

## **FIGURE DRAWING ETIQUETTE**

**Figure drawing studio etiquette is based around respect for the model.** Remember, the model is putting themselves in a vulnerable position for the benefit of the artists, so keeping models happy and comfortable is our first priority. **Please show the utmost respect for all models at all times.**

**Do not touch the model, NO exceptions.**

**Do not take photographs of the model,** do not ask the model if you can take a photo.

**Do not invade the model's personal space.** This includes sitting on the model's stand any time the model is on it. This also includes anytime you see the model before, during, or after the session, in any environment.

**Do not give directions to the model.** This is the job of the session facilitator, so let the facilitator know what you want, and they'll relay it to the model. This avoids the model having to manage potentially conflicting directions from multiple people.

**Do not talk about the model or comment on their body or appearance.** If you would like to compliment the models' work, keep language in a drawing-sense rather than referring to beauty, and refer to the instructor/facilitator to convey compliments or to ask for guidance.

**Do not ask the model out on a date, or ask any personal questions.**

This is a professional and academic environment, and should be treated as such at all times. This is not a social environment for artists and models, this is working time for artists and the model is at work as well.

**What CAN you do?** Draw! Paint! Learn! Talk to other artists! Talk to your instructor/facilitator! Treat this as a professional environment – consider everyone participating with you to be a co-worker and treat them with the utmost professionalism and respect.