

Learning Programme for Children and Families

Summer 2024

6 July–22 August



Activate your creative talents in our exciting summer workshops and courses, running from 6 July to 22 August 2024.

Scheduled throughout July, the workshops are inspired by our exhibition *Drawing Time: Duets*, which explores drawing practices and the concept of the double or pair through works in a variety of mediums. You will be able to experiment with comics, collage, ceramics and drawing on photographs.

Taking place in August, the four week-long courses go deep into specialised art forms. Here you can develop skills in painting, drawing, puppetry and jewellery making.

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 The Flying Saucer, Dasman, and the Collections Building, Arts Square, both 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 sessions are free, and materials are provided. To register and learn more about the courses and workshops, 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, 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.

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WORKSHOPS

Create a Comic with Ink

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 6 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Visit the ongoing show *Drawing Time: Duets* to view the ink drawings of Omar Khairy, which reflect the diversity and richness of Sudanese communities. After learning about the artist and his works, create a comic about your own life story and community using ink on paper.

Build a Self-Portrait Shadow Box

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 6 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Draw a self-portrait on transparent A4 paper, and then place it in a cardboard box. Create a sense of depth and express your thoughts by adding drawings and text in acrylic paints. This workshop is inspired by Omer Khairy's *Portrait*, in which a woman is shown in contrasting colours of yellow and dark blue.

Experiment with Collage

Ages 6–10

Date: Wednesday, 10 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



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Express yourself in a collage inspired by the painting *Lovers in Space* by Mounir Canaan. Taking inspiration from Canaan's use of colour, scale and form, explore themes of identity, memory and heritage through your own collage. You will work with coloured paper, acrylic markers and crayons.

Discover Carpentry

Ages 11–15

Date: Wednesday, 10 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Unlock your creativity through carpentry, and build a side table with tiles on top. Find out how to assemble furniture using tools such as rubber hammers and screwdrivers and how to apply adhesive and grout to tiles.

Craft Geometric Tiles

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 13 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn how to make hand-crafted geometric tiles from clay. Invent your own patterns, which you can shape and carve on your tile. Once the tile dries, decorate your work with different colours of paint.

Explore Rhythm and Tone with the Boom Whacker

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 13 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



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Enjoy making music with others as you learn about rhythm and tones with the boom whacker. This percussion instrument, made of different lengths of hollow, colour-coded plastic tubes, produces different sounds when the tubes are hit or moved and when they hit other surfaces.

Enhance Photographs with Drawing

Ages 6–10

Date: Wednesday, 17 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Discover how you can add depth to your images by drawing with oil pastels or acrylic markers. Bring your own photos, and insert a touch of playfulness into a memory. Take inspiration from works by Farideh Lashai, who used mediums such as markers and paint to modify photographic images.

Discover the World of Folk Music

Family Workshop

Date: Wednesday, 17 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Explore folk music from different cultures, focusing on how lyrics and rhythms originated—not just to celebrate happy occasions but also to break the monotony of work and harvest seasons. Listen to recordings of folk music from a variety of countries and cultures. Learn how the music reflects the musicians' way of life, and discuss with other participants how the folk music compares to the music you know.

Sculpt Faces in Clay

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 20 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



After studying facial features and expressions in both paintings and sculpture, produce a clay sculpture of a face. The painting *Standing Figure 3* by Claudette Johnson, part of the exhibition *Drawing Time: Duets*, provides an excellent example of sharply defined facial features in its depiction of a life-sized female figure.

Experiment with AI-Generated Music

Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 20 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



AI is everywhere, and it is an exciting time for AI in music. Work in teams to make your own AI-generated music with free digital tools. Investigate different genres as well as software programs that will enable you to create AI-generated music on your own. No previous coding or music experience is needed.

Mix a Rainbow of Colours

Ages 6–10

Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Experiment with the variety of hues you can produce from combining primary colours. Mix red, yellow and blue acrylic paints on thick paper to produce new colours and develop a better understanding of colour theory.

Document Objects through Art

Ages 11–15

Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2024

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Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah](#)
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In Things in My Room, on view in *Drawing Time: Duets*, Hassan Sharif signifies the presence of various objects by documenting them with photography. In this workshop, you will also document an object, recreating it in a variety of mediums. Bring an object from your home to study and interpret.

SUMMER CAMP: COURSES

Design Your Own Jewellery

Ages 11–15

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 27-28 July 2024
Timings: 11:00 am– 3:00 pm
Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah](#)
Languages: English and Arabic



Join artist and designer Salam to create fashion jewellery pieces. Begin with a place or object as your inspiration, create a design, and turn your design into a piece of jewellery. Furniture, books or other items in *The Flying Saucer* as well as architecture and the natural environment outside can inform the design of the final piece.

Master the Basics of Drawing

Ages 6–10

Dates: Monday to Thursday, 5–8 August 2024
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: [The Flying Saucer, Dasman, Sharjah](#)
Languages: English and Arabic



Develop your skills in drawing, starting with how to use a graphite pencil for sketching. Move on to more advanced skills, such as designing shapes, creating perspective and composing still life scenes. At the end of the course, you will produce a final drawing and add watercolours.

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Become a Puppeteer

Ages 13+

Dates: Monday to Thursday, 12–15 August 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Create your own puppet show. Design characters in colourful costumes as well as a backdrop showing animals and vivid decorative elements. Take inspiration from the work of Baya in *Drawing Time: Duets*, in which the artist reflects on heritage and culture through interactions between female figures and animals.

Connect with Colour

Ages 11–15

Dates: Monday to Thursday, 19–22 August 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



In visual arts, colour theory describes how colours interact with one another and how combinations of colours can bring out particular emotions, moods and behaviours. In this four-day painting course, learn how to effectively use colour to represent your ideas and express emotions through your artworks.