

Autumn 2023

Learning Programme for Youth and Adults

20 September–19 November



Take part in our autumn 2023 programme and immerse yourself in critical discussions inspired by our exhibitions through panels, talks and workshops taking place from 20 September to 19 November. This autumn, we are also introducing a professional practice series for artists and art practitioners who would like to gain essential skills and knowledge to enhance their career.

Sessions will be conducted in various venues at Sharjah Art Foundation and are available to participants ages 15+. Courses, workshops and talks are free, and all materials are provided, where needed.

To find out more about the Learning Programme for Youth and Adults, please email youthandadults@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



Autism
Spectrum
Disorder



Attention
Deficit
Hyperactive
Disorder



Physical
Disability



Hearing
Impairment



Visual
Impairment



Intellectual
Disability



Specific
Learning
Disorder

Symposium

In the Heart of Another Country: The Diasporic Imagination Rises

Held in tandem with *In the Heart of Another Country: The Diasporic Imagination Rises*, this three-part symposium brings together art scholars and museum leaders to discuss key questions around representation and exhibition-making, sustainability and accessibility as well as the significance of public collections and the journey of this exhibition.

Welcome remarks

Conversation — The Journey of an Exhibition

Ages 15+

Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Timings: 12:30 pm–1:00 pm

Location: Gallery 3, Al Mureijah Art Spaces

Language: English



Join us for this conversation between Nawar Al Qassimi and Dr Omar Kholeif, curator of *In the Heart of Another Country*, to discuss the genesis of the exhibition. Together, they will explore the context of its first presentation at Deichtorhallen Hamburg, and its subsequent re-imagining and homecoming in Sharjah. The speakers will also address the significance of public collections and the transcultural dialogue that they enable.

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Speakers

Nawar Al Qassimi (Vice-President, Sharjah Art Foundation)

Omar Kholeif (Director of Collections and Senior Curator, Sharjah Art Foundation)

Panel — What is Representation?

Ages 15+

Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Timings: 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

Location: Gallery 3, Al Mureijah Art Spaces

Language: English



How have anti-colonial struggles, divergent nationalist movements and the politics of globalisation led to new ways of looking and examining the aesthetic culture of the ethnic Global Majority? How do we choose to narrate and constellate our memories, stories and feelings through the practice of exhibition-making? The question of longing and belonging—the conceptual starting point for the exhibition—is explored in this dynamic panel discussion between Anuar Khalifi, Dr Tina Sherwell and Dr Omar Kholeif.

Speakers

Anuar Khalifi (artist)

Tina Sherwell (Director of MFA in Art and Media, NYUAD)

Omar Kholeif (Director of Collections and Senior Curator, Sharjah Art Foundation)

Conversation — Curating Words: How do we Narrate our own Art History?

Ages 15+

Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Timings: 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

Location: Gallery 3, Al Mureijah Art Spaces

Language: English



What are the primary tools that practitioners use to narrate stories of artists who have been historically marginalised in the field of art history? How can language and the concept of radical hospitality engage new audiences with the context of an evolving form of modern and contemporary art? In this conversation, speakers from the UAE's cultural institutions will talk about the significance of creating sustainable and accessible platforms for contemporary art in the Gulf and beyond.

Speakers

Manal Ataya (Advisor, Sharjah Museums Authority)

Nora Razian (Deputy Director, Arts, Art Jameel)

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Moderator

Christianna Bonin (Assistant Professor, Department of Art and Design, American University of Sharjah)

Closing remarks **Omar Kholeif** (Director of Collections and Senior Curator, Sharjah Art Foundation)

Talks and Workshops
Vantage Point Sharjah 11

The 11th edition of Vantage Point Sharjah, our annual open-call photography exhibition, will be accompanied by a series of talks with participating artists, as well as workshops focused on photography techniques. Vantage Point Sharjah 11 finalists will speak about their practice and their exhibited works. Learn also about the latest image-making techniques, how to recontextualise found images as well as how to engage with archival material through photographic mediums.



Artist Talk: Oumaima Abaraghe

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm—4:20 pm, 20 mins

Location: Gallery 1, Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah

Language: English

Artist Talk: Mohamed Mahdy

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023

Timings: 4:20 pm—4:40 pm, 20 mins

Location: Gallery 1, Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah

Language: English

Artist Talk: Clea Rekhou

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023

Timings: 4:40 pm—5:00 pm, 20 mins

Location: Gallery 1, Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah

Language: English

Artist Talk: Yashna Kaul

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023

Timings: 5:00 pm—5:20 pm, 20 mins

Location: Gallery 1, Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah

Language: English

Artist Talk: Postbox Ghana

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023

Timings: 5:20 pm—5:50 pm, 30 mins

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Location: Gallery 1, Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah
Language: English

Workshop: Darkroom Photography

With Ammar Al Attar
Ages 15+

Date: Sunday, 15 October 2023
Timings: 11:00 am–2:00 pm
Location: Old Al Diwan Al Amiri, Al Hamriyah
Language: English



Learn the art of darkroom photography and print your own negatives. Participants will discover the basics of darkroom black and white printing, such as paper options, different equipment as well as the enlarging process and developing procedure. At the end of the day, participants will go home with a hand-made darkroom print.

Workshop: Photography Basics

With Tor Seidel
Ages 15+

Date: Sunday, 15 October 2023
Timings: 3:00 pm–6:00 pm
Location: Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah
Language: English



Participants will learn the art and basic techniques of photography, including composition, how to play with light and shadow and key camera settings, using various devices, from mobile phones to digital cameras.

Talk

Lubaina Himid and Magda Stawarska: Plaited Time / Deep Water

In conjunction with the exhibition *Lubaina Himid and Magda Stawarska: Plaited Time / Deep Water*, on view at Sharjah Art Foundation from 29 October 2023 — 28 January 2024, this conversation with the curator Omar Kholeif and the artists of the exhibition will discuss their long-time collaboration and their body of newly commissioned work.

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Conversation between Lubaina Himid, Magda Stawarska and Omar Kholeif

Ages 15+

Date: Sunday, 29 October 2023

Timings: 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Location: Bait Gholoum Ibrahim, Al Mureijah Square

Language: English



Lubaina Himid and Magda Stawarska: Plaited Time / Deep Water marks Himid's first exhibition in the region and has been conceived within the context of Sharjah's architecture, its soundscapes and the feelings evoked by its proximity to the sea. Join us for this conversation with curator Omar Kholeif and the artists of the exhibition to discuss their long-time collaboration and their body of newly commissioned work.

Speakers

Lubaina Himid (artist)

Magda Stawarska (artist)

Moderator

Omar Kholeif (Director of Collections and Senior Curator, Sharjah Art Foundation)

Professional Development Programme

Art practitioners in the UAE are invited to take advantage of our new Professional Development Programme. Participate in the Professional Practice Series to enhance your artistic practice and professional skills.

Workshop: Writing an Artist's Statement and Building an Artist's Portfolio

Ages 15+

Date: Saturday, 21 October

Timings: 2:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Language: English



In this in-depth workshop, come and learn how to write an artist statement and how to build a captivating portfolio. In the first part of the workshop, gain an insight into the way visual artists contextualise their practice in their statements. You will be guided through the basic principles and do's and don'ts and learn how to modify an artist statement depending on its purpose.

In the latter half of the workshop, you will be equipped with the necessary skills and tools needed to build a compelling artist portfolio, one that documents your work and showcases your distinctive artistic style. Bring your own statements and portfolios, which you will have a chance to workshop and edit one-on-one with the instructor.

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Workshop: A Guide to Fair Use in Film and Video

Ages 15+

Date: Saturday, 11 November

Timings: 2:00 pm–3:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Language: English



Are you a filmmaker or a video artist? If so, join us to gain valuable knowledge about key legal principles and guidelines for fair use—an essential concept for artists who incorporate visual culture into their work. You will also learn strategies that you can apply when using copyrighted materials to avoid the risk of legal complications.

Workshop: Approaches to Museum Education

Ages 15+

Date: Saturday, 11 November

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Language: English



Explore best practices in museum education and public programming in this session. Learn how to engage diverse audiences with your institution’s collections and exhibitions. Find out how to curate impactful and inclusive educational programmes that are designed to enrich the learning experience of your visitors. Students who are studying subjects related to museum education or museology are also invited to attend.

Workshop: Grant Writing for Art Practitioners

Ages 15+

Date: Saturday, 18 November

Timings: 11:00 pm–12:00 pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Language: English



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Learn how to write a persuasive funding proposal for your project in this in-depth session for art practitioners. You will also learn about creating an estimated budget, setting project timelines and reaching key milestones. Also gain an insight into building a strong case for potential sponsors that will enable you to distinguish your project from other applicants.

Workshop: Building Your Social Media Presence

Ages 15+

Date: Sunday, 19 November 2023

Timings: 2:00–3:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Language: English



Join this session to learn key skills for building a successful social media presence. Learn how to showcase your work on various digital platforms and discover the keys to building a unique brand identity and gather an engaged following to expand your reach.

Workshop: A Guide to Artist Residencies

Ages 15+

Date: Sunday, 19 November 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Language: English



Are you curious about artist residencies? Join this session to find out how artists can benefit from residencies and dedicate time to their practice while immersing themselves in a new setting. Discover how to choose the right residency format and navigate the application process. In addition, you will explore the impact of artist residencies on artists' careers and the opportunities they bring.