Winter 2020 Programme for Children and Families

22 December 2019–14 March 2020

Sharjah Art Foundation’s Programme for Children and Families includes courses, workshops and excursions conducted by professional artists working in a broad range of visual and performing arts. Designed for participants aged 6 to 15, the programme explores different art forms and encourages creative expression.

Workshops and courses are held at foundation spaces in the city of Sharjah and at six Art Centres across the emirate. The Art Centres are located in Al Hamriyah, Al Dhaid, Al Madam, Dibba Al Hisn, Khorfakkan and Kalba.

Running from 22 December 2019 to 14 March 2020, the winter 2020 programme includes workshops on drawing, painting and gardening as well as courses in architectural sketching and photography.

In the city of Sharjah, workshops for two different age groups (6 to 10 years and 11 to 15 years) will take place on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Collections Building in Arts Square. Two of the four courses for winter 2020 will be offered on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in late December 2019 and early January 2020, and the other two will be held on Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in February and March 2020. Sessions are conducted in both English and Arabic, depending on the needs of the participants.

Courses at the Art Centres will take place throughout the week, with both morning and afternoon sessions offered. Some courses last a number of weeks, and the age groups vary. Sessions are conducted in Arabic.

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

Key to symbols:

- Vision impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Physical disabilities
- Down syndrome
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

To register for the winter 2020 workshops and courses, email children@sharjahart.org or call (06) 568 5050.

All workshops offered by the Programme for Children and Families are free and open to the public. A small fee is charged for some of the courses. Materials are provided by the foundation.
COURSES

Architectural Sketching
Course for Children

Dates: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, 22, 24 and 26 December 2019
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English
Fee: 50 AED

In this three-session course, participants will sketch the architecture and plants in Bait Obaid Al Shamsi. They will experiment with drawing from different perspectives and use various shading techniques.

Digital Photography – Shooting and Basic Editing
Course for Children

Dates: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, 5, 7 and 9 January 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Meeting point: Information Centre, Al Mureijah Art Spaces
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English
Fee: 50 AED

In this course, participants will go on photowalks around Al Mureijah Square, where they will take photos of the buildings and their surroundings. They will spend the first two sessions exploring different settings and modes for digital cameras. In the third session they will edit and print their photos and then sit together to view and discuss the outcome of their work.
Painting and Drawing (Beginners)
Course for Children

**Dates:** Sundays to Thursdays, 12 January–31 March 2020  
**Timings:** 10:00 am–12:00 pm or 5:00 pm–7:00 pm (Each session is offered twice.)  
**Location:** Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Madam Art Centre  
**Ages:** 9–15  
**Language:** Arabic

This course is an introduction to the world of art through drawing and painting. Participants will learn the basic elements of a work of art, including line, form, composition and the perception of shadow and light through tonalities of colour. They will also create artworks with themes from nature using a variety of materials (e.g. pencils, erasers and putty).

Sculpture (Beginners)
Course for Children

**Dates:** Sundays to Wednesdays, 12 January–31 March 2020  
**Timings:** 10:00 am–12:00 pm or 5:00 pm–7:00 pm (Each session is offered twice.)  
**Location:** Al Hamriyah Art Centre  
**Ages:** 9–15  
**Language:** Arabic

This course is an introduction to sculpture in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional forms. Participants will learn the foundations of sculpture and gain an understanding of how to use and shape clay. They will also explore the sculptural uses of gypsum, its treatment and the relationship between mass and vacuum.
Ceramics (Beginners)
Course for Children

**Dates:** Sundays to Thursdays, 12 January–31 March 2020  
**Timings:** 10:00 am–12:00 pm or 5:00 pm–7:00 pm (Each session is offered twice.)  
**Location:** Al Madam Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre  
**Ages:** 9–15  
**Language:** Arabic

This course will introduce participants to basic techniques for making ceramics. They will learn about slab making, hand and wheel throwing, and surface decoration so they can create their own ceramic artworks. They will also focus on understanding and implementing the processes, aesthetics, functions and forms of ceramic art.

Principles of Arabic Calligraphy (Beginners)
Course for Children

**Dates:** Sundays to Thursdays, 12 January–31 March 2020  
**Timings:** 10:00 am–12:00 pm or 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Location:** Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre  
**Ages:** 9–15  
**Language:** Arabic

In this course, participants will be introduced to a simplified version of an Arabic calligraphic script as well as techniques and tools used in calligraphy (e.g. reed pens, metal pens, inks, silk threads and fused paper). They will also receive training in how to use these tools, particularly the way to sharpen reed pens and make them ready for writing. They will focus on *Ruqa’a* script since it is the basis of all other scripts.
Making Documentary Videos
Course for Children

Dates: Saturdays, 8, 15 and 22 February 2020, and Thursdays, 13 and 20 February 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm (Saturdays) and 5:00 pm–7:00 pm (Thursdays)
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English
Fee: 50 AED

In this course about making documentaries, participants will be introduced to techniques for researching and shooting videos. After seeing a few examples of documentary videos and receiving a brief explanation, participants will work in groups to document exhibitions or events taking place at Sharjah Art Foundation. After they finish their research and shoot some interviews and other footage of people and places, they will learn how to combine and present their information and footage in a video.

Painting Outdoors
Course for Children

Dates: Thursdays, 12, 19 and 26 March 2020, and Saturdays, 14, 21 and 28 March 2020
Timings: 5:00 pm–7:00 pm (Thursdays) and 11:00 am–1:00 pm (Saturdays)
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English
Fee: 50 AED

In this painting course, each of the sessions will take place in a different outdoor location so that participants will be painting a different scene every time. They will experiment with different techniques and create paintings that represent their own style and understanding of their subject matter.
WORKSHOPS

Building Bricks
Workshop for Children

**Date:** Saturday, 11 January 2020  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** Arabic and English

At the beginning of the workshop, participants will take a tour of the exhibition *Marwan Rechmaoui: Slanted Squares* to observe the artist’s work, including bricks built from scratch. Then they will experiment with building different models with blocks and add drawings that reflect their creative expression as a finishing step. These construction activities will help them discover an interest in the building and construction field.

From Words to Characters
Workshop for Children

**Date:** Saturday, 18 January 2020  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** Arabic and English

This workshop is inspired by Bani Abidi’s series ‘The Man Who…’, in which she portrays semi-fictional characters based on people whose unconventional achievements found their way into *The Guinness Book of Records*. Participants in this workshop will create drawings of characters they select from poetry books and then colour them with watercolours.
Painting and Printmaking in the Garden
Workshop for Children

Date: Saturday, 25 January 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Square
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will explore the outdoor setting of The Urban Garden, where they will draw sketches of the various plants they see and then paint them using watercolours. They will also experiment with applying paint to different types of tree leaves and using the leaves as stamps to transfer designs and textures to paper.

Introduction to Gardening
Workshop for Children and Families

Date: Saturday, 1 February 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Square
Ages: 6–10
Languages: Arabic and English

In this family workshop, participants will be planting in The Urban Garden in Al Mureijah Square. They will learn about soil, seeding and different types of plants, including edible plants, flowers and trees. They will also apply what they have learned by planting more plants in the garden.
Souq Mapping – Mixed Media
Workshop for Children

**Date:** Saturday, 8 February 2020  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** Arabic and English

Mapping is an old technique used to document routes and roads. Inspired by the work of artist Marwan Rechmaoui, this workshop will give the participants an opportunity to learn the process of creating an artistic map. They will start with a walk from Souq Al Shanasiyah to Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, after which they will create their map using a variety of materials, including found objects from the souq, paper scraps and other art mediums.

Sketching Architecture
Workshop for Children

**Date:** Saturday, 15 February 2020  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** Arabic and English

This workshop is inspired by Saeed Almadani's work in the *March Project 2019 Exhibition*. Participants will start with a tour around some old buildings in Sharjah, after which they will draw an outline of the buildings that have attracted their attention. To understand the processes of architectural design and construction, they will then use their sketches and a variety of materials to create models of the buildings.
Imaginary Landscapes
Workshop for Children

Date: Saturday, 22 February 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 6–10
Languages: Arabic and English

Inspired by the work of two March Project 2019 artists, Asma Belhamar and Filwa Nazer, participants will use patterned fabrics and acrylic paint to construct an imaginary landscape artwork. The fabric will be used as a canvas, and its pattern will serve as a starting point for the participants to combine paint with patterns to create their own unique work.

Overlapping History
Workshop for Children

Date: Saturday, 29 February 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English

Participants will take a tour around the SAF neighbourhood, imagining themselves in a time machine that travels through the history of the buildings. They will explore the architecture and function of the buildings and imagine a futuristic feel for the places, in both the appearance and use of the buildings. By the end of the workshop, participants will have created an artwork about the past, present and future of the buildings using a variety of mediums.
Shadow Tracing in Kalba
Workshop for Children

Date: Saturday, 29 February 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: Kalba Art Centre
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop offered in conjunction with the Sharjah Light Festival, participants will experiment with light to make drawings. They will shine a spotlight on different objects, trace the shadows and the produce a drawing. This workshop will help participants use their imagination in a different approach to drawing.

Overlapping History: From Al Hamriyah to Sharjah
Excursion and Workshop for Children

Date: Saturday, 7 March 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Meeting point: Al Hamriyah Art Centre
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English

Participants will journey from Al Hamriyah and take a tour around the SAF neighbourhood in Sharjah. They will imagine themselves in a time machine that travels through the history of the buildings. They will explore the architecture and function of the buildings and envision a futuristic feel for the places, in both the appearance and use of the buildings. By the end of the workshop, participants will have created an artwork about the past, present and future of the buildings using a variety of mediums.
The Performing Arts
Workshop for Children and People with Disabilities

Date: Saturday, 7 March 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 6–15
Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the performing arts. They will start by practising some exercises that will help them understand what the performing arts are. Later in the workshop, participants will work in groups, and each group will create and present a short performance. Participants will be introduced to a new form of art through which they can express their emotions.

Souq Mapping – Mixed Media
Workshop for Children

Date: Saturday, 14 March 2020
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Meeting point: Al Hamriyah Art Centre
Ages: 11–15
Languages: Arabic and English

Mapping is an old technique used to document routes and roads. Inspired by the work of artist Marwan Rechmaoui, this workshop will give the participants an opportunity to learn the process of creating an artistic map. They will start with a walk from Souq Al Shanasiyah to Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, after which they will create their map using a variety of materials, including found objects from the souq, paper scraps and other art mediums.
Stop Motion Animation
Workshop for Children

Date: Saturday, 14 March 2020
Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 6–15
Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will create stop motion videos. They will animate themselves, their space and their furniture rather than only small objects. Participants will start by brainstorming ideas for their shots, and then they will make props and create their stop motion animation.