From 16 December 2017
to 10 February 2018

Winter 2017–2018 Community and Outreach Programme

Targeting participants aged 15 and older, Sharjah Art Foundation designs engaging community workshops and excursions inspired by ongoing exhibitions, the surrounding neighbourhood and contributions from artists and urban and cultural researchers. These immersive activities emphasise public participation, urban research, sustainability and creativity.

The Winter 2017–2018 Community and Outreach Programme presents workshops that are inspired by SAF's retrospective exhibition *Hassan Sharif: I Am The Single Work Artist*, the urban environment of #SAFneighbourhood and collaborations with locally based artists.

All SAF programmes are free and open to the public.

Excursions and Workshops

Excursion and Workshop: Botanical Sketching and Painting with Watercolours
With Hosanna Lee (@neonstructures)
Saturday, 16 December 2017
3:00 pm–6:00 pm
Meeting point: Information Centre, Al Mureijah Square

In this excursion and workshop, participants will observe and document the nature around them, capturing perfect moments from #SAFneighbourhood. They will make sketches, take sample cuttings and study the distinguishing textures, shapes, colours and details of a number of plants in The Urban Garden and the plant souq. Afterwards, they will record their observations using various watercolour and sketching techniques introduced in the workshop.

#SAFneighbourhood Workshop: Storytelling through Footsteps
With Wafa Ibrahim
Saturday, 23 December 2017
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Meeting point: Information Centre, Al Mureijah Square

Reflecting on Hassan Sharif's performance practice, participants in this workshop will walk around #SAFneighbourhood and choose an area of focus to map out and document by illustrating the trail of their footsteps. The result will be a unique trail map for each participant, which will show how he or she navigated and experienced the neighbourhood.

Workshop: Transforming Performance into Animation
Saturday, 6 January 2018
1:00 pm–5:00 pm
Meeting point: Information Centre, Al Mureijah Square

Inspired by *Hassan Sharif: I Am The Single Work Artist*, this workshop will take its participants through the process of performing and creating short animations using a series of photographs taken around #SAFneighbourhood. After going on a guided tour of the exhibition, participants will capture their choreographed movements and employ both traditional methods and technology to turn their movements into short animations.

Excursion and Workshop: Sunrise Photography in an Abandoned Village
With Obaid Al Budoor
Saturday, 13 January 2018
4:00 am–11:00 am
Meeting point: Information Centre, Al Mureijah Square

Participants will embark on a discovery tour at sunrise to explore and photograph the abandoned hidden village in Al Madam. In collaboration with landscape photographer Obaid Al Budoor, the excursion and workshop will cover principles of sunrise landscape photography and key editing techniques. In this adventurous journey, participants will first visit the abandoned village to witness and capture the sunrise with Fujifilm cameras. Then they will move on to Al Madam Art Centre for a photo editing session and a small local breakfast, after which they will return to Al Mureijah Square. Transportation from Al Mureijah Square to Al Madam and back will be provided.

This workshop is supported by Fujifilm and BenQ.

Film Wala: *3 Idiots* (2009)
2h 50min, Comedy-Drama
In Hindi
PG 13
Thursday, 18 January 2018
8:30 pm–11:30 pm
Arts Square

Whilst trying to find a friend from the past, two young men reminisce about their time at university and remember the friend who motivated them to be creative and think for themselves, even if the rest of the world considered them ‘idiots’.

Film Wala is an initiative that celebrates the diverse backgrounds and languages of Sharjah Art Foundation staff members and neighbourhood residents through hand-picked film screenings. SAF staff members were invited to nominate some of their favourite films. The selected films focus on themes of nostalgia, home and popular culture.

The film *3 Idiots* will be screened at Arts Square opposite Sharjah Art Museum, scene of many commissioned art works and performances as well as a popular location for children’s games and family walks.

Culinary Performance and Workshop: *Achaar* Pickles
With Homa Al Hashimi
Saturday, 27 January 2018
11:00 am–1:00 pm
Meeting point: Majlis Sheikh Mohamed, Arts Square

Through the intermingling of its diverse population, the UAE has adopted many culinary practices from other cultures, thus acquiring a variety of new tastes and food preparation methods. This workshop will demonstrate how to make the Emirati version of Indian subcontinent *achaar* pickles with a variety of ingredients, seasonal vegetables and spices. At the end of the workshop, participants can take their pickled mixtures with them to enjoy at home.

Excursion and Workshop: The Sensory Experience of Sharjah's Fish Market and Auction
With Souq Al Jubail and Nahla Al Tabbaa
Saturday, 3 February 2018
2:00 pm–7:00 pm
Meeting point: Souq Al Jubail

Meeting at Souq Al Jubail, participants will experience the sensory cacophony of the fish market and fish auction. The daily routine begins with the unloading of fish from the fishing boats, moves to the fish auction and ends with the cleaning of the fish. Participants will be tasked with documenting one aspect of their experience through photography, sketching, painting and/or text.

Excursion and Workshop: Urban Zine Workshop
With Jaffat El Aqlam
Saturday, 10 February 2018
10:00 am–2:00 pm
Meeting point: Collections Building, Arts Square

Participants will focus on one aspect of #SAFneighbourhood, whether abstract or literal, to observe and document in their own preferred methods. By choosing subjects such as food, nature, shopkeepers, exchanges, patterns or even a single repetitive colour, participants will present their findings in zines, thus highlighting unique and creative perspectives on #SAFneighbourhood and contributing to the #SAFneighbourhood project.

Through engaging excursions and workshops, the #SAFneighbourhood project reflects, celebrates and documents the narratives of people living and working in the area surrounding Sharjah Art Foundation.