

Summer 2023

Learning Programme for Youth and Adults

15 July–26 August



Embark on a creative journey this summer with our wide-ranging line-up of short courses and workshops from 15 July to 26 August 2023. Explore diverse art forms, and learn both theory and practice from accomplished art professionals. Whether you have a specific goal in mind or simply want to indulge in a summer filled with artistic expression, our programme is designed to inspire, educate and ignite your passion for the arts. Unlock your creative potential, and make lasting connections within a community of fellow art enthusiasts.

Offered in English and/or Arabic, depending on participant needs, sessions take place in The Flying Saucer. Courses and workshops are free, and all materials are provided.

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

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COURSES

Advanced Photography Techniques

Ages: 15+

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 15–16 July 2023

Timings: 4:00 pm–7:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Languages: English and Arabic



Explore the capabilities and features of your camera, and express your creativity with advanced photography techniques such as exposure bracketing, long exposure photography, multiple exposure blending and time-lapse photography.

Participants need to bring their own DSLR camera.

What I see is real: Writing Critically About Visual Culture

Ages: 16+

Dates: Friday to Sunday, 21–23 July 2023

Timings: 2:00 pm–5:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Languages: English



Writing is an intimidating act. Writing about art or visual culture is even more so. In this two-part workshop, we'll learn how to critically evaluate visual culture and be more engaged and self-assured as viewers. We will begin by learning to trust our instincts, to discern between good and shallow investigations of visual culture and analyse work in both physical and digital spaces. The second half will be generative. We will write and edit short texts together to practise critiquing with care. No prior arts knowledge is required.

Visual Storytelling in Documentaries

Ages: 16+

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 29–30 July 2023

Timings: 2:00 pm–5:00 pm

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How do documentary directors break down real situations into the right shots? Learn about the tools of screen grammar and sequencing that filmmakers use to craft compelling narratives. Analyse case studies and different nonfiction visual storytelling styles.

Curating Contemporary Art and Design

Ages: 18+

Dates: Friday to Sunday, 4-6 August 2023

Timings: 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Languages: English



If you are an aspiring museum or gallery professional or someone who is just interested in curatorial work, this intensive course is for you. You will learn about exhibition concept development, curatorial ethics, practical exhibition design, audience engagement and collaborations between curators and artists. A certificate of attendance will be awarded at the end of the course.

Create Personal Meaning through Art Journals and Sketchbooks

Ages: 15+

Dates: Saturday, 12 and 19 August 2023

Timings: 2:00 pm–5:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Languages: English



Discover how to record your ideas and observations through visual journaling, and experiment with various drawing techniques to develop and track your artistic process through the medium of sketchbooks.

Sounds of Sharjah

Ages: 15+

Dates: Tuesday and Wednesday, 22–23 August 2023

Timings: 5:30 pm–7:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Languages: English and Arabic



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After gaining an understanding of field recording as a creative practice through a brief historical introduction, learn how to capture sounds from your surroundings and turn them into exciting sound collages.

WORKSHOPS

Revisiting Childhood: Working with Personal Archives

Ages: 15+

Date: Saturday, 26 August 2023
Timings: 2:00 pm–5:00 pm
Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman
Languages: English and Arabic



Create mixed-media artworks inspired by your family archives. Explore how different artists have used personal archives in their work, and draw on memories, images and objects from your childhood to develop new artistic ideas.

MEETUPS

Meetup: Self-Expression through Portrait Photography

Ages: 16+

Date: Saturday, 19 August 2023
Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman
Languages: English and Arabic



Meet up with your fellow photographers to discuss personal experiences during photo shoots in the UAE and gain insight into each other's interests and inspirations.

Meetup: Fashion and Culture

Ages: 16+

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Date: Saturday, 26 August 2023

Timings: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Dasman

Languages: English and Arabic



Calling all fashion enthusiasts! Join a discussion with established designers about how tradition is passed down through clothing styles and textiles. Find out what our clothes can tell us about our communities and cultures.