

Summer School – Explorers (6–10)

Learning Programme for Children and Families

3 July–27 August 2022

The Learning Programme for Children and Families at Sharjah Art Foundation offers workshops conducted by professional artists working in a broad range of visual and performing arts. Designed for participants aged 6 to 10 and their families, the programme aims to teach children technical art skills in order to strengthen their creative expression.

Taking place from 3 July to 27 August 2022, the Learning Programme for Children and Families includes workshops and courses on sketching, paintings, calligraphy and sculpture. Participants will learn how to make an art journal or create an abstract mosaic using ceramic fragments, among other activities. Sessions will be held at the Collections Building in Arts Square and include a film screening at The Flying Saucer in the Dasman area of Sharjah.

Workshops take place on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Depending upon the needs of the participants, sessions are conducted in English and/or Arabic.

Sharjah Art Foundation is committed to making its programmes as inclusive and accessible as possible. Disability symbols are included with all session descriptions to indicate accessibility.

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To learn more about the Learning Programme for Children and Families, email children@sharjahart.org or call (06) 568 5050.

All workshops offered by the Learning Programme for Children and Families are free and open to the public. Materials are provided by the Foundation.

WORKSHOPS:

Week 1: Sketching

Movement sketch

Date: Sunday, 3 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



Have you tried sketching while moving? Does it sound like a difficult task? In this workshop, participants will be moving, walking and running while they sketch. This different approach to sketching should lead to unexpected, funny results in participants' sketchbooks.

Charcoal studio

Date: Tuesday, 5 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



This workshop will introduce participants to the basics of charcoal drawing. They will learn about charcoal as a medium for drawing, and develop an understanding of balance and composition. At the end of the workshop, participants will choose an object as their subject to create a still life charcoal drawing.

No-brush painting

Date: Thursday, 7 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will be painting using a technique called 'no-brush painting'. They will express themselves with acrylic paint and a canvas while using daily objects as

their drawing tool instead of a brush. Participants will be using various objects, such as toothpicks and paper clips, as their drawing tool.

Week 2: Stories

Story of an object

With Eman Al raesi

Date: Sunday, 17 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



Participants will be asked to select a random object, and then they will be encouraged to imagine this object out of its usual context. They will build a character for this object and develop a story behind it. This workshop focuses on the imagination and skills required to create a storyline.

Make your own movie poster

Date: Tuesday, 19 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will create their own movie poster with specific dimensions. They will get their inspiration from a cartoon poster that will be shown to them during the workshop.

House of Wisdom

Date: Thursday, 21 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



Participants will go on a guided tour of the House of Wisdom. They will visit Al Jazri Lab, a digital fabrication laboratory where creators can create and innovators can innovate with ease, using state-of-the-art technology and tools. The Little Reader is a dedicated space to educate and entertain children in a safe and fun environment.

Week 3: Mixed Media

Cardboard portraits

Date: Sunday, 24 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will create portraits out of cut pieces of cardboard, using a technique of creating collage compositions. They will start working on a flat board, add an outline and then build the work with pieces of different shapes to make a full face.

Printmaking with foam boards

Date: Tuesday, 26 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will be introduced to some examples of the art of printmaking. They will then use a foam board printing technique to design items, such as gift wrap paper, a notebook-cover or tote bag.

Stop motion video

With Ahmed Aidaroos

Date: Thursday, 28 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



This workshop will explore techniques required to create a stop motion video through live demonstration and hands-on practice. Using different types of toys in the process, participants will produce a final video and receive feedback about their work from the instructor at the end of the workshop.

Week 4: Film

Acting 01

Date: Sunday, 31 July 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will be introduced to acting. They will learn about method acting and how to develop some techniques through memory exercises. Participants will later practice together by conducting scene works and monologues.

From painting to film

Date: Tuesday, 2 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will be using paintings as a source of concept to create a film. Through discussions with each other, and the director, on the script, method of filming, clothing and the theme of the film, they will work in groups to produce a short scene.

Film screening

Date: Thursday, 4 August 2022

Timings: 6:00 pm–9:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



A film will be screened at The Flying Saucer in Dasman as part of the Children and Families Learning Programme.

Week 5: Sculpture

Quilting with clay

With Nagla Fikry

Date: Sunday, 7 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will work with a new concept of quilting by using clay. They will create different shapes and textures using hand building techniques, and then combine them to create tiles.

Make your own freestyle fabric and net sculptures

Date: Tuesday, 9 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic

In this workshop, participants will visit a tailoring shop in the neighbourhood and gather some fabric scraps of their choice. They will work in groups to learn and create a sculpture out of wire net material, the fabric scraps they gathered and other found objects.

Wire sculptures

Date: Thursday, 11 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will make a sculpture out of colourful wires. This activity will help them explore and develop an understanding of how a flat shape can be transformed into a 3D object.

Week 6: Portraits / characters

Photo portraits

Date: Sunday, 14 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



Participants will portray themselves by applying paint over an A3 printed photo of themselves in light brush strokes. This process will encourage the young participants to become more familiar with their facial features.

Writing stories

Date: Tuesday, 16 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



Participants will be reading a short story to develop a better understanding of writing a story, they will then write their own stories. This workshop will teach participants the basic skills of storytelling so that they can use their creativity and imagination to write stories.

Story/character illustration

Date: Thursday, 18 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will be creating characters and illustrations from the stories they wrote in the previous session. With the guidance of a books illustrator, participants will learn how to build an image for their character.

Week 7: Mixed Media

Pressed dried flowers in glass

Date: Sunday, 21 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



Taking inspiration from nature, participants will press dried flowers between two panes of glass to create a unique wall hanging that gives the impression of floating flowers. This workshop is an opportunity for participants to develop design skills and create an artwork that can be used to decorate the home.

Split objects

Date: Tuesday, 23 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



At the beginning of this workshop, participants will take photographs of an object of their choice and print it. Participants will then re-create half of the object using mixed media, such as coloured paper, found objects or a simple 2D coloured drawing.

Frame-making

Date: Thursday, 25 August 2022

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square](#)

Ages: 6–10

Languages: English and Arabic



In this workshop, participants will be making frames to highlight photos in their homes. Everyday materials, such as cardboard, clips and yarn, will be used to customise and decorate the frames.