

# SHARJAH BIENNIAL 15

## Learning Programme for Children and Families

1–29 April 2023



Design a floral neon print, make your own kaleidoscope or mini boat, and create portraits, landscapes and patterns. Enjoy all these activities during this month's Learning Programme for Children and Families.

Running from 1 to 29 April, the programme invites you to experience an array of arts activities and events inspired by artists participating in Sharjah Biennial 15 (SB15): Thinking Historically in the Present.

Along with their families, those aged 6 to 15 can connect with and learn first-hand from SB15 artists, locally based artists, art practitioners and community members.

Offered in English and/or Arabic, the April sessions take place in Sharjah—at the Collections Building and Bait Obaid Al Shamsi in Arts Square and the Sharjah Maritime Museum in Al Khan.

Please note that for any session identified as a Family Workshop, young participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Sessions are free, and all materials are provided. To find out more, please email [children@sharjahart.org](mailto:children@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

## EXHIBITION TOURS

Join guided tours of all our exhibitions, in both Arabic and English, and then attend our workshops to learn more about the artworks on view.

To book a visit, please email [children@sharjahart.org](mailto:children@sharjahart.org).

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## WORKSHOPS

### Ongoing Sharjah Biennial 15 Mural Project

Family Workshop

Dates: Saturday, 1 April 2023

Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Contribute to the ongoing Sharjah Biennial 15 Mural Project, taking your imagination on a journey across past, present and future. Immerse yourself in the artworks, architecture and nature around you, and work collaboratively with other SB15 visitors to paint your impressions of Biennial works and venues on one of several large murals. At the end of the project, all the murals will be on view at the Collections Building, Arts Square.

The Sharjah Biennial 15 Mural Project has been inspired by SB15 artist Pipo Nguyen-Duy's work (My) East of Eden (2011–2013), which reflects on the artist's childhood in Vietnam.

### Create Collages with Photos and Painting

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 1 April 2023

Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Visit SB15 artist Shiraz Bayjoo's Searching for Libertalia (2019) to learn about his techniques for combining photography and painting. Then make a mixed-media collage using photographs of family and friends, multicoloured paint and other mediums. Bring your favourite photos along. A scanner and printer will be provided to make copies of the photos you will use in your collage.

### Transform Colourful Patterns

Ages 11–15

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Transform and reform the motifs and patterns in SB15 artist Yinka Shonibare's Decolonised Structures (2022), statues covered in vibrant fabric designs that reveal the ties between place and power. Elaborate on Shonibare's patterns with coloured markers on paper.

### Grow a Garden of Neon Prints

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 8 April 2023

Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Employ a basic printmaking technique with cardboard to combine shapes and build floral prints with glow-in-the-dark colours. Take inspiration from the blooming flowers in SB15 artists Iftikhar Dadi and Elizabeth Dadi's neon light structures titled Efflorescence (2013–ongoing).

### Colour Your World with a Kaleidoscope

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 8 April 2023

Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Ever looked through a kaleidoscope and wondered how the beautiful moving shapes were created? With guidance from the teaching artist, learn how art and science work together to reflect the light and create the movable symmetrical coloured patterns. Then make your own kaleidoscope using simple materials like mirrors and colours.

### Design Your Own Shop Sign

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Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm  
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Join us for a tour of Souq Saqr to find out how many of SB15 artist Lubaina Himid's interpretive shop signs you can spot. As you discover the signs from her work *Dream Boats* (2022), make notes about the design, colours and messages in each one. After the tour, use your notes to create a drawing that expresses your impressions of the signs and objects you have observed.

### Represent Your Family through Paper Cut-Outs

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 15 April 2023  
Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm  
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah  
Languages: English and Arabic



Get ready to represent your family in a bright and imaginative way. Use paper cut-outs to develop your own family portrait, experimenting with colour and form. Discover ideas for your portrait in SB15 artist Sangeeta Sandrasegar's *On the Field of Truth on the battlefield of Life* (2021), which consists of wall-mounted cut-out figures that evoke her family history.

### Recreate Pixels with Mixed Media

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 15 April 2023  
Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm  
Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah  
Languages: English and Arabic



Inspired by SB15 artist Joiiri Minaya's wallpaper work *Redecode* (2015/2023), made from digital units called pixels, manually create your own 'pixelated' artwork with mixed media such as paper cut-outs and stickers.

### Communicate through Abstract Landscapes

Ages 11–15

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Date: Saturday, 15 April 2023  
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Create abstract paintings that depict the culture and nature of the UAE after studying images of SB15 artist Queenie McKenzie's paintings of Aboriginal Australian traditions and landscapes. Take inspiration from her painting style and her use of earthy neutral colours as you produce your own work using acrylic paint.

### The Art of Boats

In collaboration with Sharjah Maritime Museum

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 29 April 2023  
Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm  
Location: Sharjah Maritime Museum, Al Khan  
Languages: English and Arabic



Take an excursion to the Sharjah Maritime Museum to explore the relationship between Sharjah's inhabitants and the sea. Learn about different types of boats and traditional shipbuilding systems. After the tour, make a mini boat with string art, outlining the shape of the boat with nails and then filling in the shape by wrapping yarn around the nails.