

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROGRAMME

December 2017 to
February 2018

Sharjah Art Foundation

Winter 2018 Children's Education Programme 16 December 2017–24 February 2018

Designed for children aged 7 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 16 December 2017 to 24 February 2018, the Winter 2018 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 or call (06) 5685050.

Workshops and Excursions

Workshop: Fly Your Own Kite

Saturday, 16 December

10:00 am–3:00 pm

Meeting point: Collections Building

In this outdoor workshop, participants will design their own kites using different-coloured materials such as threads and beads. After they have completed their kites, they will fly them together in the Cricket Oval at Al Mureijah Square. Families will be welcome that day to enjoy the outdoor session with their children.

Workshop: Sketching Tour

Saturday, 23 December

10:00 am–3:00 pm

Meeting point: Collections Building

In this workshop, participants will go for a walk in the galleries at Al Mureijah Square to view the exhibition *Hassan Sharif: I Am The Single Work Artist*. During the walk, they will choose their favourite works to sketch. This workshop will teach participants how sketching can serve as a means of documentation.

Workshop: Make Your Own Calendar (Part 1)

Saturday, 30 December
10:00 am–12:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will learn how to make their own calendars for 2018 to mark their special occasions and serve as motivation for their new year's goals and resolutions.

Workshop: Make Your Own Calendar (Part 2)

Saturday, 30 December
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

In the second part of the workshop, participants will design their calendars using a variety of colours, materials and printed pictures. This workshop aims to demonstrate the value of the participants' creativity and original ideas through their work on their calendars.

Workshop: Experiment with Objects

Saturday, 6 January
10:00 am–12:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will first learn about some artworks by Hassan Sharif that involve connecting materials and objects. Then, using techniques employed in the artworks they have seen, they will experiment with making their own artworks with objects. This workshop will introduce participants to ways of transforming everyday objects into unfamiliar forms

Workshop: Experiment with Semi-Systems

Saturday, 6 January
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

In a workshop inspired by the exhibition chapter '...so I created a semi-system' in the ongoing Hassan Sharif retrospective, participants will learn about systematic art and create their own coded patterns with colours, shapes and numbers. This workshop will broaden participants' thinking and help them realise the range of outcomes they are able to devise.

Workshop: Sculpt with Toys

Saturday, 13 January
10:00 am–12:00 pm

In conjunction with the ongoing exhibition *Hassan Sharif: I Am The Single Work Artist*, participants will take a collection of small broken toys and use them to create one large sculpture. This activity will teach participants to recycle old materials to make something better rather than just throw them away.

Workshop: Rope Art

Saturday, 13 January
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Informed by Hassan Sharif's use of ropes in many of his artworks, participants will work with different sizes and colours of ropes to create their own artworks. Participants can employ their own techniques, for example, knotting or dyeing the ropes or even using the heavy rope for tying up boats in their work. This workshop will encourage participants to leave their unique imprint on familiar objects.

Workshop / Performance: Make an Installation from Transparent Tape (Part 1)

Saturday, 20 January
10:00 am–12:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will begin the process of wrapping transparent adhesive tape around a steel structure to form a giant web of tape. Participants will be working in rhythm to complete this installation.

Workshop / Performance: Make an Installation from Transparent Tape (Part 2)

Saturday, 20 January
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

In part two of this workshop, participants will continue to perform as a team to complete the transparent tape installation they began in the previous session. They will also work in rhythm.

Excursion: Islamic Botanical Garden and Sharjah Natural History Museum

Saturday, 27 January

10:00 pm–3:00 pm

Meeting point: Collections Building

On this day participants will visit the Islamic Botanical Garden and Sharjah Natural History Museum.

Workshop: Sew Patterns and Ornaments

Saturday, 3 February

10:00 am–12:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will learn basic techniques for using needles and thread so they can sew patterns and ornaments on colourful fabrics. This workshop will teach participants a new way to design shapes and express their thoughts.

Workshop: Recreate Hassan Sharif's *Swing*

Saturday, 3 February

1:00 pm–3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will recreate Hassan Sharif's work *Swing* (1983) by recording their own voice at different pitches as they move back and forth on a swing. This workshop will teach participants how to appreciate the process of recreating an artwork.

Workshop: Soap Surprise

Saturday, 10 February

10:00 am–12:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will make homemade soap using natural ingredients and insert a small toy inside the soap as a surprise. At the end of the workshop, participants will exchange soaps.

Workshop: Photography in Souq Saqr

Saturday, 10 February
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will take a photography walk to the busy Souq Saqr, where they will capture people in movement and depict their expressions. This activity will introduce participants to a new approach to art: street photography.

Workshop: Digital Painting Basics

Saturday, 17 February
10:00 am–12:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the basics of digital art. Using a laptop, the artist instructor will teach participants about the use of digital brushes and other tools. This workshop will initiate an understanding of digital art principles.

Workshop: Introduction to Typography

Saturday, 17 February
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

In this workshop, participants will learn about the structure of type and fonts. They will then be asked to design their own alphabet typeface, drawing it by hand.

Excursion: Sharjah Aquarium

Saturday, 24 February
10:00 am–3:00 pm
Meeting point: Collections Building

On this day, participants will visit the Sharjah Aquarium, where they will explore the environment of different marine creatures, feed the fish and experience the touch pool.

