, dogs and cats roam the property while sheep and geese call from across the lawn. The building is full of character, beautifully finished while still letting it's former character & function as a farm shine through.

You can truly feel the sense of community upon entering, a result of everyone eating, sleeping, learning, laughing & partying together in the same place throughout the weekend.

Being busy teaching myself, I was not able to attend the other classes.

However, the lineup of instructors was top notch and variety of topics was great. Small class sizes allowed for a more intimate learning environment, and every class was interactive and hands-on.

The jams on Friday and Saturday night were bursting with creative energy and excitement! There were plenty of models on hand and I had the opportunity to create my first back painting, shown here on the lovely Marieke van de Esschert, as well as a few fun jewelry designs the next night. The Jamvention had professional photographers and a photo booth set up on site for everyone to utilize and capture their work!

I truly think that the Jamvention has to be one of the best kept secrets in the world of face and body art! But the secret is not only out, it's way out. More than a dozen countries were represented this year and the convention sold out before it started! I loved every moment of my time at the Jamvention and will always hold a special place in my heart for Belgium and the team who works tirelessly to create this experience.

The 2017 Jamvention will be held October 20-22, and more information will be shared at jamvention.eu as it becomes available. (For now the site serves as a place to vote for potential instructors you'd like to see invited to the next one!) Photos from past years can be found on their respective Facebook pages. ✨



Teaching "Realistic Eyeballs!" Photo by Jente Pijpers

Tiger art & photo by Gretchen Fleener
Model Marieke van de Esschert

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Dark brown bast



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Pattern gets tighter on the bottom.



Finish with a little white & black!

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