

8 July to
31 August 2019

Summer 2019 Children's Education Programme

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. The aims of the programme are to teach children technical art skills and strengthen their creative expression.

The summer 2019 programme, which runs from 8 July to 31 August, includes workshops in painting, photography and calligraphy as well as two courses in basic art skills, one in drawing and one in sculpture. Workshops targeting two age groups (ages 6 to 10 or 11 to 15) will take place from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Collections Building in Al Shuwaiheen Arts Area. The two courses will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the foundation's art spaces in Al Mureijah Square. Materials are provided by the foundation, and sessions are conducted in both English and Arabic, depending on the needs of the participants.

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:



Blindness or low vision



Hearing impairment



Physical disabilities



Down's syndrome



Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

The Children's Education Programme workshops, courses and other 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: Paint Your Collection

Monday, 8 July 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

Informed by artist Andrew Stahl's works of material art, participants will collect different kinds of solid materials that they can put together to create and paint an artwork. They will visit the exhibition of Stahl's work for inspiration.

Workshop: Painting

Monday, 8 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

In this workshop inspired by the Andrew Stahl exhibition, participants will paint on big canvases, creating paintings on subjects of their choice in order to express their feelings about specific topics.

Workshop: A Map of Your Portrait

Wednesday, 10 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

Inspired by the artist Andrew Stahl, participants will create paintings in reflection of their own portraits using maps of their own design.

Workshop: Global Portraits

Wednesday, 10 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

Inspired by artist Andrew Stahl, participants will paint imaginary portraits using acrylic colours and thick paper. Participants can talk more about their portraits after they have completed them and how their pieces came to generate meaning for them. This workshop aims to give participants the space to be creative within the artist's mindset in order to develop appreciation and understanding for the artist's work.

Workshop: Mural Painting

Saturday, 13 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

In this workshop inspired by the painter Andrew Stahl, participants will be painting together as a group to create a large mural. After having viewed the artist's paintings, participants will be invited to draw their own iteration of Stahl's pieces, composing different elements and aspects of the paintings into one big mural.

Workshop: Painting Sky, Field and Sunset

Saturday, 13 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

In this workshop participants will learn the steps of watercolour painting. Each participant will learn how to approach painting landscapes, starting with mixing colours and their relation to nature. In another part of the workshop, each participant will be asked to move from their sketches and paint a new piece of their choice which could be withering sky, green fields or sunsets.

Workshop: Patterns Photography

Monday, 15 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

Inspired by the ongoing exhibition of Vantage Point, this photography workshop will focus on giving participants the courage and the knowledge of holding a camera, handling it correctly and learn about taking pictures. The exhibition artists will ask participants to take photos of different patterns individually. These photos will then be printed for participants to make drawings from. Finally, each participant will have an artwork to take home of both their photo and drawing.

Workshop: Build Your Pinhole Camera

Monday, 15 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

In this workshop participants will learn the steps on how to make their own simplified camera using provided materials such as boxes, photo paper, and thin piece of metal. After creating a pinhole that will represent the lenses of the cameras, participants will be able to see photos in black and white.

Workshop: Phone Photography

Wednesday, 17 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

In this workshop, participants will be learning about taking photographs using mobile phones. After getting some tips and tricks from the teaching artist, each participant will put into practice what they learnt using the options provided by their mobile camera.

Workshop: Editing Photographs

Wednesday, 17 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

Participants will be learning the basics of editing photographs in this workshop. They will explore how to adjust colours and brightness, adding effects, and other tools.

Workshop: Story Photography

Saturday, 20 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

In reflection of the ongoing exhibition Vantage Point, participants will first go on a tour in Al Mureijah square to view the photographs featured in the exhibition. They will then be asked to snap shots during their visit and each write a brief description or story of their taken photo. This will develop participants' ability to elaborate on their artwork in writing.

Workshop: Shutter Speed Photography

Saturday, 20 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

In this workshop participants will specifically be introduced to the shutter speed in photography, learning about exposure light and time. They will then later practice taking different photos at varying shutter speed settings.

Workshop: Hatching Techniques

Monday, 22 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

In this workshop participants will learn about and attempt different types of cross hatching techniques in order to create textured drawings. Hatching techniques are also known as stippling, and participants will be able to apply its varying methods using the same pencil.

Workshop: Stone Carving

Monday, 22 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

In this workshop participants will be introduced to stone carving techniques and learn how to use the tools towards creating a sculpture. Participants will be asked to use their imagination to shape an object into a piece of art.

Workshop: Observational Drawing

Wednesday, 24 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

This workshop will focus on visualizing the proportions of the human body through observational drawing. Participants will observe a wooden mannequin and make durational drawings where they have less or more time to add details. This exercise is to tackle both gestural and more realistic features of the mannequin postures.

Trip: Sharjah Calligraphy Museum

Wednesday, 24 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

Participants will visit the Sharjah Calligraphy Museum to gain knowledge about the varying types of calligraphy.

Workshop: Sponge Sculptures

Saturday, 27 July 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

Inspired by one of Andrew Stahl's artworks, participants will be recreating sculptures made out of sponges and toys. After assembling all of the selected objects, participants will then go over their completed work with paint.

Workshop: Needle-Felted Toys

Saturday, 27 July 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

In this workshop participants will be exploring different materials towards creating an artefact. They will be focusing on how to use the needle to gather fabrics and materials into a sculptural form.

Workshop: Natural Dyeing

Monday, 29 July 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

In response to Dala Nasser's artworks in the exhibition Surface Tension, participants will be working with natural materials such as turmeric and sumac to make colours. These colour mixtures will then be applied onto canvas fabrics.

Workshop: Natural Dyeing on Fabrics

Monday, 29 July 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

In this workshop participants will learn more about the natural dyeing process and how various colour tonalities can be achieved. They will be making use of natural materials such as black tea, pomegranates and hibiscus leaves to learn how they can be treated into becoming fabric dyes.

Workshop: Origami

Wednesday, 31 July 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

This workshop will introduce participants to the Japanese art of folding paper known as Origami. They will individually work on making different shapes including animals and plants. Participants will then be asked to work together into hanging their origami pieces with threads in the collections building.

Workshop: Found Object Jewelry

Wednesday, 31 July 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

This workshop will provide participants with everyday found objects such as stones, shells, wires and other recycled items in order to create original pieces of jewelry. Participants will be encouraged to engage their imagination in making accessories using unusual objects.

Workshop: Sun Prints

Saturday, 3 August 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

In this workshop participants will be introduced to light-sensitive coated sheets known as a cyanotype paper. They will be creating different prints by applying a combination of natural or found objects directly onto cyanotype paper. These paper compositions will be exposed to the sun to reveal the results. This workshop will be primarily a science experiment but also a photographic printing process.

Workshop: Sketching Plants

Saturday, 3 August 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

This workshop will provide participants with a variety of plants in differently shaped pots. They will then each be asked to sketch the plants as still lifes. Participants will be free to apply either simplified or complex techniques to create their sketches.

Workshop: Seashell Collage

Monday, 5 August 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 6–10

In this workshop participants will be given seashells and other found objects to collage and paint. They will have the freedom to create composed scenes of their own choosing and get creative with the process of collaging.

Workshop: Wood Carving

Monday, 5 August 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

In this workshop participants will learn how to use carving tools in a more controlled and skilled manner. They will be asked to think of an imaginary character which they will draw onto a piece of wood. Participants will then carve their drawings into the wood, developing their control over the carving tools and abilities to carve wood.

Workshop: Swipe Art

Wednesday, 7 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

This workshop will aim to teach participants how to embrace their creativity and test new techniques. They will be asked to pour different acrylic paints onto their given canvases and start swiping colours using pieces of hard paper, thus creating gestural shapes whilst painting.

Workshop: Tile Art

Wednesday, 7 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

This workshop will invite participants to colour directly onto ceramic tiles, adding different colour combinations and designs. Once the tiles are fully painted, participants will add small drops of alcohol onto the surface which will reveal an abstract and clouded image.

Workshop: Sea Water Creatures

Saturday, 10 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

In this workshop participants will be colouring clay embossings of sea water creatures. Each piece will be coloured in and participants will then later adhere all of their pieces onto a blue board as one large artwork.

Workshop: Star Signs

Saturday, 10 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

This workshop will give an introduction to participants about the skies and the stars. They will then be working as a group to create a large drawing which represents all the star signs. Bringing together different forms of expression, participants will be asked to work on one drawing collectively. This exercise aims to connect the participants to art, to each other and their ideas around outer space.

Workshop: Bubble Wrap Summer Prints

Monday, 19 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

In this workshop participants will be finger painting the surrounding nature onto bubble wrap surfaces. They will experience interacting with a new technique which will expand their artistic sensory skills.

Workshop: Making Stencils

Monday, 19 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

In this workshop participants will be given foam plates to create their own stencil. They will start by drawing their design onto the surface of the plate, and their designs are then carved out as negative space in the surface. This process will achieve them a stencil and participants will finally be able to test it with colour.

Workshop: Sand Paper Drawing

Wednesday, 21 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

In this workshop participants will make use of crayons, chalk and iridescent materials to draw directly onto sand paper. This exercise will bring an understanding towards how certain materials respond to textured surfaces and achieving different effects.

Excursion: Sharjah Archeology Museum

Wednesday, 21 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

Participants will experience an educational trip at the Sharjah Archeology Museum.

Workshop: Recycled Objects

Saturday, 24 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

In this workshop participants will be using recycled objects to create portraits or any other subject matter of their choosing. Aiming to develop their sense of awareness towards the importance of recycling, old toys, wooden pieces and beads will be used to create unique artworks.

Workshop: Exploring Surfaces

Saturday, 24 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

In reflection of the on-going exhibition Surface Tension, participants will be provided with a variety of materials including coal, glitter and pigments to experiment with and apply onto a variety of surfaces including fabrics and plastic sheets.

Workshop: Create Your Own Painting

Monday, 26 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

In this workshop participants will be introduced to abstract painting as a genre. They will start by adding random spots of paint onto their canvases, then wrapping each canvas with a plastic sheet and causing the paint to spread. This technique will offer an approach to creating colourful abstract paintings.

Workshop: Assembled Art

Monday, 26 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

Assemblage is a visual art form, similar to creating a collage except it uses 3D elements instead of 2D. This workshop will allow participants to explore different found objects and play with how they can be assembled to create an inventive composition.

Workshop: 3D Paper Sculpture

Wednesday, 28 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

Starting with a flat surface, participants in this workshop will make use of paper strips of varying widths and fold them in such a way to create sculptural forms. They will experience creating colourful 3D sculptures, and make a multidimensional shape from a flat material.

Excursion: Sharjah Maritime Museum

Wednesday, 28 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 11–15

Participants will visit the Sharjah Maritime Museum.

Workshop: Complete The Drawing

Saturday 31 August 2019

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Ages: 6–10

This workshop will start with one participant creating a drawing which will then be passed on to every next participant to incorporate their own drawing into it. This technique helps develop creative thinking and will result in different drawing processes merging. This workshop is a fun approach to drawing but more importantly it will encourage participants to work together constructively.

Workshop: Back to School Pouch

Saturday, 31 August 2019
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Ages: 11–15

In preparation to go back to school, participants will create and design their own pouch in this workshop. Whether for art materials or school supplies, they will decide on the size of the pouch depending of what they wish to enjoy using at school. The workshop will provide assistance to design, sew and customise the pouch.

Courses

Taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Children's Education summer 2019 courses will run in parallel with the workshops.

Sculpture Basics

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9–30 July 2019
3:00 pm–5:00 pm
Art spaces, Al Mureijah Square
Ages: 11–15

In this course participants will be introduced to the basics of sculpting, learn how to use materials and approach building a clay sculpture in a more skilled manner.

Drawing Basics

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1–29 August 2019
3:00 pm–5:00 pm
Art spaces, Al Mureijah Square
Ages: 11–15

In this course participants will be introduced to drawing at a more advanced level. They will make use of wooden mannequins to attempt figure drawing and use different materials including watercolours, charcoal and oil pastels.

