

CHILDREN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

From March to May 2017

Children Education Programme –Sharjah Biennial 13 -2017

Sharjah Art Foundation Children's Education Programme offers art workshops every Saturday for children aged 7 to 15 years, runs from 4 March through 27 May in parallel with Sharjah Biennial 13, Tamawuj, curated by Christine Tohmé. The thematic focus of SB13 is grounded in the four keywords water, crops, and earth and culinary. All workshops are conducted by professional specialist artists in all fields of art, with the goal of teaching children technical skills and strengthening their expression of creative ideas. Workshops are held in the Collections Building unless otherwise noted.

All events are free and open to the public.

Workshops

Open Day 1

Saturday, 4 March 2017
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Ages: 7-15
Location: Collections Building

Art and Agriculture Workshop: Nature on Vases

This art and agriculture workshop will be conducted in two parts. In the first part, participants will gather outside the Collections Building to paint on planter-sized vases.

Art and Agriculture Workshop: Planting Session

In the second session, participants will learn how to grow plants in their painted vases. They will be required to come and water the plant on a regular schedule. These activities are inspired by SB13 keywords 'crops' and 'earth'

Open Day 2

Saturday, 18 March 2017
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Ages: 7-15
Location: Collections Building

Site-Specific Art Making

This workshop is designed to teach participants the concept of site-specific art and will encourage them to use their imagination to create a new artwork from an existing object. The workshop will take place in two parts. In the first part, participants will be taken to the beach to search for an object in the water, sand or surrounding areas. In the second part of the workshop, participants will convert their found object into a unique piece of art. The workshop is themed around the SB13 keyword 'water'.

Macro Photography in Nature

Participants will be taken to Al Fisht Park in Sharjah and asked to observe the hidden beauty in nature. A photographer will accompany the group and take photos of what participants point to among the small living creatures in the area. Participants will then select from oversized or macro photographs of these living beings, and selected photos will be printed and hung in the Collections Building as part of each participant's body of work.

Open Day 3

Saturday, 25 March 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Bird Houses

In this workshop, participants will learn how to make birdhouses using different materials. Completed birdhouses will hang in front of the Collections Building.

Bird-Feeding Sculptures

This workshop will encourage participants to contribute to the sustenance of natural creatures that live in the SAF neighbourhood, such as large groups of birds that gather to be fed. In this workshop, participants will create clay feeding sculptures, which will be placed in two locations in the area.

Open Day 4

Saturday, 1 April 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Salad Workshop

Participants will learn how to make different kinds of salads and then trade the salad bowls they brought for the workshop amongst themselves. They will learn how to cut, use and decorate their vegetables. Participants will also write down the recipes they learn from each other in a smaller art session within the workshop. They can take the recipes home and incorporate them into a healthy lifestyle. Salad Workshop is inspired by the SB13 keyword 'culinary'.

Still Life Drawing

In this workshop, participants will learn still life drawing techniques. The theme will be food; participants will choose a fruit for their drawing.

Open Day 5

Saturday, 8 April 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Nature Prints with Clay

Participants will imprint natural flowers and leaves on clay, shape them into small ornaments and hang them around the Urban Garden.

Toy Design with Nature

Using natural materials such as wood, flowers, leaves, stones and ropes, participants will learn how to make toys.

Open Day 6

Saturday, 15 April 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Design Your Family's Kitchen Set

Inspired by the culinary theme from SB13, participants will learn how to design a kitchen set (cooking spoon, cooking fork) using different materials. Participants will gift their designed sets to their families.

Colourful Cupcake Cream

Participants will be organised into groups. The workshop chef will guide them through the process of making healthy and colourful cupcake cream from fruits and natural food items. This hands-on cooking workshop is based on the SB13 keyword 'culinary'.

Open Day 7

Saturday, 22 April 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Homemade Watercolours

Participants will learn how to make watercolours using simple and natural ingredients that can be found at home. Participants will then have a painting session using the watercolours they produce.

Growing from Kitchen Scraps

In this workshop, participants will learn how to regrow vegetables from kitchen scraps such as carrot tops and onion bottoms. Participants will learn about the benefits of waste reduction, recycling, cost savings and self-sufficiency. The workshop is inspired by SB13 keywords 'culinary' and 'earth'.

Open Day 8

Saturday, 29 April 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Water Workshop

Participants in this workshop will visit Zula Water Factory to observe the process of water purification and learn about the importance of water for the UAE. In an informative session, participants will learn what they can do to protect and preserve the clean water supply and develop an awareness of the effects of the water shortage on the world.

Open Day 8

Saturday, 6 May 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Expressing Feelings towards Nature

Guided by the four SB13 keywords of 'water', 'earth', 'crops' and 'culinary', participants will have the freedom to draw, paint and express what they feel towards nature. At the end of the workshop, each participant will talk about their artwork.

Building an Ecosystem

Participants will build an ecosystem out of easy-to-access materials that will become a home for a small fish. This workshop will cover three concepts: recycling, agriculture and aqua life.

Open Day 9

Saturday, 13 May 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Secret Messages

In this workshop, the technique of writing secret messages will be explained to the participants by an artist. Participants will use vegetables and fruit to write secret messages from their imagination.

Little Gardens

Participants will create their own little gardens using recycled paper and different colours of paint. They will be inspired by the plants and flowers they see in the SAF Urban Garden.

Open Day 10

Saturday, 20 May 2017

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Moving Gardens

This workshop will allow participants to interact with agriculture and involve it in making art.

Participants will learn how to arrange plantings on random moving objects such as strollers, wheelchairs and trolley bags. They will then journey through SAF neighborhood with their moving gardens as mobile artworks.

Drawing Your Imagination

In this workshop, participants will use their imagination to create a story from three objects they have chosen and then connect them together in a drawing.

Open Day 11

Saturday, 27 May 2017

8:00 am – 11:00 pm

Ages: 7-15

Location: Collections Building

Transport Collages

In this workshop, participants will use their creativity to transform a picture of food into a form of transport, such as an orange spaceship, a cucumber airplane or an eggplant car. Participants will also learn how to make a Surrealist collage with natural objects.

One Day Exhibition

On this day, participants will exhibit all of the artworks they produced over the course of the 2017 winter workshops.

