Autumn 2020 Workshops and Film Screening
Learning Programme for Children and Families

26 September–17 October 2020

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 15 and their families, the programme aims to teach children technical art skills in order to strengthen their creative expression.

Running from 26 September to 17 October 2020, the autumn 2020 programme includes workshops on photography, graphic art, calligraphy and drawing as well as a film screening. All sessions will be held at The Flying Saucer in the Dasman area of Sharjah. A Foundation venue since 2015, The Flying Saucer has been recently renovated and returned to its original 1970s silhouette. It features new exterior areas as well as community gathering spaces, which include a multi-activity café, a sunken courtyard, a library and multiple screening walls.

Workshops take place on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and Tuesdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Depending on 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.

KEY TO SYMBOLS:

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

To register for the autumn 2020 workshops and film screening, please click here.

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

Green Screen
Workshop for Children and Families

Date: Saturday, 26 September 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Photos of the participants will be taken in front of a green screen, and then participants will digitally add backgrounds and illustrations to their photo. They will learn basic graphic and digital techniques and work with the imaging and graphic design software programs Photoshop and Illustrator.

**Introduction to Calligraphy**
Workshop for Children and Families

**Date:** Tuesday, 29 September 2020  
**Timings:** 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Location:** The Flying Saucer  
**All ages**  
**Languages:** Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to calligraphy. They will learn about and practise basic Arabic calligraphic scripts. After their practice, participants will write words that inspired them while they were outdoors during the workshop.

**Shutter Speed Photography**  
Workshop for Children and Families

**Date:** Saturday, 3 October 2020  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Flying Saucer  
**All ages**  
**Languages:** Arabic and English
In this workshop participants will be introduced to the shutter speed in photography in order to learn about exposure light and time. Later, they will practise taking different photos using various shutter speed settings.

**Tile Art**
Workshop for Children and Families

**Date:** Tuesday, 6 October 2020  
**Timings:** 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Location:** The Flying Saucer  
**All ages**  
**Languages:** Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will colour directly onto ceramic tiles, creating different colour combinations and designs. Once the tiles are fully painted, participants will add small drops of rubbing alcohol to the surface to reveal an abstract and clouded image.

**Photographic Portraits**
Workshop for Children and Families

**Date:** Saturday, 10 October 2020  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Flying Saucer  
**All ages**  
**Languages:** Arabic and English

In this photography workshop, the focus will be on portraits. Participants will first be introduced to the basics of camera settings and photo composition techniques. Then they will experiment with taking different types of shots. At the end of the workshop, each participant will have one portrait selected and printed.

**Complete the Drawing**
Workshop for Children and Families
Date: Tuesday, 13 October 2020  
Timings: 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
Location: The Flying Saucer  
All ages  
Languages: Arabic and English

This workshop will start with each participant creating a drawing and passing it on to another participant, who will then incorporate his/her own drawing ideas into the drawing already done. This technique helps develop creative thinking and will result in different drawing processes being merged. This workshop offers a fun approach to drawing, but more importantly, it encourages participants to work together constructively.

Photography Scavenger Hunt  
Workshop for Children and Families  

Date: Saturday, 17 October 2020  
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
Location: The Flying Saucer  
All ages  
Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will join a scavenger hunt for which they will be provided with a list of things they need to photograph with a Polaroid camera. They will explore the area around the flying saucer to find all the things, and then they will share their photos and results with each other.

Film Screening: *Hook* (1991)  
Director: Steven Spielberg  
Fantasy/Adventure | 144 min  

Date: Saturday, 17 October 2020  
Timings: 6:00 pm–9:00 pm  
Location: The Flying Saucer  
Suitable for all ages  
Language: English with Arabic subtitles
After growing up and losing his memory of Neverland, Peter Pan must revisit his magical origins to rescue his two children, who have been kidnapped by Captain Hook. With the help of the Lost Boys and Tinkerbell, Peter Pan uses his imagination to regain his magical abilities so he can battle his old enemy Hook and win back his children.