

Learning Programme for Children and Families

27 January–24 February 2024

Express your creativity—from visual art and storytelling to acting and music—in our new season of workshops and courses. Learn new approaches to printmaking, sculpture, photography and ceramics. Develop your performance skills, and explore a variety of musical instruments. Many of the sessions have been inspired by works from Sharjah Art Foundation exhibitions and events.

With other participants aged 6 to 18, connect with and learn from professional artists working in a broad range of arts. Offered in both English and Arabic, sessions take place at Arts Square, Al Mureijah Square and The Flying Saucer in the city of Sharjah.

Some sessions are identified as **Family Workshops**. As these workshops consist of collaborative activities that all family members do together, young participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

All workshops are free, and 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

BAIT AL SHAMSI NIGHTS

From 9 December 2023 to 20 January 2024, join us for Bait Al Shamsi Nights, a series of workshops for children and families at heritage house Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square. Spend your Saturday evenings delving into a variety of art forms and learning about the traditional architecture that surrounds you. For the full programme, please click [here](#).

EXHIBITION TOURS

Enjoy 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

Kite Making

With Leen Latif
Family Workshop

Date: Saturday, 27 January 2024
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: [Arts Square, Sharjah](#)
Languages: English and Arabic



Construct and fly a kite with your family. Make the frame using dowels, securing them with string. Then add the sail (cover), bridle and tail. When the kite is finished, you can test it in Arts Square.

Make Relief Prints with Styrofoam

With Wissam Yusuf
Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 27 January 2024
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: [Bait Obaid Al shamsi, Arts Square, Sharjah](#)
Languages: English and Arabic



Develop your skills in relief printing. Engrave designs into Styrofoam plates, adding textural detail (e.g. patterns, cross hatching, line work). Roll colours onto your design, and create prints by pressing your inked plates directly onto watercolour paper.

Print with Gel

With Majd Alloush
Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 3 February 2024
Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Location: [Collections Building, Arts Square, Sharjah](#)
Languages: English and Arabic



Discover the process of transferring gel prints onto paper to make distinctive artworks. Learn about the tools and techniques needed to apply the gel, lift the images and reproduce them on paper.

Tatreez Alphabet Keychains

With Eman Al Khawaja

Ages 6-10

Date: Saturday, 3 February 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Traditional Palestinian embroidery tatreez is a skill many women in Palestine learn as children, both to decorate their own homes and also for income generation. Embroidery patterns are traditionally cross-stitched on dresses and headdresses. Learn basic tatreez embroidery techniques with artist Eman Al Khawaja, and then create alphabetic patterns on keychains.

Sculpt with Paper Pulp

With Noor Bahjat

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 10 February 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Find out how to sculpt with paper pulp, made from recycled paper, water and other ingredients. Shape, mould and paint your creations to bring them to life.

Experiment with Photo Transfer

With Hala Abora

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 17 February 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Location: [The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Square](#)

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn techniques and tools for transferring photos to wood. Transform your favourite photographs into lasting works of art.

Craft Refrigerator Magnets

With Wafa Ibrahim

Ages 6–10

Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Unleash your creativity as you create fridge magnets using air dry clay. After shaping the clay, paint it with vibrant designs and attach magnets. You can take your one-of-a-kind creations home.

Transform Photos with Bleach

With Dima Abou Zannad

Ages 11–15

Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Change ordinary photographs into dreamlike images through bleaching. After becoming familiar with the chemical process, you can experiment with different light and colour effects.

COURSES

Build Pottery by Hand

With Rania Al Jishi

Ages 11–15

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 27-28 January, Saturday 10 February 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



Learn how to make ceramics without a pottery wheel. Following the traditional method, use your hands and basic tools to create a variety of forms. Practise standard techniques such as coil building, slab building, and pinch pottery. By the end of the first session, you will have created a handmade piece.

In the second session, delve into the processes of drying, glazing and firing pottery, and finish your pieces from the previous session by adding colour glazes and firing them in a kiln.

Bring a Character to Life

With Hassan Al Moussawi

Ages 15–18

Date: Saturday and Sunday, 10–11 February 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



In the first session, discuss what writers do to make their characters interesting (e.g. describing their personalities, formative experiences, aspirations), and create a character based on a prop. Write a brief backstory, including important traits and emotions, for the character you are developing.

In the second session, work in pairs or small groups to improvise and act out a scenario (e.g. you are at a magical circus, you are in space). Take on the role of the character you created in the first session.

Scene 1: Perfect Your Acting Skills

In Collaboration with Sharjah Performing Arts Academy
Ages 11–15

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 17–18 February 2024

Timings: 11:00 am–1:00 pm

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

Languages: English and Arabic



In this two-day course, take part in different interactive activities built around acting and performance. Develop your ability to act, and enhance your general communication, collaboration and concentration skills.