

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROGRAMME

September 2018 to
November 2018

Sharjah Art Foundation

Autumn 2018 Children's Education Programme

Designed for children aged 6 to 15, the Children's Education Programme at Sharjah Art Foundation offers art workshops and other activities conducted by professional specialist artists working in a broad range of visual and performing arts. The aims of the programme are to teach children technical art skills and strengthen their creative expression. Running from 8 September to 24 November, the Autumn 2018 Children's Education Programme will take place at the Collections Building in Arts Square, unless otherwise noted.

Two workshops designed for two different age groups meet at the same time, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Materials for workshops are provided by the foundation.

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

Kindly contact the Children's Education Programme in advance to arrange for any support needed during the workshops or activities.

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)

Children's Education Programme workshops and activities are free and open to the public.

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

Workshops and Excursions

Workshop: Face-to-Face Portraits

Saturday, 8 September 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 6—10

In this workshop, participants will work in pairs, with each member of the pair sketching the other. They will use two different mediums (ink and pencil) and learn how to simplify the human figure into shapes that they can draw.

Workshop: Still Life

Saturday, 8 September 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 11—15

Participants will be divided into small groups, with each group having their own subject matter and colour scheme to draw and paint. The groups will be challenged to draw the objects they see from different perspectives.

Workshop: Mixed Media Portraits

Saturday, 15 September 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 6—10

At the beginning of this workshop, participants will be photographed and given a printed copy of their photo. Then they will experiment with four different mediums (crayons, watercolours, colouring pens and collage) on the same photo to create different outcomes.

Workshop: Making Autumn Tote Bags

Saturday, 15 September 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 11—15

In this workshop, participants will learn how to use needles and thread to sew patterns and ornaments on a tote bag provided by the foundation. Incorporating colours and patterns of autumn, this workshop will teach participants how to express their creativity in different forms. They can take their finished tote bags home at the end of the workshop.

Workshop: Making Fruit Popsicles

Saturday, 22 September 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 6—10

In this workshop, participants will mix their favourite fruits and nuts and then put them in a mould with juice to create healthy and delicious fruit popsicles.

Workshop: Decorating the Collections Building Stairs

Saturday, 22 September 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 11—15

To decorate the Collections Building stairs, participants will first draw different patterns and add colours on cardstock. Then they will stick their designs on either the inside or outside stairs. This workshop will broaden the participants' understanding of street art.

Workshop: Making Art with Tape

Saturday, 29 September 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 6—10

In this workshop, participants will learn different painting techniques and colour coordination to create a work of art. Applying the techniques they have learnt, including using masking tape as a divider, participants will work on large canvases in teams to produce colourful blocks.

Workshop: Repetitive Forms

In collaboration with the Disabilities Education Programme

Saturday, 29 September 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 11—15



In this workshop, participants will learn how to create a sense of movement in an artwork by repeating a particular figure or form. They will be given similar figures, which they can arrange in a variety of repetitive patterns and designs.

Workshop: Drawing with Letters

Saturday, 6 October 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 6—10

This workshop teaches the basics of Arabic calligraphy and how to use it to create distinctive artistic forms. Instead of using lines, participants will be drawing with letters and words.

Workshop: Abstract Painting

Saturday, 6 October 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 11—15

Participants will take a tour of the exhibition of Frank Bowling's works in SAF art spaces, focusing particularly on the work *Mappa Mundi* [Map of the World]. Then they will select a topic or scene to paint using Bowling's abstract style. This workshop will introduce participants to ways that colour manipulation affects the density and opacity of an artwork.

Workshop: Pressing Leaves

In collaboration with the Disabilities Education Programme

Saturday, 13 October 2018
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Ages: 6—10



In this workshop, participants will learn the technique of pressing leaves, which can be used to make different objects such as bookmarks and frames.

Workshop: Sculpting Clay

Saturday, 13 October 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 11—15

In this workshop, participants will learn the basics of clay sculpting and use their imaginations to create shapes in clay. They will also be introduced to different pottery techniques and types of clay used in pottery making.

Excursion and Workshop: Flowers from Sharjah – Part 1

Saturday, 20 October 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 6—15

Meeting point: Collections Building, Arts Square

In the first session of this workshop, participants will take a short walk in a small group to take photos of different kinds of flowers they find around SAF neighbourhood. They will learn about the flowers through quick research with an artist. Each group will choose one flower to research.

Workshop: Flowers from Sharjah – Part 2

Saturday, 20 October 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 6—15

In the second session of this workshop, after a lunch provided by Sharjah Art Foundation, participants will learn how to draw the flowers they have seen and studied. Each participant will draw the flower that their group researched. At the end of the workshop, participants will present their drawings to each other and explain about their particular flower.

Excursion: Wasit Wetland Center

Saturday, 27 October 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 6—15

Meeting point: Collections Building, Arts Square

Participants will take a field trip to the Wasit Wetland Center where they will be introduced to the different bird species hosted there. Transportation will be provided by the foundation.

Workshop: Decorating Tree Branches

Saturday, 3 November 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 6—10

The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Square

To celebrate the autumn season, participants will work on trees in The Urban Garden, located in Al Mureijah Square. They will wrap tree branches with colourful yarn and create different patterns. This activity

will create a new atmosphere in the garden and establish a connection between the participants and nature.

Excursion and Workshop: Pop Art in Depth

Saturday, 3 November 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

Meeting point: Collections Building, Arts Square

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the work of artist Raed Yassin and tour his exhibition in Al Hamriyah Studios. Transportation will be provided. After the tour, participants will add elements of pop art to photos and illustrations from magazines. They will develop an understanding of the importance of research in art.

Workshop: Sound Sculptures

In collaboration with the Disabilities Education Programme

Saturday, 10 November 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 6–10



Informed by the works of Production Programme artist Khaled Kaddal, participants will construct a large structure with materials such as metal and wood. After finishing the structure, they will explore how different sounds are produced by the various materials and within the forms they have created.

Workshop and Excursion: Architecture of the Past and Present

Saturday, 10 November 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

In this workshop, participants will learn how old buildings can represent history and the memory of a place. As they look at examples of monuments in Sharjah, they will focus on how the city looked in the past and how it looks in the present. After a tour to the Sharjah Fort (Al Hisn) to study how buildings looked then and now, they will add different elements and colours to photos of old buildings to turn them into modern buildings.

Workshop: Natural Portraits

In collaboration with the Disabilities Education Programme

Saturday, 17 November 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 6–10



In this workshop, participants will collect a variety of natural objects that they find in The Urban Garden and use them to make portraits. This

workshop will show participants the possibility of transforming natural objects into artworks.

Workshop: Memories of a Place

Saturday, 17 November 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 11—15

In this workshop, participants will build on their memory of a place to create a sculpture. They will combine drawings, pictures and objects related to the place in a plastic or glass jar and add their own artistic touches. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a sculpture that has both a sentimental and architectural feel to it.

Open Day Excursion: Sharjah National Park

Saturday, 24 November 2018

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ages: 6—15

Meeting point: Collections Building, Arts Square

Participants will go on a field trip to Sharjah National Park, where they will take part in different kinds of activities, including art workshops, sports and a group talk session. This open day encourages participants to interact with each other in an informal and natural way and enjoy activities that will contribute to their wellness. Transportation from the Collections Building will be provided.

