

**OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**Sharjah Biennial 15:**  
***Thinking Historically in the Present***  
**7–12 February 2023**



**GENERAL PROGRAMME**

**TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY**

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| 9:00 am           | Welcome remarks by <b>Sheikha Hoor Al Qasimi</b> , President of Sharjah Art Foundation and curator of SB15, Al Mureijah Square<br><br>Opening of Sharjah Biennial 15 (SB15)<br>Al Mureijah Square venues (Galleries 1–6 and heritage houses)<br>Calligraphy Square<br>Al Hisn and Bank Street Building<br>Arts Square venues (Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Bait Al Serkal and Sharjah Art Museum) |
| 11:00 am–12:00 pm | <i>The Tea We Drink</i><br><b>Annalee Davis</b><br>Tea ceremony and conversation with <b>Yeori Guépin, Shiraz Bayjoo, Bahar Behbahani</b> and <b>Tahila Mintz</b><br>Bait Al Hurma, Al Mureijah Square                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4:00 pm–5:00 pm   | <i>burbang-buwanha winha-nga-nha (Returned Ceremony of Memory)</i><br><b>Brook Andrew</b><br>Performance<br>Bait Hassan Abdallah, Al Mureijah Square                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10:30 pm–11:00 pm | <i>Brothahood   Gnawa and Capoeira</i><br><b>Hassan Hajjaj</b> with <b>Mestre Pastel</b> and <b>Maalem Marouane</b><br>Performance<br>Al Mureijah Square, Sharjah                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:00 pm–12:30 am | <i>Gnawa Capoeira Brothahood</i><br><b>Hassan Hajjaj</b><br>Film Screening<br>Mirage City Cinema, Al Mureijah Square                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

\*All venues will be open from 9:00 am.

## WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY

Tour of venues in Kalba City and Khorfakkan City (East Coast)

Tour itinerary: Kalba Kindergarten, Kalba Ice Factory, Khorfakkan Art Centre, Khorfakkan Cinema and Sharjah Performing Arts Academy

(Transportation will leave for Kalba City from Al Mureijah Square at 8:00 am.)

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| 10:00 am–11:00 am | Tour of Kalba Kindergarten, Kalba                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11:00 am–12:00 pm | <i>The Unknown Sailor</i><br><b>Abdulrahim Salem</b><br>Performance<br>Kalba Ice Factory, Kalba                                                                                                     |
| 12:00 pm–1:00 pm  | Tour of Kalba Ice Factory, Kalba                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1:00 pm –2:00 pm  | Lunch in Kalba Ice Factory, Kalba<br>(Transportation from Kalba to Khorfakkan leaves at 2:00 pm.)                                                                                                   |
| 3:00 pm –4:00 pm  | <i>Hikayat Wanatentrem Story Telling</i><br><b>Maharani Mancanagara</b><br>Performance<br>Khorfakkan Art Centre, Khorfakkan                                                                         |
| 4:00 pm–5:00 pm   | <i>Bird</i><br><b>Selma Ouissi &amp; Soufiane Ouissi</b><br>Performance<br>Khorfakkan Cinema, Khorfakkan<br>(Limited capacity: 60 people)                                                           |
| 4:00 pm–5:00 pm   | Tour of Khorfakkan Art Centre, Khorfakkan                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5:00 pm–6:00 pm   | Conversation with <b>Meleanna Meyer, Solomon Enos and Kahi Ching</b><br>Khorfakkan Art Centre, Khorfakkan<br>(Transportation from Khorfakkan to Sharjah Performing Arts Academy leaves at 6:00 pm.) |
| 7:30 pm–8:00 pm   | Refreshments<br>Sharjah Performing Arts Academy, Sharjah                                                                                                                                            |
| 8:00 pm–9:00 pm   | <i>Gueules Noires</i><br><b>Compagnie Niya &amp; Rachid Hedli</b><br>Performance<br>Sharjah Performing Arts Academy, Sharjah                                                                        |

## THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY

Tour of venues in Sharjah City and Al Dhaid City (Central Region)

Tour itinerary: Khalid Bin Mohammed School, The Flying Saucer, Sheikh Khalid Bin Mohammed Palace and Farm, and Old Al Dhaid Clinic

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| 10:00 am–11:00 am | Tour of Khalid Bin Mohammed School (The Africa Institute), Sharjah                                                                                                                           |
| 11:00 am–12:00 pm | Tour of The Flying Saucer, Sharjah<br>(Transportation will leave for Al Dhaid from Al Mureijah Square at 12:00 pm.)                                                                          |
| 1:00 pm–2:30 pm   | <i>Don't let the beautiful colors fool you, who would draw Goofy inside the rooms of grownups?</i><br><b>Ali Eyal</b><br>Performance<br>Sheikh Khalid Bin Mohammed Palace and Farm, Al Dhaid |
| 2:30 pm–4:00 pm   | <i>Performance and Lunch</i><br><b>Michael Rakowitz</b><br>Sheikh Khalid Bin Mohammed Palace and Farm, Al Dhaid                                                                              |
| 4:00 pm–5:00 pm   | Tour of Al Dhaid venues                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6:30 pm–7:30 pm   | <i>Tear Out The Eyes</i><br><b>Gabriela Golder</b><br>Performance<br>Sheikh Khalid Bin Mohammed Farm, Al Dhaid<br>(Transportation will leave for Al Mureijah Square at 7:30 pm.)             |

## FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY

Tour to venues in Al Hamriyah City and Sharjah City

Tour itinerary: Al Hamriyah Studios, Old Al Diwan Al Amiri, Old Al Jubail Vegetable Market, Arts Square and Al Mureijah Square

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| 11:30 am–1:00 pm | Tour of Al Hamriyah Studios and Old Al Diwan Al Amiri, Al Hamriyah<br>(Transportation will leave for Al Hamriyah from Al Mureijah Square at 11:00 am.) |
| 1:00 pm–2:30 pm  | Lunch<br>Old Al Diwan Al Amiri, Al Hamriyah<br>(Transportation will leave for Al Mureijah Square at 2:30 pm.)                                          |
| 3:00 pm–3:30 pm  | Tour of Old Al Jubail Vegetable Market, Sharjah                                                                                                        |
| 3:30 pm–4:00 pm  | <i>Mango Slice / The King's Wife</i><br><b>Joiri Minaya</b><br>Performance<br>Old Al Jubail Vegetable Market, Sharjah                                  |
| 4:30 pm–8:30 pm  | Tour of Arts Square, Sharjah<br>(Tours every hour in all Arts Square venues)                                                                           |
| 8:30 pm–11:00 pm | Talk and Film Screening<br>TBC<br>Mirage City Cinema, Al Mureijah Square                                                                               |
| 9:00 pm–9:30 pm  | Refreshments<br>Fen Café & Restaurant<br>Al Mureijah Square, Sharjah                                                                                   |

## SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY

Tours and performances across Sharjah City venues

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| 9:00 am–9:00 pm   | Tours on the hour<br>All SB15 venues                                                                                                                 |
| 11:00 am–12:00 pm | <i>The Willing</i><br><b>Helina Metaferia</b> with <b>ArinMaya</b> and <b>Abby Dobson</b><br>Performance<br>Arts Square, Sharjah                     |
| 3:00 pm–5:00 pm   | Open Capoeira Session<br><b>Hassan Hajjaj</b> with <b>Mestre Pastel</b><br>Open Session<br>Arts Square, Sharjah                                      |
| 4:00 pm–5:00 pm   | <i>burbang-buwanha winha-nga-nha (Returned Ceremony of Memory)</i><br><b>Brook Andrew</b><br>Performance<br>Bait Hassan Abdallah, Al Mureijah Square |
| 5:00 pm–6:30 pm   | <i>The Search for Power</i><br><b>Tania El Khoury</b><br>Performance<br>Old Al Jubail Vegetable Market, Sharjah<br>(Limited capacity: 30 people)     |
| 8:00 pm–9:00 pm   | <i>Water is a time machine</i><br><b>Aline Motta</b><br>Lecture Performance<br>Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square                                     |
| 9:30 pm–10:30 pm  | <i>Performance</i><br><b>Basel Abbas &amp; Ruanne Abou-Rahme</b><br>Bait Haider Abadi, Al Mureijah Square<br>(Limited capacity: 30 people)           |

## SUNDAY, 12 FEBRUARY

Tours and performances across Sharjah City venues

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| 9:00 am–9:00 pm  | Tours on the hour<br>All SB15 venues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2:00 pm–3:30 pm  | Open Conversation between Gnawa and Capoeira<br><b>Hassan Hajjaj</b> with <b>Maalam Marouane, Maalem Younes, MestrePastel</b> and <b>Americano Antonio</b> . Moderator: <b>Surafel W. Abebe</b><br>Panel Discussion<br>Gallery 1 and 2 Courtyard, Al Mureijah Square |
| 5:00 pm–6:30 pm  | <i>The Search for Power</i><br><b>Tania El Khoury</b><br>Performance<br>Old Al Jubail Vegetable Market, Sharjah<br>(Limited capacity: 30 people)                                                                                                                     |
| 8:00 pm–9:00 pm  | <i>The Foiled War of Bharatayudha</i><br><b>Heri Dono</b><br>Performance<br>Calligraphy Square, Sharjah                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9:30 pm–10:30 pm | <i>The Wake</i><br><b>The Living and the Dead Ensemble</b><br>Performance<br>Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square                                                                                                                                                       |