Autumn Learning Programme
Learning Programme for Children and Families

22 September 2022–21 January 2023

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, courses are free and encourage children’s creativity while teaching them technical art skills.

The autumn programme includes workshops on pop art and sculpture, printmaking, rug twining, creative cross-stitching, painting, photography, green screens, collaging, illustrating, reading and more. Classes are inspired by our shows and events, including Pop South Asia: Artistic Explorations on the Popular, Watch and Chill 2.0: Streaming Senses, Vantage Point Sharjah 10, Focal Point and Sharjah Film Platform 5.

Workshops take place on Saturdays from 17 September to 24 December 2022, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Collections Building, Arts Square, Arts Square in Arts Square, Al Shuwaiheen, as well as at Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah. Sessions are in English and/or Arabic, depending on participant needs.

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

The 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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EXHIBITION TOURS

Join guided tours of all our exhibitions, in both Arabic and English. Enjoy self-guided activities during the tours, and then attend our workshops to learn more about the artworks on display.

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

Colourful Casting

**Date:** Saturday, 24 September 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** All ages  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Create bright and colourful sculptures of your choice, using the same casting techniques and alginate moulds as Dhali Al Mamoon, an artist whose works can be seen in the exhibition *Pop South Asia: Artistic Explorations of the Popular.*

Quirky Embroidery

**Date:** Saturday, 1 October 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Stitch and create your own imagery inspired by artist Saba Khan, who uses conventional cross-stitch embroidery kits to create something unconventional.
**Image Transfer**

**Date:** Saturday, 8 October 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 6–10  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Learn how to transfer images from TV, film and media onto wooden pieces. Informed by the work of artist Ahmed Ali Manhangar, this workshop draws on ideas of cinema and mediatised icons.

**Contemporary Rug Making**

**Date:** Saturday, 15 October 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Taking artworks that are contemporary takes on traditional practices as a springboard, experiment with rug twining, an offshoot of conventional rug making.
Image Making

**Date:** Saturday, 22 October 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Discover different forms of image making and circulation by creating sketches, photographs, comic book drawings and prints of a plant in your environment.

Drawing Basics

**Date:** Saturday, 29 October 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Learn the basics of illustrating the human form, from character designs to human anatomy, through the four stages of drawing: outlining, sketching, inking and highlighting.
**Streaming Feelings**

**Date:** Saturday, 5 November 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Activate ideas from the exhibition *Watch and Chill 2.0: Streaming Senses*, by watching one of the media-based works in the show and drawing your emotions.

**Painting to Music**

**Date:** Saturday, 12 November 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 6–10  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

How do humans react to digital interactions? In this workshop, experiment with painting blindfolded in response to different genres of digital sounds.
Printmaking on Tote Bags

**Date:** Saturday, 19 November 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 6–10  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Flaunt a tote bag with the different patterns and prints that you have created. Use the images, logos and designs in the exhibited artworks you see to inspire you.

Yoga and Art

**Date:** Saturday, 26 November 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Art Spaces  
**All ages**  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Begin your spiritual journey with the basics of yoga, taught by an instructor from Barakah Studio, and then communicate your experience through painting.
From Words to Characters

**Date:** Saturday, 3 December 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 5–7  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Choose characters from a selection of books, and learn how to bring them to life in watercolour.

Pop Art Sculptures

**Date:** Saturday, 10 December 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Decorate classic sculptures using multimedia techniques, by adding bright colours, objects and toys to them.
Green Screen TV Studio

Date: Saturday, 17 December 2022  
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square  
Ages: 6–10  
Languages: English and Arabic

Be the star of your own action film with this playful introduction to the possibilities of the green screen. Shoot scenes, and add the backgrounds of your choice.

Pop Self-portrait

Date: Saturday, 24 December 2022  
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square  
Ages: 6–12  
Languages: English and Arabic

Use a selection of fun costumes and props to recreate some of the world’s most famous portrait paintings. Make your own special Pop self-portraits.
Dark Room

**Date:** Saturday, 7 January 2023  
**Timings:** 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Location:** Al Hamriyah Studios  
**Ages:** 15–18  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Discover the basics of darkroom black-and-white printing. Experiment with various paper options and equipment, and learn developing and enlarging procedures along with silver printing basics. You will be able to take your printed negatives home.

3D Collage

**Date:** Saturday, 14 January 2023  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Al Hamriyah Studios  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Find inspiration in artist Bharti Kher’s hybrid sculptures and other artists’ use of appropriation in Pop art, and then create 3D collages by combining different images and objects into sculpture.
Linocut Printed Posters

**Date:** Saturday, 21 January 2023  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** Al Hamriyah Studios  
**Ages:** 15–18  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Using linocut printing techniques, create Pop art posters inspired by the images, prints and words you discover as you tour local community shops in Sharjah and observe the print culture and commercial and industrial images around them.

_Focal Point_  
25–27 November 2022  
Bait Obaid Al Shamsi

_Visual Diary_  

**Date:** Friday, 25 November 2022  
**Timings:** 5:00–7:00 pm  
**Location:** Bait Obaid Al Shamsi  
**Ages:** 6–10  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Inspired by our art book fair Focal Point, make a personal planner using recycled paper, bookbinding techniques and drawings.
**Basics of Illustrating**

**Date:** Friday 25 November 2022  
**Timings:** 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Location:** Bait Obaid Al Shamsi  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Join graphic designer and children’s book illustrator Wafa Ibrahim as she explains the fundamentals of illustrative art.

**Book Reading**  
**Date:** Saturday, 26 November 2022  
**Timings:** 6:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Location:** Bait Obaid Al Shamsi  
**All ages**  
**Languages:** English

Come enjoy a reading by storyteller and illustrator Maitha Al Khayyat at Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, the setting of our annual book art fair, Focal Point.
Book Reading

Date: Sunday 27 November 2022  
Timings: 6:00 pm–7:00 pm  
Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi  
All ages  
Languages: Arabic

Join Omar Al Obeidli, who will conduct a book reading in Arabic at Bait Obaid Al Shamsi.

COURSES

Stop Motion

Dates: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 23–25 September 2022  
Timings: 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman  
Ages: 11–15  
Languages: English and Arabic

Participants will be introduced to a basic range of techniques used in stop motion animation in this workshop. They will imagine, create and animate using clay, cartoon images and found objects to make their very own stop motion animation.
Basics of Filmmaking and Acting

**Dates:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 25–27 October 2022  
**Timings:** 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Location:** Collections Building, Arts Square  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Filmmaking Crew

Over the course of two days, participants will be introduced to the various elements of filmmaking, such as storytelling, storyboards, lighting, filming and editing. After this, they will be divided into groups to make a short film, along with the Acting Crew.

**Acting Crew**

Participating actors will work under the guidance of an instructor to learn how to connect to a scene and make specific, simple and personal choices while portraying a character. After this, they will link up with another workshop and perform roles in the short films produced by the Filmmaking Crew.

Story Writing

**Dates:** Saturday and Sunday, 19–20 November 2022  
**Timings:** 5:00 pm–7:00 pm  
**Location:** The Flying Saucer, Dasman  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** Arabic

This course provides a solid foundation in the essentials of story writing—from concept, character and story to plot, dialogue and structure. Guided by children’s book author Salha Obaid, participants will learn how to shape their story, create compelling characters, construct scenes and write effective dialogue.
PHOTOWALKS

Photowalk 01: Explore Your Neighbourhood

Date: Sunday, 6 November 2022
Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm
Location: Al Mureijah Square
Ages: 10+
Languages: English and Arabic

Beginning at the Art for All Centre, the walk will take participants on a tour of different locations in the Al Mureijah area, such as Courtyard C, The Urban Garden and the Corniche while simultaneously introducing them to various photographic techniques, so that they are able to shoot from different angles and frame images more inventively.

Photowalk 02: Shadows

Date: Sunday, 13 November 2022
Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm
Location: Al Hamriyah Studios
Ages: 10+
Languages: English and Arabic

Spaces in Al Hamriyah Studios, situated outside the city in the coastal area of Al Hamriyah, will serve as the muse for this photowalk, which includes a tour of the building and the community space with its courtyard and artist studios. The focus will be on exploring it spatially and documenting the shadows cast by and against it by natural light.
Photowalk 03: Architecture

Date: Sunday, 20 November 2022
Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 10+
Languages: English and Arabic

This guided excursion-cum-workshop takes you through the #SAF neighbourhood, a melting pot of historic and modern, populated by shops, buildings, alleyways and other architectural elements, the perfect setting for trying out new photographing angles with your camera and/or smartphones.

Photowalk 04: Shop Signs

Date: Sunday, 27 November 2022
Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 10+
Languages: English and Arabic

A photographer will guide participants on a walk exploring the Souq Saqr area and the shops surrounding it, pausing to attentively zoom in on shop fronts and fonts, colours, shapes and lighting. Participants will be later invited to sit together to share, discuss and critique their photographs.
Urban Garden Learning Programme

Grow Your Own Garden at Home

**Date:** Sunday, 13 November 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Art Spaces  
**Ages:** 15–18  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Join us to learn how to create your own home gardens using empty containers, found objects, cotton balls, water and seeds. Please bring a pot or container and a vegetable scrap from your pantry such as a garlic clove, lettuce stem, carrot top, avocado pit or spring onion root.

Introduction to Gardening

**Date:** Sunday, 20 November 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Art Spaces  
**Ages:** 12–18  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Develop your gardening skills at The Urban Garden in Al Mureijah Art Spaces. Find out about soil, seeding and different types of plants, including edible plants, flowers and trees. Then use your new knowledge to add new plants to the garden.
**Growing Vegetables from Seeds**

**Date:** Sunday, 11 December 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Art Spaces  
**Ages:** 7–12  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Learn how to dry plants and extract their seeds for planting. With this drying method, you will be able to plant and harvest your own vegetables at home.

**Waste Management and Composting**

**Date:** Sunday, 25 December 2022  
**Timings:** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Art Spaces  
**Ages:** 15–18  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Discover an easy way to reduce waste by turning ordinary kitchen scraps and yard waste into compost. This workshop covers the importance of composting as well as ways to set up a compost pile and use compost in the garden.
Extracting Colours from Fruits and Vegetables

**Date:** Sunday, 8 January 2023  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Art Spaces  
**Ages:** 11–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Have you ever wondered how dyes are made? Join this workshop to find out how to extract rich colours from fruits and vegetables such as pomegranates and beetroot.

Seed Swap

**Date:** Sunday, 15 January 2023  
**Timings:** 11:00 am–1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Art Spaces  
**Ages:** 12–15  
**Languages:** English and Arabic

Gather in The Urban Garden to exchange plants, seeds and other gardening items that you have brought. Share your gardening experiences and tips for success.
Designing a Book of Plants Using Recycled Paper
With artist Taqwa Al Naqbi

Date: Sunday, 22 January 2023
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Art Spaces
Ages: 12–18
Languages: English and Arabic

Make your own paper from recycled paper, and design a booklet of the plants in The Urban Garden.