

SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

Learning Programme for Children and Families

8 July–26 August



SHARJAH ART FOUNDATION

Spark your creativity and discover new art forms in summer workshops and courses from the Learning Programme for Children and Families. From 8 July to 26 August 2023, develop your skills in drawing, painting, sculpting and screen printing, and branch out into paper making, leatherworking, recycling fabric into art projects and constructing a memory box. Many of the sessions are inspired by works in the Sharjah Art Foundation exhibition *In the Heart of Another Country*, opening in July.

With other participants aged 6 to 15 and family members, connect with and learn from professional artists working in a broad range of visual arts. Offered in English and/or Arabic, depending on participant needs, the sessions unfold at 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 course. 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.

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WORKSHOPS

Create an Abstract Painting through Poetry

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 8 July 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Explore the relationship between words and visual art through the painting *Arbres* (2015) by Etel Adnan. After studying how poetry influenced her painting, create an abstract painting inspired by the emotions your favourite poem evokes in you. Bring a copy of the poem.

Recycle Fabric Scraps into Colourful Coasters

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 8 July 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Do you enjoy a cup of warm milk or hot chocolate? Make coasters to match your favourite cups by repurposing fabric scraps and turning them into coasters of different shapes and sizes. Be part of the recycling movement.

Create a Personal Memory Box

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 15 July 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Inspired by the video *In This House* (2004–2012), which reflects artist Akram Zaatari's fascination with memory and archives, create a memory box that shows your personal history. Collect objects,

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photographs and written memories that hold significance for you, and use them to create a personalised, symbolic representation of your memories and experiences.

Design Abstract Landscapes

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 15 July 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Construct nature-inspired abstract artworks using materials such as leaves, flowers and pebbles. Take inspiration from Etel Adnan's vibrant works in the Sharjah Art Foundation Collection, which feature natural subjects and patterns.

Get Moving with Kinetic Sculptures

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 22 July 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Build kinetic sculptures using materials such as cardboard, straws and string. After exploring principles of balance, weight distribution and a range of mechanisms, create artworks that move in a dynamic and interactive way.

Make Collages with Paper Motifs

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 22 July 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



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Inspired by Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian's mirror mosaics and her use of colourful geometric forms, explore the art of paper motifs. Create detailed and symmetrical designs by cutting out shapes from coloured paper. Then arrange and layer the paper motifs to form visually captivating collages.

Recycle Old Fabric to Make Tote Bags

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 29 July 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Expand your recycling skills by learning to transform old fabric items and t-shirts into tote bags. Find out how to cut, tie and sew the recycled fabric to create a functional and stylish bag.

Make Art from Found Objects

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 29 July 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Find out how Hassan Sharif used everyday, often unexpected, objects in his art, and then join a treasure hunt to collect interesting objects from nature. Arrange and glue your found objects onto a base such as cardboard or canvas to produce an artwork.

Weave a Contemporary Basket

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 5 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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Languages: English and Arabic



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Combine traditional weaving techniques with contemporary materials and modern design approaches. Experiment with colour combinations, patterns and shapes to create a basket that can be used for storage or decoration.

Fashion Fabric Dolls

Ages: 6–10

Date: Saturday, 5 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Recycle fabric scraps to craft a fabric doll. Learn how to cut, sew and decorate the fabric to create dolls with different personalities and styles.

Design a Tie-Dyed Shirt

Ages 11–15

Date: Thursday, 10 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Experiment with the never-ending possibilities of tie-dyeing as you learn how to make a tie-dyed shirt that reflects your style, favourite colours and patterns.

Sculpt with Paper

Ages 6–10

Date: Thursday, 10 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



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Drawing inspiration from Thomas Demand's intricate paper sculptures, experiment with the possibilities of paper as a sculptural medium. Learn folding, cutting and shaping techniques to transform paper into three-dimensional artworks.

Sculpt with Wood

Ages 11-15

Date: Saturday, 12 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Create captivating wooden sculptures in this hands-on workshop inspired by Saloua Raouda Choucair's work *Interform*. Learn to sand, assemble and arrange wooden pieces to bring your sculptures to life.

Document Your Memories

Family Workshop

Date: Thursday, 17 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Bring along an object that reminds you of a favorite family member, and share the emotions and memories it brings back. Learn how to journal and document events, preserve family history and pass down traditions.

Make Your Own Paper

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 19 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn the basics of papermaking, and create personalised handmade paper from materials such as plant fibres, recycled paper or fabric scraps. Create artworks or decorate other objects with your handmade paper.

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Restage and Photograph Famous Portraits

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 19 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Re-enact some of the world's most famous portrait paintings using a selection of fun costumes and props. Engage with your family members to restage the portrait you want to recreate, and take turns photographing each other.

Transform Sounds into Abstract Art

Ages 11–15

Date: Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Inspired by the fusion of different senses in Saloua Raouda Choucair's works, such as *Gradual Rhythmical Composition* (1953) and *Interform* (1960–1962), explore the connections between sounds, shapes and colours. Listen to music, and translate the auditory experience into abstract visual expressions through painting or drawing.

Develop Art from a Single Line

Ages 6–10

Date: Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Investigate the endless possibilities of a line and the stories it can tell through the book *Black Line* by Yazan Al Masarwah. Develop your own imaginative interpretations of what a line can become, and turn your ideas into a drawing or story.

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Draw a Portrait

Ages 6–10

Date: Thursday, 24 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn the basics for drawing portraits, focusing particularly on how to depict the proportions and textures of facial features. You will practise drawing each other and capturing facial details.

Recreate SAF Neighbourhood Buildings in 3D

Ages 11–15

Date: Thursday, 24 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Construct SAF neighbourhood buildings in cardboard, using a map of Sharjah as a reference. You will be able to use a variety of coloured and textured paper to add details to your neighbourhood.

Silk Screen Printing

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 26 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Become familiar with silk screen printing, the materials and tools needed, and the inks and colours that can be applied. Explore the versatility of silk screen printing by applying your designs to different surfaces, such as paper, fabric and wooden panels.

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Decorate T-shirts and Tote Bags with Floral Patterns

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 26 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic



Discover how to transfer natural shapes and pigments onto textiles. Learn pressing and hammering techniques, and turn flowers into floral patterns on t-shirts or tote bags.

COURSE

Leatherworking

Ages 15+

Dates: Tuesday to Thursday, 1–3 August 2023

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: The Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Languages: English and Arabic

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Learn the basics of leatherworking, and create leather objects such as wallets, keychains and bracelets. You will become familiar with various skills and techniques, such as cutting, stamping and stitching, which will allow you to produce unique leather pieces.