

Sharjah Biennial 15: *Thinking Historically in the Present*

Schools Programme

17 February–11 June 2023

From 17 February to 11 June 2023, students aged 6 to 18 can enjoy tours and workshops inspired by the work of the international artists and collectives participating in Sharjah Biennial 15: *Thinking Historically in the Present*. School groups can take a tour as a stand-alone activity, or they can participate in both a tour and a workshop. A tour can provide important context for the activities in a workshop.

Interested schools and community centres can select the tours and/or workshops as well as dates and times that are most appropriate for them. Workshops, with or without a tour, usually take two hours. Tours alone are generally 30 minutes. Sessions are conducted in Arabic and /or English, depending on the needs of the participants.

All Schools Programme tours and workshops, except for visits to Rain Room (where the admission charge is discounted for students), are free and open to all. Materials are provided by Sharjah Art Foundation.

To learn more about the Schools Programme, email schools@sharjahart.org, or call (06) 568 5050.

To register for tours and workshops, click [here](#).

Please note that if you wish to book tickets for Rain Room, you can do so directly at <http://sharjahart.org/sharjah-artfoundation/projects/rain-room>.

Sharjah Art Foundation is committed to making its programmes inclusive and accessible. Disability symbols are included in all session descriptions. Kindly contact the Schools Programme in advance to arrange for any support needed during the workshops or other activities.

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, to discover the wide array of Sharjah Biennial 15 works. Tours can be tailored to the ages and interests of individual student groups.

WORKSHOP

Paper Weaving

Ages: 10+

Date: To be decided with schools and community centres

Duration: Two hours

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn how to weave, and create different patterns using colourful paper. Take inspiration from the work of SB15 artist Nelly Sethna, whose figurative tapestries entwine natural designs with geometric and ritual diagrams.

Create Shadow Art

Ages: 6+

Date: To be decided with schools and community centres

Duration: Two hours

Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic



Inspired by SB15 artist Aziza Shadenova's installation featuring silhouettes of hands, vases and other objects, make your own colourful artworks with projected shadows of different kinds of toys (e.g. cars, dolls and animals). First, you will outline the shadow of a toy on cardboard and cut out the shape. Then you can decorate your shadow shape with markers and coloured paper, which you will insert into spaces you have cut out of the cardboard. Finally, you can project light on your shadow artwork to produce a new shadow that looks like stained glass.