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**Instructor: Leo/Krista Johnson**

## **Modern Painting (ages 9+)**

Leo Johnson is a third generation Cuban-Sicilian, who is still immersed in the art, culture and language. Leo studied painting in San Miguel, Mexico, at a school founded by Diego Rivera, Orozco and Siqueiros, the great Mexican muralists. Krista is a Florida native recognized for her figurative-abstract work highlighting various cultures. The pair has taught together twenty years.

Leo is a visual artist who has shown numerous times in this community, as recently as: March 09-*State of Abstraction* at the Alliance for the Arts, January '09 *Leo and Krista Johnson New*



*Work* at Florida Gulf Coast University and in September '08 at the Arts for Act Gallery, *Leo and Krista Johnson*. I have managed to show my work consistently in local venues over the past 20 years. I have worked in conjunction with many local businesses and non-profit groups such as The Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, painting a mural for the YMCA in Fort Myers with children and young adults. I consider it important to be active in the community, giving lectures and teaching painting to under-

privileged, disabled and at-risk children. Leo Johnson's style is unique, personal and captivating. In his classes he will share his vast knowledge of painting beginning with the old masters and focusing on modern movements in art. You will gain an overall appreciation of the progress and current state of visual art. He was nominated for teacher of the year in 2009 Angels of the Arts Awards and was the 2003 artist for the Arts for Act Auction.

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