CHILDREN’S EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Sharjah Art Foundation’s education programme offers children the opportunity to discover their artistic creativity while learning about art and culture. Through a variety of learning experiences featuring workshops, family concert series and a children’s library, SAF’s multi-disciplinary approach helps students build art knowledge, creativity and confidence. Taught by artists, the programme is designed for children 5-15 years of age.

All workshops and activities are open to the public Saturdays from 10am-5pm. SAF’s autumn programme is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-5pm for schools that wish to participate.

To register please send an email to education@sharjahart.org or phone 06 585 5050.

Please note that all workshops and activities are stand alone sessions.

All events are free and open to the public.
All material is provided by Sharjah Art Foundation.

SILKSCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP
28 September + 26 October + 16 November
10 am - all day workshop
Ages 12-15 years

This class covers the fundamentals of silkscreening from screen preparation to final print. Participants learn how to use screen printing equipment and tools, and are taught basic tips to print their own designs.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT WORKSHOP II
28 September + 26 October + 16 November
12:45 - 2:45 pm
Ages 5-10 years

The aim of the creative movement workshop is to cultivate imagination, build self confidence and encourage children to think creatively. A spontaneous and playful class, participants will learn to explore and express different parts of their personality through body movements and improvisations.

WIRE SCULPTURE
28 September + 26 October + 16 November
3:15 - 5:15 pm
Ages 12-15 years

Participants are asked to draw different objects. Their favourite is used to create a wire sculpture that is then mounted on a sculpture base.
MAKE A FILM IN A DAY
5 October + 2 November
10 am - all day workshop
Ages 12+ years
Participants are given an overview of the whole filmmaking process. Working in teams, young filmmakers work against the clock to plan, storyboard, shoot, act and edit their film.
*Participants are encouraged to bring their video cameras, smartphones or other i-devices.*

MOSAIC WORKSHOP
5 October + 2 November + 23 November
12:45 - 2:45 pm
Ages 10+ years
Students in this workshop learn core mosaic techniques and create an artwork they can take home.

DRAWING STILL LIFE
5 October + 2 November + 23 November
3:15 - 5:15 pm
Ages 8-14 years
Students use chalk and pastels in this introductory workshop to still life drawing.

MURAL WORKSHOP
12 October + 9 November + 23 November
10am - 2:45pm
Ages 8+ years
Students in this hands-on workshop learn self expression through large scale painting. The artwork resulting from the mural workshop will be put on display.
*Please note that participants are encouraged to bring an item that is important to them for inspiration.*

ARABIC TYPOGRAPHY
12 October + 9 November
12:45 - 2:45 pm
Ages 5-10 years
Intended for young children, this workshop is an invitation to discover the Arabic alphabet through its basic geometric shapes. It is an exercise in abstraction where an Alef could be three squares stacked on top of each other and a Meem is simply a circle and a rectangle.
TEXTILE WORKSHOP
12 October + 9 November + 23 November
3:15 - 5:15pm
Ages 10+ years

Based around knitting, crochet, felting and sewing, participants learn a new craft skill and create mini art projects. Please note that each workshop has a different theme.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
12 October + 9 November
3:15 - 5:15pm
Ages 10+ years

In this workshop, students learn the basics of photography. Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras, smartphones or other i-devices.

CHILDREN’S GARDEN
Weekly - Saturdays
28 September + 5 October + 26 October + 2 November + 9 November + 16 November + 23 November
10am - 12pm

Gardening gives children a chance to learn important life skills. It is also a great way to teach environmental awareness. Participants create garden beds to grow seasonal vegetables, fruits and flowers. Each week students will be involved in every step of the process as they learn to care for their garden; water, weed and harvest their crop. They will also add different elements to their garden such as mushrooms, scarecrows, and garden markers.

CHILDREN’S LIBRARY
Bi-Monthly - Tuesdays
1 October + 22 October + 12 November + 26 November
4 - 5pm

SAF’s Children’s Library is open daily for families and children to enjoy. A librarian will lead a story time session using puppets and other storytelling aids that will make reading a fun-filled and exciting experience. Children will draw, colour and talk about their favourite characters.

FAMILY CONCERT SERIES
Monthly - Thursdays
24 October + 14 November + 5 December
5 - 6pm

The Family Concert Series offers a unique opportunity for families to spend quality time with their children and enrich their lives through exposure to the musical arts. Each week Sharjah Art Foundation will feature a different genre of music that everyone can appreciate.