

Autumn 2023

Learning Programme for Children and Families
9 September–26 November 2023



Create, design and explore in our new season of workshops and courses. Indulge in sessions on mosaic sculptures, murals, scanography and weaving, or dive into the disciplines of architecture, paper art, and book and zine design. Many of our autumn sessions have been inspired by works from Sharjah Art Foundation exhibitions and events.

With other participants aged 6 to 15 and family members, connect with and learn from professional artists working in a broad range of visual arts. Offered in both English and Arabic, sessions unfold at Arts Square, Al Mureijah Square and The Flying Saucer in the city of Sharjah and at Al Hamriyah Studios in Al Hamriyah.

Please note that for any session identified as a **Family Workshop**, young participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

All workshops are free, and materials are provided. To find out more, please email children@sharjahart.org, or call (06) 568 5050.

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

Key to symbols



EXHIBITION TOURS

Join guided tours of all our exhibitions, in both Arabic and English, and then attend our workshops to learn more about the artworks on view.

To book a visit, please email children@sharjahart.org.

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WORKSHOPS

Engage with Architecture Past and Present

In collaboration with Al Hisn Museum
Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 9 September 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Meeting Point: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn how old buildings can represent the history and memory of a place. Tour Al Hisn, the old Sharjah fort, to study how buildings and monuments looked in the past. Compare photos of present and past iterations. Then design modern buildings by adding different architectural elements, such as doors and windows, and abstract features and colours to photos of old buildings.

Make an Architecture Quilt

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 9 September 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

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Create handmade quilts with different fabrics and textures. Work from photos to transform old buildings and structures into vibrant works of textile art.

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Build Architectural Sculptures with Wires

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 16 September 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



After viewing Meschac Gaba's wig sculptures of well-known UAE buildings for inspiration, make an architectural structure out of wires. Cover the framework with ropes and threads to create a mixed-media work.

Design Sculpture from Wires

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 16 September 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Study architectural sculptures from *In the Heart of Another Country*. Explore how a flat shape can be transformed into a 3D object as you make sculptures from colourful wires.

Express Yourself through a Collage Self-Portrait

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 23 September 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Explore the world of self-expression through collage self-portraits. You will be photographed at the beginning of the session, and your printed image will be used as the basis for your collage. Cut,

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arrange and paste various materials on the photo to create a vibrant artwork that reflects your unique personality.

Reflect Your Character in a Self-Portrait

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 23 September 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Using a mirror, outline the shape of your reflection on paper. Add colour, symbols and words that express your character.

Create Paper Sculptures of Plants

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 30 September 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Mimic the shapes and colours of your favourite plants in paper sculptures. Develop skill in folding, cutting and gluing paper as you explore the world of plants.

Construct Unique Floral Bookmarks

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 30 September 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



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Make bookmarks that capture nature's beauty with dried leaves and flowers. Guided by instructors, arrange botanical specimens on your bookmark and use a heat sealer to preserve them.

Produce a Custom Vase

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 7 October 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn how to construct 3D objects with cardboard, papier-mâché and paint, and create a personalised vase.

Weave an Animal

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 7 October 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn the basics of weaving, and create your own woven animals using natural materials such as long grass. Transform the woven animals into key chains or artworks to keep.

Photography Scavenger Hunt: Al Mureijah Square

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Information Centre, Al Mureijah Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



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Explore Al Mureijah Square with your family in a scavenger hunt. You will be provided with a list of objects to find and photograph with your phones.

(Al Mureijah Square includes Al Mureijah Art Spaces, the Foundation's contemporary art galleries built on the site of Sharjah's oldest residential district; the Foundation's Information Centre; Fen Café & Restaurant; and the SAF Shop.)

Explore Still Life Photography

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Delve into the art of still life photography. From selecting props and arranging objects to experimenting with lighting and angles, you will master the techniques that bring inanimate subjects to life through the lens. Our experienced instructor will provide guidance, teaching you about composition, colour and storytelling in still life photography.

Experiment with Scanner Photography

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 21 October 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn the technique of scanography (or scanner photography), for which you layer images using a scanner as your camera. Experiment with textures, objects and perspectives to develop extraordinary compositions. Add depth to your work by drawing on top of the scans.

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Tell a Story with Light and Shadow

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 21 October 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah

Languages: English and Arabic



Discover the secrets of manipulating light and shadow in black and white photography to produce images that evoke emotion and tell a story. Learn techniques for creating bold contrasts, intriguing silhouettes and intricate compositions with the help of objects from your surroundings.

Evoke Memories of a Place

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 28 October 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



In her artwork *Feeling Colour by Touch*, Lubaina Himid uses acrylic paint inside wooden drawers to reveal stories and scenes. Building on your memory of a place, create a scene in a wooden box that has both emotional and architectural elements to it. Combine drawings, pictures and objects.

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Make a Shop Sign

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 28 October 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Draw inspiration from Lubaina Himid's shop signs and small and large boat paintings on view in the current exhibition. Make your own shop sign using recycled materials such as fabrics, cardboard and paper.

Make a 3D Cardboard Mask of Your Favourite Character

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 4 November 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Portray your favourite animal character through a 3D cardboard mask. Use coloured markers, acrylic paint and different shapes of cardboard to produce your unique version of the character.

Book Scavenger Hunt

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 4 November 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic

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Read a book together, and then go on a scavenger hunt to find objects or clues related to the book. Combine reading with problem-solving, and extend your engagement with the story.

Construct a Light Box from Paper

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 11 November 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Create a light box from paper. Learn the intricate art of paper cutting and layering to produce interesting effects of light and shadow.

Craft a Paper Calendar

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 11 November 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Explore a range of artistic techniques as you design a paper calendar. You can personalise your work with unique monthly features, photos, special quotes, poems or other written texts.

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Create a Doodle Mural

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 18 November 2023

Timings: 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Work collaboratively with other participants to ‘doodle’ your impressions of the artworks, architecture and nature around you with coloured markers. Drawing doodles (connected patterns of shapes, lines, objects and text) can enhance your creativity and allow you to communicate symbolically.

Put Together a Pop-Up Book

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 24 November 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Design an interactive pop-up book using recycled materials. Become familiar with paper engineering techniques, including methods for crafting dynamic pop-up elements.

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Reading Session

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 24 November 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Children ages 6 to 9 are welcome to join us for a reading session to listen to interesting stories from books. Later, they will discuss what they learned and enjoyed about the stories.

Recreate a Book Cover

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 24 November 2023

Timings: 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Discover how to create a book cover and what to keep in mind as you design, from the main theme of the book to the colour palette and ways to make the title stand out. Choose from a selection of books to recreate a cover and print it using a digital printer.

Reading Session and 3D Story Scenes

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 25 November 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

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Languages: English and Arabic



Read and listen to a range of interesting stories. After the reading session, make a 3D version of a scenario from the story you read. Use coloured paper, markers and other materials to produce your artwork.

Experiment with Archival Cooking Zines

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 25 November 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



During this workshop, you will explore hidden treasures in a number of historical cookbooks, which often contain recipes and culinary techniques not commonly used today. Bring your own traditional family recipes, photos and illustrations to share with other participants as you create cooking zines together.

Communicate with a Greeting Card

All ages

Date: Saturday, 26 November 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Create a greeting card based on a specific theme, such as self-representation, dreams or emotions. Include shapes, colours, images and text to complete your project. At the end of the workshop, your work will be printed on card stock.

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Reading Session

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 26 November 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Children ages 6 to 9 are welcome to join us for a reading session to listen to interesting stories from books. Later, they will discuss what they learned and enjoyed about the stories.

Make a Book with Found Objects

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 26 November 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



In this hands-on workshop, explore the art of bookmaking using found objects. Guided by instructors, learn bookbinding techniques and incorporate found objects such as seashells, leaves and fabric scraps into unique creations.

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COURSE

Corniche: Junior Edition

Ages 11–15

Dates: Monday to Thursday, 9-12 October 2023

Timings: 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Develop your storytelling and communication skills while also learning how to create comics, from storyboards and layout to drawing and typography.

Through various community-led exchanges and workshops, the Foundation publication *Corniche* provides a platform for artists and illustrators specialised in comics to create new works. In this edition, children will have an opportunity to express their personal experiences, thoughts and dreams and/or create realistic, science fiction or fantasy stories in comics.