

Portrait Study in Monochrome.

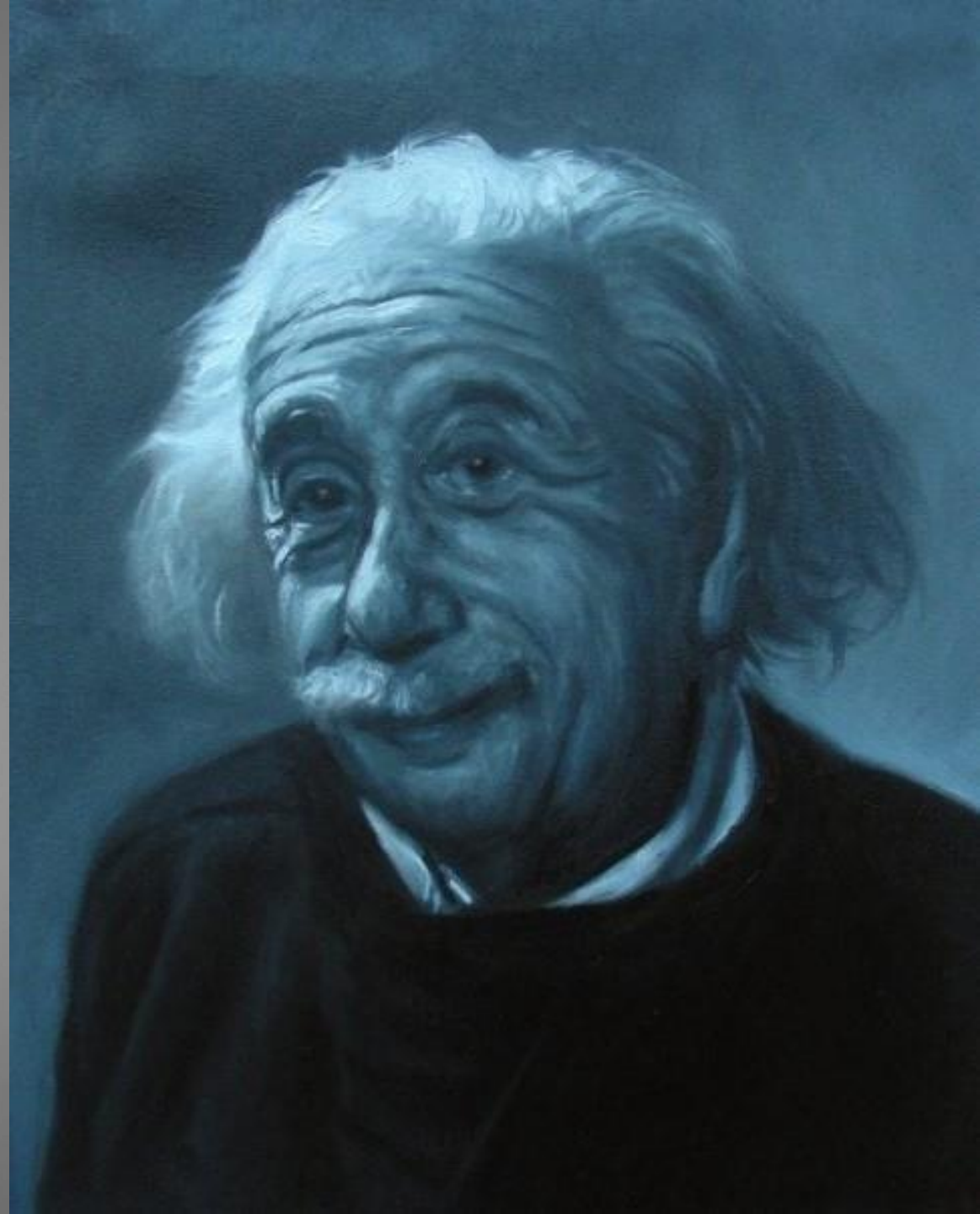
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Monochrome Painting

- ▶ When you ask people what they love most about great works of art, one of the most common responses is the color. Artists have long noted that color can be used to evoke strong emotional responses in people. For artists like Van Gogh, this prompted masterpieces filled with a range of colors. Other artists, however, think differently. They seek to create the same kind of response by using only one color.

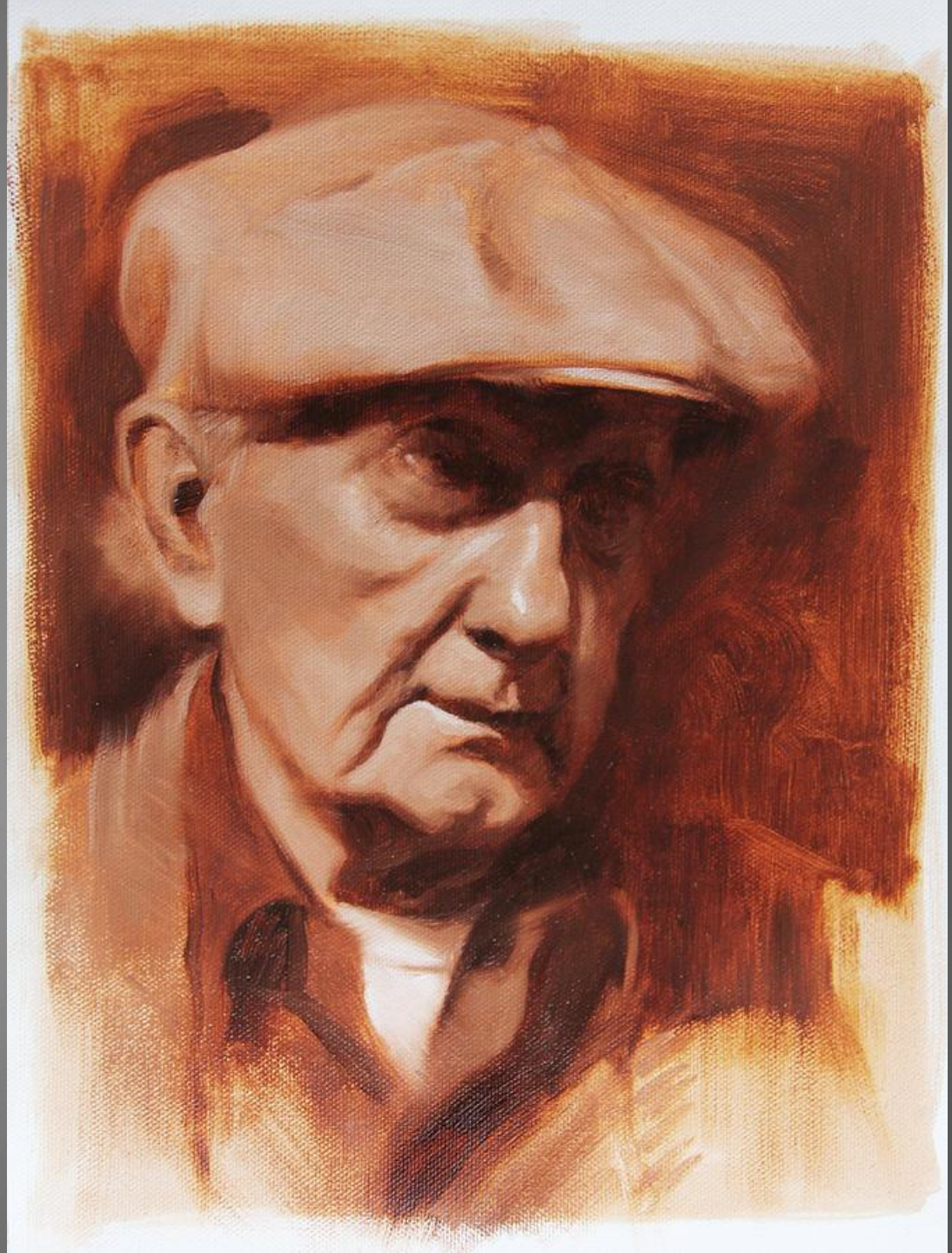
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- ▶ A monochrome painting is a work of art that consists of a single color. In fact, the word monochrome literally means "one color." It's a different approach to art, but one that's used more widely than you might think.



Technique

- ▶ how do you create a painting if you're only using one color? The key to this is remembering that blue and green are different colors, but dark blue and light blue are not; these are just values of the same color.



- ▶ From the base color, a hue can be tinted by adding white, making it lighter. Theoretically, you can continue doing this until achieving almost pure white.



- ▶ At the same time, a color can be shaded by adding black. Thus, artists can paint an entire piece consisting of lines, shapes, and figures in various shades and tints that are, technically, only one color.



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