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THE object of the School is to afford facilities and instruction of the highest order to those persons—men and women—who intend making painting or sculpture their profession.

Secondarily: To extend, as far as possible, the same benefits, as a foundation, to engravers, die-sinkers, illustrators, decorators, wood-carvers, stone-cutters, lithographers, photographers, etc., who have always been largely represented in the school. No advantages but those of pure art education are offered to them, they learning outside, with masters, in the workshop or in technical schools, the mechanical parts of their art or trade.

Lastly: To let amateurs profit by the same facilities. When the classes are crowded, preference in admissions will be given to applicants in the order above indicated.

The course of study is believed to be more thorough than that of any other existing school. Its basis is the nude human figure.

In the anatomical department, the advanced students dissect; and the demonstrators use largely, in the dissecting room, the nude living model for comparison.

A course of thirty-five anatomical lectures is given, and also a series of lessons in perspective and composition.

Animals are also dissected from time to time, and a living horse is used in the modelling-room each season for a pose of six or eight weeks.

The hours being arranged so as not to interfere with each other, every student has an opportunity of modeling in clay, as

well as of painting, from the nude. This combination is an essential feature of the course.

CHARGES.

For the season of eight months, including all privileges,	\$48 00
For one month, same privileges,	8 00
For one month, Antique Class, day and night,	4 00
For one month, Night Life Class,	4 00
For the season of eight months in the Antique Class, day or night, or in the Night Life Class,	24 00

Fees are payable in advance. A full Season Ticket may be paid for in six monthly instalments of eight dollars, or in one payment of \$48. A partial season ticket may be paid for in six instalments of four dollars, or in one payment of \$24.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS.

Any person of good character, of either sex, and over fifteen years of age, giving satisfactory evidence of ability to profit by the course of study laid down in these rules, will be admitted, on application made in compliance with the following directions.

Times of Admission.—The committee will act upon applications for admission on the second and fourth Wednesdays in every month, excepting May, June, July, and August. All applications should be filed the day before the meeting.

Conditions of Admission.—Students are admitted to the Antique Class without being required to submit any drawing for examination, but each applicant must fill up the following form, copies of which can be had at the office of the Academy.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS.

I desire to enter the Antique Class of the Academy. I have read the rules embodied in the circular of the Academy, and agree to abide by them.

My age is.....

Occupation.....

Object in studying Art.....

I desire to take out a ticket for.....*

Signature.....

Address.....

Students will be transferred from the Antique to the Life Class as soon as they have demonstrated, by their work in the Antique, their ability to profit by the Life Class work.

Applications for transfer to the Life Class must be made upon the following form; and, *when the applicant is a minor*, the permission of a parent or guardian must be signed to it.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER TO THE LIFE CLASS.

I desire to enter the Life Class of the Academy, and submit the accompanying specimen of my work in the Antique Class.

Work submitted.....

I desire to take out ticket for.....*

Signature.....

Address.....

I consent to the above student entering the Life Class.

Signature of parent or guardian.....

* In the space before the asterisk above, the length of time for which a ticket is asked, should be stated.

Vacations and Holidays.—The school will be closed during the months of June, July, August and September; and on Sundays, Thanksgiving day, Christmas and New Year's days, and Washington's Birthday, on which days students will not be admitted to any portion of the school department.

Weekly Schedule of Classes—						
	MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.
Men's Life (drawing and painting)	1-4 P.M.	1-4 P.M.	1-4 P.M.	1-4 P.M.	1-4 P.M.	1-4 P.M.
do. do.	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .
do. (modeling)	. . . . .	9-12 A.M.	. . . . .	9-12 A.M.	. . . . .	9-12 A.M.
Women's Life (drawing and painting)	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.
do. do.	. . . . .	4½-7½ P.M.	. . . . .	4½-7½ P.M.	. . . . .	4½-7½ P.M.
do. (modeling)	3-6 P.M.	. . . . .	3-6 P.M.	. . . . .	3-6 P.M.	. . . . .
Antique (drawing from casts)	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.	9-12 A.M.
do. do.	1-5½ P.M.	1-5½ P.M.	1-5½ P.M.	1-5½ P.M.	1-5½ P.M.	1-5½ P.M.
do. do.	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .
do. (modeling)	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .	7-9½ P.M.	. . . . .
Portrait	9-12 A.M.	. . . . .	9-12 A.M.	. . . . .	9-12 A.M.	. . . . .
Sketch	4-5 P.M.	4-5 P.M.	4-5 P.M.	4-5 P.M.	4-5 P.M.	4-5 P.M.
Lectures on Art Anatomy	6-7 P.M.	. . . . .	6-7 P.M.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Dissecting Room Study	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .

At arranged hours.

PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES OF STUDENTS.

Students are provided with closets or boxes, drawing-boards, and modeling stands.

Each student, on taking out his ticket, will be required to deposit one dollar which will be paid back to him when he gives up his keys and returns the property of the Academy which he has been using.

At the expiration of the time for which his ticket was issued the student must remove all his personal property from the Academy, and give up the keys which he has received from the Academy.

Any student well advanced in painting who desires to make a study copy of a picture belonging to the Academy, may receive from the President permission to do so, on presenting a written application approved by the Committee on Instruction, and specifying the picture to be copied.

A student's ticket entitles the holder to visit the galleries.

REGULATIONS FOR THE LIFE-CLASS ROOMS.

Posing the Model.—Each new pose shall be determined by a committee of five of the class, taken in regular order from the alphabetical roll.

The committee for the first pose shall consist of the first five on the roll who are present at the commencement of that pose; for the second pose the next five; and so on to the end of the roll.

Any member of the class not present when by the above regulations he would be placed upon the committee, will forfeit his turn.

The decision of the committee as to the pose shall be final.

Each painting pose shall consist of six sittings, and each sculpture pose of twelve or eighteen, unless the Director should order otherwise.

REGULATIONS FOR ANTIQUE ROOMS.

No cast shall be moved except by order of the teacher, or curator, who shall decide how long it may remain away from its place.

Students will be held responsible for breakage of casts resulting from their own carelessness.

REGULATIONS FOR THE DISSECTING ROOM.

The Demonstrator of Anatomy has charge of the Dissecting Room, and superintends under the Director, the dissecting, casting, and drawing.

The Assistant Demonstrators (who are selected from the students) make the dissections; and make daily demonstrations for the life class students, who are admitted to the Dissecting Room, and who may then, if they desire, make drawings of the dissections.

The period for dissection is included between the first of November and the first of the following April. No dissections shall be made in the Academy except those authorized by the Director, or the Professor of Anatomy.

The work in the dissecting room involves much practical study of comparative anatomy, and is therefore of direct use to animal painters as well as to painters of the human figure.

LECTURES ON ARTISTIC ANATOMY.

Prof. W. W. Keen will begin his course of lectures on Artistic Anatomy, free to all Academy students, on the 8th of October. Season tickets for these lectures, for persons not Academy students, Five Dollars.

The course will consist of about thirty-five lectures, to be given on Monday and Wednesday evenings, at six o'clock. The lectures will be illustrated by diagrams, casts, anatomical models and preparations, skeletons of man and the lower animals, dissections, and the living model.

The following subjects will be treated, although not necessarily in precisely the following order or number of lectures:—

The introductory lecture will treat of the relations and importance of anatomy to art, and of the proper methods of its study.

Ten lectures will be given to the study of the bones and joints of the human skeleton and the comparative anatomy of the skeleton.

Fourteen lectures to the muscles, especially to those which directly influence external form. Two of these will be devoted to the muscles of the face and the anatomy of expression, both in man and the lower animals.

Four lectures to the eye, nose, mouth, chin, and ear.

Two lectures to the skin, with its various wrinkles (especially those of the face), and the subcutaneous layer of fat and the bloodvessels in the superficial fascia.

One lecture to the hair and beard, and postural expression.

One lecture to proportions.

LECTURES ON PERSPECTIVE AND COMPOSITION.

A course of eight or more lectures on perspective and composition will be given by the Director during the months of March and April.

Season tickets for this course to persons, not Academy students, three dollars.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS.

Every person admitted to study in the Academy is held bound by all the foregoing regulations; and is also expected to be orderly and proper in conduct.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

The Academy does not undertake to furnish detailed instruction, but rather facilities for study, supplemented by the occasional criticism of the teachers; and the classes are intended especially for those who expect to be professional artists.

THE CHARLES TOPPAN PRIZE.

This prize, established in 1881, by the gift of Mrs. Charles Toppan, Miss Harriette R. Toppan, and Mr. Robert N. Toppan, was awarded, for the first time, at the autumn exhibition of the Academy in October, 1882. The conditions are as follows:—

At each Annual Exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, two prizes, one of Two Hundred dollars, and one of One Hundred dollars, shall be awarded by the Committee on Instruction, or such other Committee as may be appointed by the Board, for the two best pictures by students of the Academy who have worked regularly in its schools for at least two years; provided, however, that there shall be no obligation to award a prize to any work which is not, in the opinion of the Committee, of sufficient merit.

The pictures submitted may be either in oil or water color, and must be entered in the usual way for the Annual Exhibition, with the additional note that they are in competition for this prize.

They may be either figure pieces, landscapes, cattle pieces, or marines.

The competition is not extended to sculpture.

According to the positively expressed terms of the gift, the *drawing* of the pictures will receive the first attention of the examiners, that work which shows the most accurate drawing receiving the preference.

The prizes will be awarded as soon after the opening of the exhibition as is convenient, and the pictures receiving them will be appropriately marked.

In any case of uncertainty as to the right of a competitor to be considered a student, the decision of the Board of Directors upon a report from the Committee on Instruction shall be final.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION.

DURING the season of 1882-83, the first since the adoption of the system of charging a fee for attendance, the number of students has been 203. Two special tickets were also sold for Dr. Keen's anatomical lectures.

Of the 203 students, 106 were men and 97 women.

It is difficult to convey any useful information by formal statistics of attendance, as from the nature of the conditions the attendance is very irregular.

There is a large class of students preparing to become professional artists. These are the most important, and it is for them that the school is especially designed. They take out full tickets and spend the greater part of the day working in the life painting and modeling classes and the dissecting room. As they advance in their studies they gradually obtain work which occupies them in their own studios; and their attendance at the Academy is then limited to certain hours or certain kinds of work.

There is also a small proportion of amateurs who attend more or less regularly.

The night classes are largely made up of another kind of workers, who are employed during the day as lithographers, stone cutters, modelers, photographers, etc., and who attend the school in the hours at their disposal. They take out half price tickets.

The Antique Class has been used under the new pay system as a preparation for the Life Classes.

There are obvious reasons why applicants should not be permitted to enter the Life Class direct by merely buying a ticket, and all persons except those who have been members of the Life Class at some previous time, or who are recognized artists, or who have been members of some other life school, are required to work in the Antique Class until the Director or his assistants is satisfied of their ability to profit by work in the Life Class when they are transferred upon a proper application.

As heretofore, the policy of the school, in accordance with the views of its present Director, is to set the student early at his work ~~for~~ the life, and to encourage the use of paint and color from the first.

The policy of the school in encouraging all the students to model in clay, as well as to paint, continues to show most valuable results, and is one of the most important features of the school.

During the season a horse was used in the clay-room in addition to the human model for seven weeks for a class of men and women together. The horse was succeeded by a cow for five weeks. During the time of the work on the horse, parts of a horse were dissected in the dissecting room.

Lectures on perspective and on composition, illustrated by the lantern, were given by Mr. Eakins, the former being also illustrated by ingeniously constructed models on a large scale.

A number of photographs of models used in the Life Classes, were made in cases in which the model was unusually good, or had any peculiarity of form or action which would be instructive, and a collection of these photographs will thus be gradually made for the use of the students.

Dr. Keen's lectures on Anatomy were carried on as usual, and the work in the dissecting room was very satisfactory.

Mr. Thomas Anshutz, a graduate of the school, has been acting as Assistant Instructor, and Mr. Wallace as Demonstrator of Anatomy, assisted by a committee of students.

* The minor facilities of the school have been greatly improved. Many new closets have been provided and large additions made to the number of modeling stands, etc.

During the winter Mr. Hubert Herkomer, of London, by invitation of the Academy, lectured before the students and invited artists on "Art," and Mr. Eadweard Múybridge, of San Francisco, lectured and exhibited his wonderful photographs of the motions of animals twice before the students. To both these gentlemen the Academy is much indebted.

Two lectures on Etching were given by Mr. Seymour Haden, to which the more advanced students were invited.

A gratifying indication of the appreciation of the school in artistic circles is the number of students coming from other States. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee are represented on the register.

