

## CHILDREN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

From September to  
November 2017

### Sharjah Art Foundation

#### Autumn 2017 Children's Education Programme 16 September to 25 November

Designed for children aged 7 to 15, Sharjah Art Foundation Children's Education Programme offers art workshops and other activities conducted by professional specialist artists working in a broad range of visual and performing arts. The goal of the programme is to teach children technical art skills and strengthen their creative expression. Running from 16 September to 25 November, the Autumn 2017 Children's Education Programme will take place at the Collections Building in Arts Square, unless otherwise noted.

Most workshops meet from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm with a lunch break from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Materials for workshops and lunch will be provided by the Foundation.

All Sharjah Art Foundation events are free and open to the public.

For further information, email [education@sharjahart.org](mailto:education@sharjahart.org) or call (06) 5685050.

### Courses, Workshops, Excursions and Film Screenings

#### Workshop: Islamic Patterns and Ornaments

Saturday, 16 September  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will learn how to create Islamic patterns and ornaments using tree leaves. A specialist artist will guide the participants in creating their own patterns and designs, and once they know the techniques, participants will design and colour their own artwork on A5 paper.

#### Workshop: Clay Imprints

Saturday, 16 September  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will create imprints using autumn leaves and clay as they learn to have more appreciation for nature. They will have the freedom to make any shape they want.

## Workshop: Drawing a Story

Saturday, 23 September  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will work in groups to create a storybook with no words. They will have to use their creative thinking and expression to communicate a story to the reader through only drawings. This workshop emphasises the importance of visual language and the way it can connect people regardless of linguistic or cultural differences.

## Workshop: Cardboard Portraits

Saturday, 30 September  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will create portraits out of cut pieces of cardboard. Informed by artist Al Anood Al Obaidly's technique of creating collage compositions using cardboard, they will start working on a flat board, add an outline and then build with pieces of different shapes to make a full face.

## Workshop: Cardboard Cities

Saturday, 30 September  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will be using simple cardboard and glue to construct their own model of the architecture around them. They can add cars, trees and animals to the city they create. This activity will open their minds to the role of architecture in people's lives.

## Workshop (Part 1): Writing Letters to a Future Self

Saturday, 7 October  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In the first part of this all-day workshop, participants will think about what they would like to tell their future selves and then write their ideas in a letter.

## Workshop (Part 2): Making Envelopes

Saturday, 7 October  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will learn how to design envelopes in a new way using a range of different materials. They will put the letters they wrote during the morning workshop inside their envelopes.

### Workshop: Backstage

Wednesday, 11 October

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: al jawaher reception & convention centre

In this workshop, participants will learn some basic techniques for shooting and acting in films. The artist instructor will teach participants how to pick good angles for placing the camera so they can shoot innovative scenes. Participants will also learn how actors improvise. This workshop will unleash participants' imaginations and take them on a creative journey into the world of cinema.

### Workshop: Conceptual Art

Saturday, 14 October

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to conceptual art and how the idea behind an artwork can be more important than the means or materials used to express it. Participants will be provided with the kinds of materials used in Hassan Sharif's artworks (e.g. ropes, rocks or paper) to create an artwork of their own. Participants will have to pick a concept of their own to represent. This activity will encourage them to express their feelings through art regardless of their artistic abilities.

### Workshop: 3D Line Sculptures

Saturday, 14 October

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will make a sculpture out of colourful wires. This activity will help them explore how a flat shape can be transformed into a 3D object.

### Excursion and Workshop: Origami Table Arrangements

Saturday, 21 October

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Meeting point: Collections Building, Arts Square

In this excursion and workshop, participants will be taken to The Flying Saucer by bus to learn different techniques for making origami table napkins. This activity will encourage children to assist in arranging lunch and dinner tables in their homes.

## Workshop: Architectural Sketching

Saturday, 21 October  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: Dubai Design District

For this workshop, participants should meet at Dubai Design District (d3) to explore and sketch the beauty of architecture. Accompanying participants on a walk through d3, an artist will introduce participants to the fundamentals of architecture and teach them sketching basics. Participants will then be seated with sketch pads to express their perspectives of the surroundings through their drawings.

## Workshop: Clay Imprints

Friday, 27 October  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Location: Zaabeel Park

In this workshop, participants will create imprints using autumn leaves and clay as they learn to have more appreciation for nature. They will have the freedom to make any shape they want.

## Film Screening: SAF Movie Day 1

Saturday, 28 October  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

On this day, a film selected by Sharjah Art Foundation that is suitable for children aged 7 to 15 will be screened.

## Excursion and Workshop: Architectural Photography

Saturday, 4 November  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will walk around the SAF neighbourhood to take photos of the surrounding buildings and architecture with cameras provided by SAF. After the walk, photos will be printed, and participants can frame their photos.

## Workshop: Caricature Exchange

Saturday, 4 November  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

After viewing examples of comic drawings, participants will work in pairs to draw each other as a caricature. They will focus on and exaggerate certain characteristics of their partner to create a comic effect. At the end of the session, participants will take home the caricature of themselves drawn by their partner.

## Excursion and Workshop: Seasonal Celebration

Saturday, 11 November  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will celebrate the autumn season by going to a park to collect fallen tree leaves and wooden sticks. After their walk, they will gather outside the Collections Building to create a shape using the sticks and fill it in with all the leaves they have collected.

## Workshop: Transforming Objects into Accessories

Friday, 17 November  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: Dubai Design District

In this workshop, participants will be provided with everyday found objects such as stones, shells, wires and other recycled objects so they can create original pieces of jewellery.

## Workshop (Part 1): Making a Surreal Doll

Saturday, 18 November  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will make dolls inspired by characters drawn by artist Nasir Nasrallah. They will first draw the outline of their doll and then create the doll out of fabric. Finally, they will add their own details and features. This activity will help participants learn to transform a flat drawing into a 3D object.

## Workshop (Part 2): Matchbox Surprise

Saturday, 18 November  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will be given a matchbox to turn into a surprise box, where they will place a brief about the doll they made in the previous session. They will come up with a name for their doll and write the story behind it.

## Sketching Plants to Hang with Wind Chimes

Saturday, 18 November  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: SAF Urban Garden

In an open session at The Urban Garden, participants will sketch a plant they have selected and hang their sketch in the garden with the wind chimes.

## Automatic Poetry

Saturday, 18 November  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Location: SAF Urban Garden

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to a new form of creative writing: automatic poetry. They will be given writing pads and a pencil and asked to write freely about whatever comes to mind. After they have practiced for a short period and developed an understanding of the process of automatic writing, they will write a poem in only three minutes about two or three objects they have selected. The automatic writing process will help participants increase their focus and speed in writing.

## Film Screening: SAF Movie Day 2

Saturday, 25 November  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

On this day, a film selected by Sharjah Art Foundation that is suitable for children aged 7 to 15 will be screened.



