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Pitcher and Mandarins

# Gregg Kreutz Oil Demonstrations THE ART OF STILL LIFE PAINTING

* In this still-life painting the musical instruments, wine and jewels represent the fleeting pleasures of life, while the skull and hour-glass symbolise the inevitability of death. The open book shows a brief poem emphasising the theme of mortality. The Latin inscription in the top left corner comes from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes: ‘Vanity of vanities, all is vanity’. [Edward Collier](https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/edward-collier-100)

A Floral Still Life Painting with an Old Vase