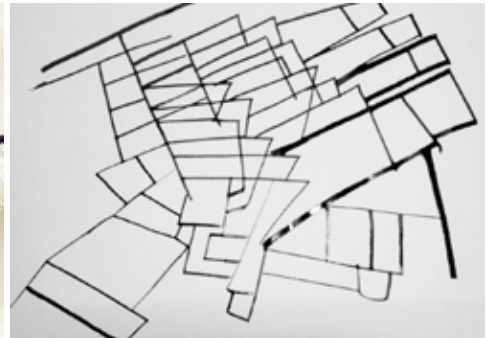
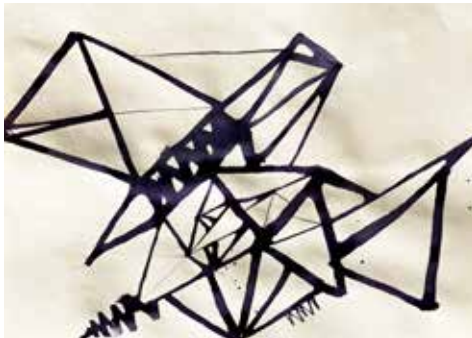


# **THE ARTIST BOOK AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN DRAWING AND WRITING**

**with Monica Dengo**

**ONLINE - July 2021**



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This in-depth one-month course follows the same topics as the weekend online course 'A Bridge Between Drawing and Writing' which I have been teaching since January 2021.

You may think: I've already done it. Well, this program, on your own or with me, needs to be repeated over and over, until it becomes a natural process. That's the only way to really treasure this experience.

This is also an opportunity to study together more in depth because I am proposing a longer course, in 4 weekends over a period of one month: July 3/4-10/11-17/18-24/25.

There will be two meetings every weekend, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. I will divide students in two groups: depending on your time zone, you'll be meeting with me in the morning or in the afternoon.

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FIRST WEEKEND - July 3/4

An experience of drawing from Nature.

Drawing is an experience of observation (looking, feeling, listening) and expression (putting marks on a surface) that amplifies our ability to see and perceive the world.

Drawing can be made without looking at the paper, in the dark or without removing the pen. In doing so, the drawing is not only an attempt to translate the image in front of us two-dimensionally, it is also the visual expression of the moment we are living, of the emotions we are experiencing while we perceive the image.

We will experiment with various instruments. I will give you sentences to guide your work and help you see relations between the forms you see and the lines you draw.



SECOND WEEKEND - July 10/11  
Bringing writing by hand a step further.

We will explore the action of writing as a visual expression of the moment we are experiencing and the emotions we are feeling as we write. This is the most difficult part of the program, but also the one that requires more sharing, talking, understanding and .. letting go! I will be there to guide you beyond the common idea of writing as a perfectly defined code and into a space of personal expression and visual emotions.

Illegible writing can therefore become an intimate place. On a white sheet and all its free space I find myself in front of a scenario without reference points, there are no walls, limits, borders between a word and a scribble. Sometimes my desire to communicate cannot be translated / interpreted into shared words and forms. In handwriting, I can write gestures, silences and myself.

THIRD WEEKEND- July 17/18  
The composition and the book

The story combined with the gestural line: the fragmenting of thought and then reassembling it. We will adopt a series of non-rational ways of putting everything together, deconstructing and reconstructing our works in ways that will turn everything upside down, letting unexpected things emerge.

By this weekend I will also collect an image from each of you and send all the photos to each participant. You will be asked to write one word, or a small sentence for each image and then send it back to me. In the end you will receive a list of words and thoughts about your own work from all the participants, which will be the starting point for a legible text to include in your artist book.

FOURTH WEEKEND - July 24/25  
The binding

We will finally complete at least two books that will contain legible and illegible texts, words and signs. The last meeting, on Sunday, will be dedicated to individual critiques and exchange of thoughts between students.

### **Students**

**The course is open to everybody. There will be two groups, one meeting in the mornings (9am Rome time zone) and one meeting in the evenings (5pm Rome time zone). Each group will have maximum 15 students.**

## **ONLINE meetings**

Meetings will be on **Google Meet**.

Students will send assignment photos via **Telegram** to the teacher who will respond individually, or share the screen with the whole class for critique.

## **Materials**

- A4 (210x297mm) drawing pad (any pad that is suitable for ink drawing)
- 1 sheet of Canson MiTeint or Fabriano ElleErre, 50x70cm. There are alternatives to this paper, I will give you info after subscription.
- 5 sheets of Arches Velin 50x65, 160grams.
- Other papers of your choice: I will send you a list.
- Black sumi or Chinese ink, or other black ink for drawing.
- Watercolors in tube: 1 color of your choice, or two complementary colors (I will give you more info).
- Two flat brushes, any kind, about 12mm width.
- Two pointed brushes, one n.8 and another one of your choice.
- Wooden sticks or small branches (any found piece of branch)
- Thread (if you don't have bookbinding thread, any thread can do, even kitchen twine).
- Containers for ink, water and watercolor (I use jam jars)
- a rag or two
- bookbinding knife (or a knife with a smooth blade)
- Re-positionable tape
- Double tape
- smartphone for photos.

## **COST and PAYMENT**

The cost is €300.00 (threehundred). It includes:

- Seven meetings (two hours each), with teacher's demonstrations.
- One final meeting for group critique on each student's work.
- Telegram comments, sent by the teacher to each student on their photos of work in progress. This exchange of photos and comments can happen at any time, from July 3rd to July 25th. Students who have the opportunity to work every day, can send images to Monica every day, even during the week.

Once the list of participants is complete, the teacher will send the payment info via email.

Payment can be made only via Paypal.

## **Information and registration**

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## FIRST WEEKEND

### SATURDAY JULY 3, 2021

#### GROUP 1

9:00am (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**9:00am (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 11:00am (Rome time zone)**

#### GROUP 2

4:30pm (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**5:00pm (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 7:00pm (Rome time zone)**

During the meeting there will be practical demonstrations and moments to talk together. You will work while we are connected.

I will continue to respond to your Telegram messages at any time, even after the online meeting.

### SUNDAY JULY 4, 2021

#### GROUP 1

9:00am (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**9:00am (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 11:00am (Rome time zone)**

#### GROUP 2

4:30pm (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**5:00pm (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 7:00pm (Rome time zone)**

During the meeting there will be practical demonstrations and moments to talk together. You will work while we are connected.

I will continue to respond to your Telegram messages at any time, even after the online meeting.

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## SECOND WEEKEND

### SATURDAY JULY 10, 2021

#### GROUP 1

9:00am (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**9:00am (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 11:00am (Rome time zone)**

#### GROUP 2

4:30pm (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**5:00pm (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 7:00pm (Rome time zone)**

During the meeting there will be practical demonstrations and moments to talk together. You will work while we are connected.

I will continue to respond to your Telegram messages at any time, even after the online meeting.

### SUNDAY JULY 11, 2021

#### GROUP 1

9:00am (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**9:00am (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 11:00am (Rome time zone)**

#### GROUP 2

4:30pm (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**5:00pm (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 7:00pm (Rome time zone)**

During the meeting there will be practical demonstrations and moments to talk together. You will work while we are connected.

I will continue to respond to your Telegram messages at any time, even after the online meeting.

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## THIRD WEEKEND

### SATURDAY JULY 17, 2021

#### GROUP 1

9:00am (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**9:00am (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 11:00am (Rome time zone)**

#### GROUP 2

4:30pm (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**5:00pm (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 7:00pm (Rome time zone)**

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### SUNDAY JULY 18, 2021

#### GROUP 1

9:00am (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**9:00am (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 11:00am (Rome time zone)**

#### GROUP 2

4:30pm (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**5:00pm (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 7:00pm (Rome time zone)**

During the meeting there will be practical demonstrations and moments to talk together. You will work while we are connected.

I will continue to respond to your Telegram messages at any time, even after the online meeting.

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## FOURTH WEEKEND

### SATURDAY JULY 24, 2021

#### GROUP 1

9:00am (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**9:00am (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 11:00am (Rome time zone)**

#### GROUP 2

4:30pm (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**5:00pm (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 7:00pm (Rome time zone)**

During the meeting there will be practical demonstrations and moments to talk together. You will work while we are connected.

I will continue to respond to your Telegram messages at any time, even after the online meeting.

### SUNDAY JULY 25, 2021

#### GROUP 1

9:00am (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**9:00am (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 11:00am (Rome time zone)**

#### GROUP 2

4:30pm (Rome time zone) - I will send an email to the morning group with the link to Google Meet classroom.

**5:00pm (Rome time zone) - Lesson begins.**

**I will remain connected with you until 7:00pm (Rome time zone)**

This last meeting will be dedicated to critiques and students sharing of their experience.

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