

## Spring 2024

### Learning Programme for Children and Families

24 February–26 May

Spark your creativity, and discover new art forms through workshops taking place from 24 February to 26 May 2024.

Develop your skills in a wide range of art forms, including weaving, painting, needle punching, wood carving, typography and photography. Enjoy an opportunity to create 2D paper puppets or woven handbags; take part in a mural-making activity led by artists Najat Maki and Diaa Allam to convert public areas in Al Hamriyah into colourful narrative canvases. Many of the sessions are inspired by works on view in ongoing Sharjah Art Foundation exhibitions, including *The Casablanca Art School*, *Lala Rukh: In the Round* and *Henok Melkamzer: Telsem Symbols and Imagery*.

Connect with other participants ages 6 to 15 and their family members as you learn from professional artists working in a broad range of visual arts. Offered in English and/or Arabic, depending on participant needs, the sessions are conducted in Al Hamriyah Art Centre, The Flying Saucer and the Collections Building, Arts Square, in the city of Sharjah.

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

All workshops are free, and materials are provided. A small fee is charged for the courses. To register and learn more about the courses and workshops, 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, available 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

##### Mega Weaving

Family Workshop



Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024

Timings: 4:00 pm–8:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Al Hamriyah, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic

Team up with others on a collective mega weaving project taking place throughout the day. Using wool and threads of different colours, create abstract lines and shapes to form a mega woven piece.

##### Create a Mural

Ages 11–15



Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024

Timings: 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Al Hamriyah, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic

Join artists Najat Maki and Diaa Allam to create murals in Al Hamriyah. Along with other participants, convert public areas into colourful narrative canvases that tell a visual story about Sharjah's identity, culture and social landscape.

##### Punch Needle Patterns

Family Workshop



Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024

Timings: 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

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Needle punching is a form of embroidery similar to rug hooking. Explore the basic technique and tools used to make a textured piece. Be inspired by Amazigh patterns, like the ones on display in our exhibition *The Casablanca Art School*, to create an outline and then filling it with loops of yarn wool to finish your work.

#### Wood carving

Ages 11–15



Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024

Timings: 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Al Hamriyah, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic

See *Untitled*, a series of wood works by artist Mohamed Chabâa, currently on view in our ongoing exhibition *The Casablanca Art School*. Later, you will learn how to turn a block of wood into a sculpture by carving, sanding and assembling the individual pieces.

#### Weaving a Bracelet

Ages 15+



Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024

Timings: 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Location: Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Al Hamriyah, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic

Weaving is a very delicate craft sacred to the Amazigh people of Algeria and Morocco. Discover the different shapes and forms of weaving in their culture, and enjoy an opportunity to create your own thread bracelet inspired by Amazigh weaving techniques.

#### Typography

Ages 6–10

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Date: Saturday, 2 March 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Learn about typography and then reform letters to create different types. You will be using coloured paper and adding drawings to transform your initial letter.

#### Souffles Magazine

Ages 15+



Date: Saturday, 2 March 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Join us as we read and explore interesting stories in *Souffles*, a journal published from 1966 to 1972 in Morocco to decolonise the arts and democratise the cultural field. Come along as we discuss what we learned and enjoyed about the stories we discovered.

#### **RAMADAN NIGHT - 23 March 2024**

#### Stitching on Cardboard

Ages 6–10



Date: Saturday, 23 March 2024

Timings: 8:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

A simple activity designed for young children, this workshop will focus on how to stitch on cardboard using big needles, or on readymade punched outlines of geometric patterns.

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### Paper Puppets

Ages 15+



Date: Saturday, 23 March 2024

Timings: 8:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Learn how to construct a movable 2D puppet for a character you have created using paper, threads and pins.

### Woven Thread Handbag

Ages 15+



Date: Saturday, 23 March 2024

Timings: 8:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Learn how to weave using only your hands and enjoy an opportunity to create a unique piece. Craft a personalised handbag and discover the different shapes and forms of weaving techniques.

### Textiles Printing

Ages 11–15



Date: Saturday, 23 March 2024

Timings: 8:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Handcrafted block printing is an age-old technique that has reinvented itself many times. Learn how to create patterns and textiles to print on fabric with the blocking technique.

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By the end of the workshop, you will have a piece of textile art that can be used in several different ways, including as a fashion accessory, or a decorative element.

#### Fibre Weaving

Ages 11 – 15



Date: Saturday, 20 April 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Create simple yet beautiful looking art pieces using a variety of weaving techniques. Build looms from a piece of cardboard and string to create a tapestry.

#### Digitise Posters

Ages 6–10



Date: Saturday, 20 April 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Create a digital collage by layering interesting portraits with graphic elements and drawings. At the beginning of the workshop, participants will click different photographs and then combine and convert them to a digital form.

#### Mixed media zines

Ages 11–15



Date: Saturday, 27 April 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

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Create zines by cutting and layering various materials, such as photographs, coloured paper and prints. Explore the art of composition and storytelling through the process of producing a themed zine of your choice.

#### Acrylic Paintings

Ages 6–10



Date: Saturday, 27 April 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic

Telsem artist Henok Melkamzer's artworks are rich in symbols and imagery. After viewing some of his works, create paintings filled with dense, multicoloured patterns of vines, words and numbers.

#### Make Natural Pigments

Family Workshop



Date: Saturday, 4 May 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic

Explore different ways of extracting pigments from natural materials. View Henok's telsem paintings, which were traditionally created using natural pigments, and then make pigments from plants and fruits. At the end of the workshop, you will create drawings and test the colours you created.

#### Explore Arab Folk Tales

Ages 6–10

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Date: Saturday, 11 May 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Language: Arabic

Immerse yourself in Arab cultures and traditions as you listen to folk stories from different eras. Discuss with other participants how you feel about the stories and what you have learned.

### Paper Puppets

Ages 11- 15



Date: Saturday, 11 May 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Learn how to construct a movable 2D puppet for a character you have created using paper, threads and pins.

### Textiles Printing

Ages 6–10



Date: Saturday, 18 May 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic

Handcrafted block printing is an age-old technique that has reinvented itself many times. Learn how to create patterns and textiles to print on fabric with the blocking technique. By the end of the workshop, you will have a piece of textile art that can be used in several different ways, including as a fashion accessory, or a decorative element.



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#### Make Small-Scale Abstract Paintings

Ages 11–15



Date: Saturday, 18 May 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

Language: English

Non-figurative or abstract paintings emphasise shapes, colours and gestural marks to convey emotions, ideas and concepts. Create small-scale non-figurative paintings that reflect your own feeling and ideas.

#### Stitching on Cardboard

Ages 6–10



Date: Saturday, 25 May 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

A simple activity designed for young children, this workshop will focus on how to stitch on cardboard using big needles, or on readymade punched outlines of geometric patterns.

#### Woven Thread Handbag

Ages 11–15



Date: Saturday, 25 May 2024

Timings: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)

Languages: English and Arabic

Learn how to weave using only your hands and enjoy an opportunity to create a unique piece. Craft a personalised handbag and discover the different shapes and forms of weaving techniques.