

Children's Education Programme

Autumn 2019 Children's Education Programme

21 September–21 December 2019

The Children's Education Programme at Sharjah Art Foundation offers workshops, courses and excursions conducted by professional specialist artists working in a broad range of visual and performing arts. Designed for participants aged 6 to 15, the programme aims to teach children technical art skills and strengthen their creative expression. All materials are provided by the foundation.

The Autumn 2019 programme, which runs from 21 September to 31 December, includes workshops on drawing, sculpture, collage, photo journaling and making watercolors as well as courses in drawing and painting, photography, story writing, ceramics, sculpture and calligraphy. Workshops and courses are held at foundation spaces in the city of Sharjah and at six Art Centres across the emirate. The centres are located in Al Hamriyah, Al Dhaid, Al Madam, Dibba Al Hisn, Khorfakkan and Kalba.

In the city of Sharjah, workshops for two age groups (ages 6 to 10 or 11 to 15) usually take place on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Collections Building in Al Shuwaiheen Arts Area. The three courses for autumn 2019 will be held on Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the foundation's art spaces in Al Mureijah Square. Sessions are conducted in both English and Arabic, depending on the needs of the participants.

Courses and workshops at the Art Centres are normally held Sundays to Tuesdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Some courses last a number of weeks, and age groups vary. The sessions are conducted in Arabic.

Sharjah Art Foundation is committed to making its programmes as inclusive and accessible as possible. Disability access symbols are included in the Education and Community Programme descriptions to indicate the accessibility of individual sessions.

Key to symbols:



Person who is blind or has low vision



Person who is deaf, hard of hearing or has auditory disorders



Person with physical disabilities



Person with Down's syndrome



Person with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

To learn more or register, email children.education@sharjahart.org or call (06) 5685050.

Workshops

Basic Principles of Sign Language

Adult, Youth and Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 21 September 2019

4:00 pm–7:00 pm

Arts for All Center, Al Mureijah

All ages

Languages: Arabic and English

Instructors: Hasan Odeh Hammoudi and Wael Samir for Arabic sign language; Nada Shahin and Abdalsalam Zourob for English sign language

In celebration of the International Day of Sign Languages, Sharjah Art Foundation will host two concurrent workshops, one in Arabic and one in English. Participants will be introduced to the basic principles of sign language, including how to sign numbers, letters of the alphabet and commonly used phrases. Then they will engage in simple conversations in Arabic or English.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to

- explain the importance of an inclusive environment
- demonstrate basic sign language communication skills

Paper Mache Sculptures of Birds

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 28 September 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 6–10

Languages: Arabic and English

Drawing ideas from Adam Henein's use of birds in a number of his artworks, participants will create sculptures of birds using paper mache. In this process, participants will use wet pieces of paper mixed with starch to make their sculptures, which will dry hard and can be painted and decorated.

Learning Outcome

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to demonstrate an understanding of how to create art from paper mache.

Animal Sculptures in Clay

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 28 September, 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 11–15

Languages: Arabic and English

In conjunction with the ongoing exhibition *Lasting Impressions: Adam Henein*, participants will be creating sculptures of animals from the book of fables titled *Kalila and Demna*. Working in clay, they will create works with simple lines and abstract forms.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to

- sculpt simple figures in clay
- explain what a fable is and tell the story of the characters in *Kalila and Demna*

Drawing in Rain Room Sharjah

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 5 October 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Meeting point: Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 11–15

Languages: Arabic and English

After a tour of Rain Room Sharjah, participants will remain in the room to create a drawing in which they reflect on their thoughts, feelings and ways they were affected by the surroundings (e.g. sound, water falling and darkness).

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to

- complete a drawing in a challenging setting
- express their feelings and thoughts through art

Making Watercolours 1

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 12 October 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 6–10

Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will create their own set of watercolours by selecting and placing colours from paint tubes into seashells. In that way, they will come up with a custom-made palette of watercolours.

Learning Outcome

At end of the workshop, participants will be able to differentiate between colours and create a palette with a range of hues.

Making Watercolours 2

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 19 October 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 11–15

Languages: Arabic and English

In the second workshop devoted to making watercolours, participants will produce colours from natural pigments derived from spices and charcoal. They will also experiment with other sources of colours from the souq.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to

- describe connections with natural substances in their surroundings
- extract colours from natural pigments

International Experiences

Family Discussion

Saturday, 26 October 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 11–15 (Parents are also invited.)

Languages: Arabic and English

Building on Bani Abidi's works and her interest in the ways people occupy and relate to particular sites, participants will sit together and share stories about the cities they come from. They can discuss their experiences there and whether they feel they belong. Participants can also talk about travel experiences and sojourns in other countries.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this discussion session, participants will be able to

- tell a story in an interesting way
- explain the value of cultural exchange and mention at least one thing they have learnt about a culture that is not their own.

Time-Shifting Murals

Family Workshop

Saturday, 2 November 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

All ages

Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will create a time-shifting collage using personal photos from different times. The idea is to create a line of collage pieces that show the change in photos from olden times to modern days. Participants will work together on one piece of art. This workshop is inspired by the artist Asma Belhamar and her view on time and landscape shift from past to present

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the workshops, participants will be able to

- create a collage from multiple pieces.
- work as a team to complete a project

Making Bookmarks

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 9 November 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 6–10

Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will create a group drawing on a big piece of paper, using different colours, markers and shapes to incorporate their own style. After the drawing is complete, it will be cut into pieces that can be used as bookmarks for the participants.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to

- create usable objects out of paper
- work as a team to complete a project

Patterns on Fabric

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 23 November 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 6–10

Languages: Arabic and English

Inspired by Asma Belhamar and her interest in patterns and fabric, this workshop will give participants the chance to create their own patterns and designs on fabrics of different kinds. At the beginning of the workshop, participants will learn the steps for creating patterns in art.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to

- explain underlying patterns in art
- create a pattern for an artwork on fabric

Introduction to Construction

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 30 November 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 11–15

Languages: Arabic and English

At the beginning of the workshop, participants will take a tour of the exhibition *Marwan Rechmaoui: Slanted Squares* to observe the artist's work, including bricks built from scratch. Then they will experiment with building different models out of the blocks and add drawings that reflect their creative expression as a finishing step. These construction activities can help them discover an interest in the building and construction field.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to

- demonstrate skill in working with art in unfamiliar ways
- apply basic building skills to a project

From Words to Characters

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 7 December 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 11–15

Languages: Arabic and English

This workshop is inspired by Bani Abidi's series 'The Man Who...', in which she portrays semi-fictional characters based on people whose unconventional achievements found their way into *The Guinness Book of Records*. Participants in this workshop will create drawings of characters they select from poetry books and then colour them in with watercolours.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to

- produce a drawing of a literary character coloured with watercolours
- explain how they used their imagination to develop their representation of their character

Photo Journalling

Children's Education Workshop

Saturday, 14 December 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 11–15

Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the different forms of photo journalling and ways photo journalling can help them develop their photography skills and self-expression. Then they will take a walk in the souq to apply their understanding and creativity to their own photo journals.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to

- demonstrate an understanding of new topics in media and their relationship to art
- produce a creative photo journal

Courses

Drawing

Children's Education Course

5–26 October 2019

Thursday: 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 10–15

Languages: Arabic and English

In this drawing course, participants will use charcoal as their only medium. In the first few sessions they will be introduced to different charcoal drawing tools and then learn some drawing techniques. In the later sessions, participants will produce a drawing based on the skills they learned throughout the course.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, participants will be able to

- demonstrate basic skills in drawing with charcoal
- explain charcoal drawing techniques and the use of charcoal drawing tools

Painting and Drawing (Beginners)

Children Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 22 September–15 October 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Hamriyah Art Centre and Kalba Art Centre

Ages: 9–15

Language: Arabic

This course is an introduction to the world of art through drawing and painting. Participants will learn the basic elements of a work of art, including line, form, composition and the perception of shadow and light through tonalities of colour. They will also create artworks with themes from nature using a variety of materials (e.g. pencils, erasers and putty).

Sculpture (Beginners)

Children Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 22 September–15 October 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Hamriyah Art Centre and Al Madam Art Centre

Ages: 9–15

Language: Arabic

This course is an introduction to sculpture in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional forms. Participants will learn the foundations of sculpture and gain an understanding of how to use and shape clay. They will also explore the sculptural uses of gypsum, its treatment and the relationship between mass and vacuum.

Ceramics (Beginners)

Children Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 22 September–15 October 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre

Ages: 9–15

Language: Arabic

This course will introduce participants to basic techniques for making ceramics. They will learn about slab making, hand and wheel throwing, and surface decoration so they can create their own ceramic artworks. They will also focus on understanding and implementing the processes, aesthetics, functions and forms of ceramic art.

Principles of Arabic Calligraphy (Beginners)

Children Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 22 September–22 October 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Madam Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre

Ages: 9–15

Language: Arabic

In this course, participants will be introduced to a simplified version of an Arabic calligraphic script as well as techniques and tools used in calligraphy (e.g. reed pens, metal pens, inks, silk threads and fused paper). They will also receive training in how to use these tools, particularly the way to sharpen reed pens and make them ready for writing. They will focus on *Ruqa'a* script since it is the basis of all other scripts.

Painting and Drawing (Intermediate)

Children Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 3–26 November 2019
5:00 pm–7:00 pm
Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre
Ages: 9–15
Language: Arabic

This course is the second course in a three-course series. Participants at this level will receive training in the proper use of different types of colours, from watercolours to oil pastels and acrylics. They will also examine the various colour theories in depth, including the colour circle, complementary colour concepts, warm and cold colours, basic and secondary colours, and harmony and contrast. Finally, they will study elements of perspective through landscapes and portrait paintings.

Sculpture (Intermediate)

Children Education Course
Sundays to Tuesdays, 3–26 November 2019
9:00 am–12:00 pm and 5:00 pm–7:00 pm (same session will be repeated twice)
Al Hamriyah Art Centre
Ages: 9–15
Language: Arabic

In the intermediate level of the sculpture course, participants will learn the step-by-step process for forming a sculptural work, starting from constructing the metal structure that supports the work to building the sculpture and carving the details and texture.

Ceramics (Intermediate)

Children Education Course
Sundays to Tuesdays, 3–26 November 2019
5:00 pm–7:00 pm
Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre
Ages: 9–15
Language: Arabic

This course continues an examination of the basic techniques for making ceramic art. In addition to working with slab making as well as hand and wheel throwing, participants will study different techniques for decorating clay surfaces and learn casting.

Principles of Arabic Calligraphy (Intermediate)

Children Education Course
Sundays to Tuesdays, 3–26 November 2019
5:00 pm–7:00 pm
Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre
Ages: 9–15
Language: Arabic

In this intermediate course, participants will learn how to connect the letters in the *Ruqa'a* script to form words. They will focus on using dots and the proper balance of letters to create the correct foundation for writing the words.

Photographic Portraits

Children's Education Course
9–30 November 2019
Thursday: 5:00 pm–7:00 pm
Saturday: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 13–16

Languages: Arabic and English

In this photography course, the focus will be on portraits. Participants will first be introduced to the basics of camera settings and photo composition techniques. Then they will experiment with taking different types of shots. At the end of the course, each participant will have one portrait selected and printed.

Painting and Drawing (Advanced)

Children Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 8–31 December 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre

Ages: 9–15

Language: Arabic

At the advanced level of this course, participants will learn new painting techniques and ways to put final touches on a painting. They will use a variety of tools and materials (e.g., knife, paste) and employ different kinds of colours (e.g. oil paint and acrylics) to paint subjects like horses, human figures and still life. Please note that participants in this course would normally be expected to have completed the intermediate level course, but final enrolment decisions are at the discretion of the instructor.

Ceramics (Advanced)

Children Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 8–31 December 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre

Ages: 9–15

Language: Arabic

In this advanced course, participants will learn about ceramic glazes and the correct methods for mixing them to produce colour gradations from darker to lighter. Participants will also learn about glazing techniques, the functioning of clay ovens (kilns) and the temperatures required to produce a final ceramic artwork.

Principles of Arabic Calligraphy (Advanced)

Children Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 8–31 December 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Madam Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre

Ages: 9–15

Language: Arabic

In this course, participants will learn how to write words and sentences in the *Ruqa'a* script. They will study the lines and the size of the white and black areas while following the rules for correctly writing in calligraphy.

Story Writing

Children's Education Course

12–21 December 2019

Thursday: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 9–12

Languages: Arabic and English

In this course, participants will be introduced to the structure and content of short stories. They will explore some examples of stories together and then start brainstorming for their own story. After they write a few paragraphs, their writing will be reviewed and guided by the instructor. At the end of the course, each participant will have completed a story, which they can read to the other participants.