

SHARJAH BIENNIAL 15

Learning Programme for Children and Families

4–25 March 2023



This month's Learning Programme for Children and Families features workshops on drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media, photography and futuristic design as well as courses on pinhole photography and documentary filmmaking.

Taking place from 4 to 25 March, the programme invites you to experience an array of arts activities and events inspired by the work of one of the international artists and collectives participating in Sharjah Biennial 15 (SB15): **Thinking Historically in the Present**.

With other participants aged 6 to 15 and their families, connect with and learn first-hand from SB15 artists, locally based artists, art practitioners and community members through tours, excursions, workshops and courses.

Offered in English and/or Arabic, depending on participant needs, the sessions unfold in Al Mureijah Square, Arts Square, The Flying Saucer and Souq Al Jubail in the city of Sharjah as well as Al Madam Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre and Al Hamriyah Studios.

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, 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.

WORKSHOPS

Express Your Personality on Tiles

Ages: 11–15

Date: Saturday, 4 March 2023

Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Represent the many sides of your personality in a similar way to that of SB15 artist Maitha Abdallah, who addresses the multiple characters in each of us through her works with pink tiles. Express your different characters through your own drawings on tiles, and explore symbols for people, objects and ideas that interest you.

Make a Mixed Media Artwork

Ages: 6–10

Date: Saturday, 4 March 2023

Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Al Hamriyah

Languages: English and Arabic



Study the work of SB15 artist Tahila Mintz to see the range of mediums she uses in her portraits of Indigenous women around the world—from ribbons and beads to bird feathers and corn husks. Create your own 3D artwork from different kinds of materials, including paper, colours and accessories like beads.

Design the City of the Future

Ages: 6–10

Date: Saturday, 11 March 2023

Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Draw, paint and craft your vision of a perfect futuristic city with robots, flying cars and gardens. Taking inspiration from Monira Al Qadiri's work *Crude Eye*, consider how you could make cities more convenient, more beautiful and more environmentally friendly places to live.

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Bring the Fish Market Alive in Watercolours

In collaboration with Souq Al Jubail, Sharjah
Ages: 11–15

Date: Saturday, 11 March 2023
Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Location: Souq Al Jubail, Sharjah
Languages: English and Arabic



Reflect your sensory experiences and impressions of the fish market at Souq Al Jubail through watercolours. Observe the daily routine of shopkeepers and fishermen, taking in the colourful fish, shopkeepers at work and bustling crowds, and experiment with techniques for sketching movement, depicting characters and evoking the lively scenes.

Cyanotype Prints

Family Workshop

Date: Sunday, 12 March 2023
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: Kalba Art Centre, Kalba
Languages: English and Arabic



Cyanotype is a mid-nineteenth-century process of cameraless photography, unique because of its cyan blue colour. Using plants found near Kalba Art Centre, produce your own cyanotype prints by placing foliage on light-sensitive paper and exposing your designs to sunlight.

Paint Live

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 18 March 2023
Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah
Languages: English and Arabic



Taking inspiration from Abdulrahim Salem's live painting work at SB15, listen to an Emirati sea shanty and reflect on the life of fishermen and pearl divers. Immerse yourself in music, movement and your location next to the creek to paint your feelings and experiences onto a large canvas.

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Understand Strength through Mould Casting

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 18 March 2023

Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah

Languages: English and Arabic



After viewing sculptures and mixed media works by SB15 artist Hank Willis Thomas and exploring their connection to the people and cultural movements in the Republic of the Congo, learn the steps of mould making and casting, using your hands as the subject of your work.

Experiment with Light Photography

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 25 March 2023

Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn new tips and tricks for lighting techniques and props to improve your photography skills. View the installation Pursuit by SB15 artist and filmmaker Steve McQueen, which explores body movement and the use of light as a filmic experience. Then experiment with different forms of lighting to re-envision and recreate photographs using projections, reflection and playful lights.

Create Colourful Fabric Frames for Photos

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 25 March 2023

Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



After viewing printed images of artist Mounira Al Solh's A day is as long as a year, a mixed media work that explores the personal history and heritage of women, create your own vibrant embroidery piece by combining fabric scraps to make a frame. Finish your work by adding a photo of a loved one, activity or scene to your frame.

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Design with Gold Ink

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 25 March 2023

Timings: 9:30 pm–11:30 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Using gold ink on blue paper, create different prints and patterns inspired by SB15 artist Kambui Olujimi's *In The Dark, We Lose Our Edges* and the architecture of *The Flying Saucer*. Olujimi's work is an immersive site-specific installation comprising sculpture, sound and painting, with blue and gold as the dominant colours.

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COURSES

Experiment with Pinhole Photography

Ages 11–15

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 4–5 March 2023

Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Studios, Al Hamriyah

Languages: English and Arabic



Create your own pinhole camera, and learn how to shoot and develop photos. On the first day of the course, you will transform an old metal container into a pinhole camera, used in the past to produce photos without a lens. After making your camera, you will walk around Al Hamriyah Studios and Al Hamriyah Beach to take photos. On the second day, you will learn how to develop your photos.

Write and Shoot a Documentary Movie

Family Workshop

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 18–19 March 2023

Timings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Create a documentary film exploring your family's role in a particular profession or artistic pursuit. You will first brainstorm ideas and write a script. Next, you will plan for the required sets and props and cast the actors. Finally, you will learn some important techniques for filming, editing and adding sound to your documentary and then apply your new skills to your project.