

**Creative Careers Days**  
***You Can't Have Art Without...***

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**10am – 6pm**

**Free and open to all creatively-minded youth – families and teachers also welcome.**

**Monday, October 9, 2023**

**9am – 2pm**

**Dedicated to group visits by school and universities only and anyone with a student ID.**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

**9am – 2pm**

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**Jameel Arts Centre, Jaddaf Waterfront, Dubai**

Featuring more than 30 entities and booths manned by leading arts organisations and universities\* Creative Careers Days gives creatively-minded youth, students (and teachers) a unique opportunity to meet and discuss ideas with key artists, curators and industry specialists.

Inspirational talks, informational workshops – including how to create and pitch your portfolio – and behind-the-scenes-at-the-museum tours run throughout the day.

Programmes highlight a diverse range of creative career pathways and opportunities to network within the speed interviews activation; options in tertiary education, locally and internationally; student and postgraduate open calls, residencies, internships and volunteering opportunities and more.

Students are invited to join career consultation sessions to receive expert advice and guidance on navigating the creative industries, while the Jameel Library displays a special range of resources on pedagogy and arts education for both students and teachers.

**Creative Careers Days is supported by the Ministry of Culture and Youth UAE**

**The event features the participation of:**

Ministry of Culture and Youth UAE, Department of Culture and Tourism Abu Dhabi, Dubai Culture & Arts Authority

Abu Dhabi Art, Abu Dhabi Music and Arts Foundation, Alserkal Initiatives, American University of Sharjah, Art Dubai Group, Art Jameel, Art Studio at Manarat Al Saadiyat, Capsule Arts, Cultural Foundation, Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation, Emirates Literature Foundation, Foundry, Gulf Photo Plus, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, Khosh Bosh, Louvre Abu Dhabi, Maraya Art Centre, Middlesex University, National Pavilion UAE – La Biennale di Venezia, New York University Abu Dhabi, Sharjah Museums Authority, Sharjah Performing Arts Academy, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, Tashkeel, The Arts Center at NYU Abu Dhabi, The Institute for Emerging Art, The NYU Abu Dhabi Art Gallery, Zayed Award for Human Fraternity, Zayed University, 421 **and many more!**

***All sessions are free.***

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

<b>All Day</b> Lobby	<b>Career Surgery</b> <b>Hosted by Art Jameel featuring Rania Jishi and Zahra Jewanjee</b> <i>The "Career Surgery" station offers one-on-one sessions with arts and culture specialists invited by Art Jameel for Creative Careers Days. Visit the "art-inclined" or "undecided" station for personalised career advice and receive a tailored guide to your journey through the booths, match-making you with industry experts and opportunities to check out both at Creative Careers Days and beyond!</i> <b>Open to all: First-come-first-serve</b>	<b>One-to-One Sessions</b>
<b>All day</b> Adjacent to Art Jameel Shop	<b>Museum Express</b> <b>Hosted by Sharjah Museums Authority</b> <i>Sharjah Museums arrive at Jameel Arts Centre via a dedicated touring bus. Join the "Museums Express" bus for an engaging and insightful journey through time and heritage. Explore specially curated exhibition featuring replica objects from Sharjah's museums. Discover ancient astronomy, delve into history with a model compass, and appreciate a 7,000-year-old pearl necklace as well as artworks by artists Jamil Hammoudi and Dr. Najat Makki that provokes creative thinking and discover history.</i> <b>Open to all</b>	<b>Tour</b>
<b>All Day</b> Booth 1	<b>Khosh Bosh x Youth Assembly Podcast Special</b> <i>Are you curious about starting a career in the arts? Do you have questions, uncertainties or concerns about navigating the creative field? The Assembly, in collaboration with Khosh Bosh, invites students to ask questions about careers in the arts. Various members from the Youth Assembly alumni will later address questions and apprehensions collected at CCD in the upcoming podcast episode that features your questions and the Alumni's responses. Be sure not to miss out on the unique opportunity to gain insights from individuals who have experienced similar journeys.</i> <b>Open to all</b>	<b>Drop-in Booth</b>
<b>Jameel Library</b>	<b>Portfolio Reviews</b> <i>In these one-to-one mentoring sessions located at Jameel Library, students receive feedback from industry experts from leading arts organisations on developing their portfolios for residencies, university programs and professional opportunities. These experts mentor students to hone their skills and offer invaluable critique and guidance. Be sure to bring along your portfolios, CV's and cover letters!</i> <b>Open to all: First-come-first-serve</b>	<b>One-to-One Sessions</b>
10:00-11:00am	<b>Foundry (NFTs), Capsule Art (Art, Design and Production)</b>	
11:00-2:00pm	<b>New York University Abu Dhabi (Application, MFA program)</b>	
12:00-1:00pm	<b>National Pavilion UAE - La Biennale di Venezia (Cover Letters, Internships)</b>	
1:00-2:00pm	<b>Abu Dhabi Art (Art and Design)</b>	
2:00-3:00pm	<b>421 (Art and Design)</b>	
3:00-4:00pm	<b>Gulf Photo Plus (Photography)</b>	
4:00-5:00pm	<b>Art Studio at Manarat Al Saadiyat (Art and Design)</b>	
5:00-6:00pm	<b>Tashkeel (Art and Design)</b>	
<b>Lobby</b>	<b>Speed Interviews</b> <i>Experience an opportunity to participate in swift interviews that could lead you to volunteer, intern or work in leading arts organisations based in the UAE. Engage in these rapid-fire conversations with industry experts and gain invaluable practice in showcasing your abilities and skills. Even if immediate positions are not available, your CV will be kept on file, and you will be contacted when suitable opportunities arise. These interviews are conducted by renowned</i>	<b>One-to-One Sessions</b>

*industry experts, allowing participants to expand their professional network and foster connections in the creative sector.*

**Open to ages 15+: First-come-first-serve**

- 10:00-11:30am **Art Studio at Manarat Al Saadiyat** (Volunteering and internships for art educators)  
11:30-1:00pm **Abu Dhabi Art** (Internships and volunteering opportunities at the fair)  
1:00-2:30pm **Guggenheim Abu Dhabi** (Internships in curation, marketing and communications)  
2:30-4:00pm **Capsule Arts** (Upcoming design and production roles)  
4:00-5:30pm **Art Dubai** (Campus Art Dubai and traineeships)

**Project Space** **Meet the Professionals** **Talk**  
*An insightful series of talks with industry experts from leading arts and creative organisations in the UAE. Professionals share their personal journeys from high school years to now and highlight moments that paved the way for a successful career in the arts. Discover the diverse range of skills and the multitude of roles that play a vital role in creative industries and learn how you can contribute to the flourishing ecosystem of the arts*

**Open to all**

- 10:15-10:30am **Bill Bragin (Executive Artistic Director, The Arts Center at New York University Abu Dhabi)**  
10:30-10:45am **Raz Hansord (General Manager, Gulf Photo Plus)**

**Lobby** **Instagram Surgery for Artists** **One-to-One Sessions**  
10:00-11:30am **Hosted by the Institute for Emerging Art**  
2:30-4:00pm *"Instagram Surgery" offers artists the opportunity to meet with one of the Institute's team members for a personalised, one-on-one session to review your Instagram profile! Receive expert guidance on how you can maximise your artistic presence. Be sure not to miss the "Instagram for Artists" seminar at 12:30pm for the chance to enhance your profile and make the most of your Instagram journey.*  
**Open to all: First-come-first-serve**

**10:00-11:00am** **Portfolio Building: Crafting Your Path To Art And Design University Programs** **Skills Workshop**  
Sahaab **Hosted by American University of Sharjah's Riem Ibrahim and Hala Al Ani (Assistant Professors and Co-founders, Mobius Studios)**  
*This workshop focusses on the skills needed to develop a strong portfolio, a vital component of art and design university applications. Through practical exercises and personalised feedback, participants learn how to curate and present their artwork effectively. Instructors share insights on selecting the right pieces, showcasing artistic growth and demonstrating technical skills. By the end of the workshop, students have a refined portfolio ready for university admissions. This workshop is recommended for students applying for university programs including bachelor degrees and MFA's in the field of Art and Design.*  
**Limited-capacity: [Register here](#)**

**11:00-12:00pm** **Library Circles: Another Empty House** **Tour**  
Jameel Library **Led by Shahnaz Hashim in Malayalam**  
*Hear directly from the researchers behind Library Circles: Another Empty House (on view from 3 May 2023 – 30 October 2023) as they elaborate on their process, the research display, and their findings on empty houses in Kerala. This tour will be conducted in Malayalam.*  
**Limited-capacity: [Register here](#)**

**11:00-11:45am** **Making Your Designs In The UAE** **Talk**  
Project Space **Featuring Mansi Bavishi (Make Works Coordinator, Tashkeel), Lina Ghalib (Product and Furniture Designer), Fahim Qureshi (Business Development Director, Creative Platform)**

*This talk sheds light on the process of manufacturing products in the UAE. From building relationships with manufacturers, to establishing clear and effective communication, to experimenting with materials and processes. These designers walk us through their experiences and expertise in working with a wide variety of local artisans and craftspeople. This talk is recommended for artists, designers, architecture students and makers.*

**Open to all**

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| <b>11:00-11:45am</b><br>Lobby        | <b>Behind-the-Scenes at the Jameel</b><br><b>Art Jameel team</b>  | <b>Tour</b>            |
|                                      | <i>Join our behind-the-scenes tour of the museum with a twist! Learn about the specific roles of the institution and the responsibilities involved with putting up an exhibition in these custom-made tours led by various members of the Art Jameel team. This session features Lama Mosallem, Social Media Specialist, focussing on how she brings public and industry awareness to Jameel through writing and media and how these are essential roles of an institution.</i>   |                        |
|                                      | <b>Open to all: First-come-first-serve</b>  |                        |
| <b>11:15-12:15pm</b><br>Sahaab       | <b>Writing About Architecture</b><br><b>Hosted by Yosr Sherbiny (Founder, Wri.chi.tects.)</b>   | <b>Skills Workshop</b> |
|                                      | <i>In this skills based workshop hosted by National Pavilion - UAE La Biennale di Venezia, budding writers, architects and curious individuals discuss how we can challenge and change narratives about urban and rural environments. Participants learn how to write and discuss architecture beyond buildings. The workshop also covers career pathways in arts and culture for those outside of the realm of "artists" or having studied degrees in fine art. This workshop is recommended for architecture students, writers and curious individuals.</i>       |                        |
|                                      | <b>Limited-capacity: Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  |                        |
| <b>12:00-1:00pm</b><br>Project Space | <b>Instagram for Artists: Maximise Your Impact</b><br><b>Featuring Jolaine Frizzell (Director, The Institute for Emerging Art), Morvarid Ranjbar (Associate, The Institute for Emerging Art)</b>  | <b>Talk</b>            |
|                                      | <i>This career skills seminar focusses on how artists can maximise their use of Instagram to further their professional profiles. In today's world, Instagram is often the first introduction to an artist's practice. The seminar teaches participants to make the most of this platform to create a consolidated identity for the artist using the platform. For those looking for one-to-one tailored advice on their instagram profiles, be sure not to miss the "Instagram Surgery" booth located in the Jameel Lobby from 10am-12pm and again at 3pm-4pm.</i> |                        |
|                                      | <b>Open to all</b>  |                        |
| <b>12:30-1:30pm</b><br>Sahaab        | <b>Transferable Skills: Marble Run Design Challenge</b><br><b>Hosted by Bassem Boules (Digital Artist and Instructor, Tashkeel), Diego Mendoza (Education and Outreach Coordinator, Tashkeel)</b>   | <b>Skills Workshop</b> |
|                                      | <i>Join this creative thinking workshop. Work in teams to create the longest track using cardboard and recyclable materials fit for a marble to go on an adventure! This workshop encourages participants to problem-solve and learn about the process of trial and error in an engaging and fun design challenge. In this hands-on workshop participants use communication, creative and critical thinking skills and collaborate to fulfil the brief and solve the challenge. Recommended for those interested in design and conceptual thinking.</i>             |                        |
|                                      | <b>Limited-capacity: Register <a href="#">here</a></b>  |                        |
| <b>1:15-2:00pm</b><br>Project Space  | <b>Multidisciplinary Approaches To Working In The Creative Industry</b><br><b>Featuring Laila Binbrek (Director, National Pavilion UAE - La Biennale di Venezia), Emina Osmandzиковic (Manager of Strategic Storytelling, Salama bint Hamdan Al Nahyan Foundation), Khalid Al Blooshi (Strategic Partnerships Specialist at Early Childhood Authority), Sultan Al Ramahi (Senior Ideation Manager, Miral)</b>   | <b>Talk</b>            |

*This talk delves into the diverse and indispensable roles that form the backbone of the arts ecosystem. Beyond creators, artists, curators, and designers, industry experts shed light on the equally crucial career trajectories that support and nurture the arts. The talk also covers policy-making, cultural diplomacy and the fostering of creative thought and programs. This talk is recommended for anyone interested in working in the arts.*

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| <b>1:45-2:45pm</b><br>Sahaab        | <b>The Art of Storytelling: Visual Narratives and Storytelling</b><br><b>Hosted by Phil Sheil (Assistant Professor, Design at The American University of Sharjah)</b><br><i>This workshop focusses on the art of visual storytelling and illustration. Participants explore various storytelling techniques such as character development, and illustration through comic strips, graphic novels, or storyboards. By the end of the workshop, participants learn how to convey emotions, plot, messages and thoughts and gain a better understanding of visual storytelling and its application in various art and design fields. This workshop is recommended for designers, film makers and cinephiles.</i><br><b>Limited-capacity: Register <a href="#">here</a></b>   | <b>Skills Workshop</b> |
| <b>2:15-3:00pm</b><br>Project Space | <b>Sikka Speaks: Interdisciplinarity Within The Broader Creative Sector</b><br><b>Featuring Dr. Afra Atiq (Writer and Co-founder, United Chapters), Omar Al Gurg (Architect and Designer, Founder, MODU Method), Manish Saini (Electrical and Electronics Engineer, SIKKA), Noura Al Neyadi (Photographer and Anthropologist, Content Development Manager), Anita Shishani (Artist and Curator, Co-founder, Khosh Bosh)</b><br><i>The Sikka Art and Design Platform brings together a selection of distinct panellists from the local creative ecosystem for its 11th edition of Sikka Speaks. Key thematic of the panel discussion comes in line with Art Jameel's Creative Careers Days "You Can't Have Arts Without..." With interdisciplinarity as a common thread, each creative shares firsthand experience on how their diverse academic and professional backgrounds have contributed to the growth of the creative fields.</i><br><b>Open to all</b> | <b>Talk</b>            |
| <b>3:00-4:00pm</b><br>Sahaab        | <b>A to Z of Arts Management</b><br><b>Hosted by Faisal Al Hassan (Director, 421)</b><br><i>Discover the ins and outs of running an arts space like 421 in a special session featuring insights from Director, Faisal Al Hassan. In this session, Al Hassan takes us through the practical aspects of managing a thriving community space, covering everything from the creative and administrative tasks to the financial know-how and being prepared to manage tough situations. This skills workshop is recommended for aspiring arts managers and creative entrepreneurs looking to gain insights into arts space management.</i><br><b>Limited-capacity: Register <a href="#">here</a></b>   | <b>Skills Workshop</b> |
| <b>3:15-4:00pm</b><br>Project Space | <b>Meet Artist Nujoom Al Ghanem In Conversation</b><br><b>Hosted by Maraya Art Centre, featuring Nasser Abdullah (Chairman, Emirates Fine Arts) and Nujoom Al Ghanem (Poet, Artist and Filmmaker)</b><br><i>Join us for an engaging discussion featuring curator Nasser Abdullah and the multifaceted artist, poet, and filmmaker Nujoom Alghanem, as they explore the intricate intersection between visual art and various artistic disciplines. As a participant in the "Thinking Art. Artists as Writers from the UAE" exhibition, currently on display at Maraya Art Centre and curated by Dr Noha Farran, this talk will examine Nujoom Alghanem's artworks and publications. Moreover, this Talk promises to provide insight into the stages of Alghanem's creative career, showcasing her talents across a diverse range of creative endeavours.</i><br><b>Open to all</b>  | <b>Talk</b>            |
| <b>3:00-3:45pm</b>                  | <b>Behind-the-Scenes at the Jameel</b>  | <b>Tour</b>            |

- Lobby**
- Art Jameel team**  
*Join our behind-the-scenes tour of the museum with a twist! Learn about the specific roles of the institution and the responsibilities involved with putting up an exhibition in these custom-made tours led by various members of the Art Jameel team. This session features Brent Galotera Operations and IT Manager, focussing on the infrastructure and the day-to-day tech operations it takes to run an institution and the role behind the setup of the Creative Careers Days.*  
**Open to all: First-come-first-serve**
- 5:00-6:00pm**
- Sahaab**
- Personal Branding** **Skills Workshop**  
**Hosted by Zinka Bejtic (Head of Department, Art and Design at American University of Sharjah)**  
*In this interactive workshop, participants join exercises, thoughtful discussions and are provided with practical examples to support and explore personal passions and strengths. With the guidance of expert facilitators, participants gain insights into resume building, crafting personal brand statements, tips on networking and leveraging social media to create a strong personal brand that opens doors to opportunities. This workshop is recommended for design students, job seekers and anyone looking to enhance their personal brand.*  
**Limited-capacity: Register [here](#)**
- 4:30-6:00pm**
- Chihuahuan Garden**
- Live Musical Performances (open-mic)** **Performance**  
**Rooftop Rhythms**  
*Participate in an open mic experience brought to you by Rooftop Rhythms! Whether you are tuning in to listen or eager to take the stage, everyone is invited to join in. Be sure to bring along your musical instruments, backing tracks or prepare poetry and share your talents with the community.*  
**Open to all**
- 5:15-6:00pm**
- Project Space**
- Art Jameel's Youth Assembly: Where are they now?** **Talk**  
**Featuring Abhirami Suresh (Library & Youth Coordinator, Art Jameel), Dina Al Khatib (Graphic Designer, Art Jameel), Farah Fawzi Ali (English Programme Manager, Emirates Literature Foundation), Osemudiamen Ekore (Assembly Peer Curator 2023, Art Jameel), Abdelghani Alnahawi (Artist)**  
*In this panel discussion, alumni of the Youth Assembly come together to share their insights and experiences during their time in the program. By situating the Assembly as a catalyst for their future careers as artists, designers, creative researchers and cultural workers, and delving into the challenges that the program presented, the panel will share how they were empowered with the skills, network and resources to bring ambitious projects to fruition - during their time in the Assembly and in their professional careers. The panel also delves into the community and sense of belonging that young people have created within the UAE, expanding not only within the traditionally understood 'arts community' but also as creative thinkers across various industries. This talk is recommended for emerging artists, designers and creatives.*  
**Open to all**



## **Booths:**

### **Dubai Culture and Arts Authority**

Visit Dubai Culture's interactive booth with representatives from the Authority's sectors (Arts and Literature + Culture and Heritage) to meet with the students and answer all possible inquiries on career prospects within the cultural sector of Dubai.

#### **Links:**

Website: [dubaiculture.gov.ae](http://dubaiculture.gov.ae)

Instagram: [@DubaiCulture](https://www.instagram.com/DubaiCulture)

Facebook: [@DubaiCulture](https://www.facebook.com/DubaiCulture)

Twitter: [@DubaiCulture](https://twitter.com/DubaiCulture)

### **Art Jameel**

Get a chance to learn more about the organisation's global youth-focussed initiatives including our volunteering and internship programmes; The Assembly, a yearly talent development programme designed to support young artistic leadership; Hayy Learning - a community educational platform; school visits and offerings for teachers and educators via workshops and community-focused programmes.

#### **Links:**

Website: [artjameel.org](http://artjameel.org)

Facebook: [@ArtJameel](https://www.facebook.com/ArtJameel)

Instagram: [@ArtJameel](https://www.instagram.com/ArtJameel)

Twitter: [@Art\\_Jameel](https://twitter.com/Art_Jameel)

### **Abu Dhabi Art**

Abu Dhabi Art expands beyond the traditional art fair, emphasising a diverse public engagement programme, which includes art installations and exhibitions, talks, workshops and other events that take place throughout the year in the UAE and internationally. Visitors of the Creative Careers Days in Art Jameel have the chance to meet the Abu Dhabi Art team and get an in-depth understanding of how an art fair operates and the different roles involved. Abu Dhabi Art Fair will take place at Manarat Al Saadiyat, from 22 - 26 November 2023.

#### **Links:**

Website: [abudhabiart.ae](http://abudhabiart.ae)

Facebook: [@AbuDhabiArt](https://www.facebook.com/AbuDhabiArt)

Instagram: [@abudhabiart](https://www.instagram.com/abudhabiart)

### **Abu Dhabi Music and Art Foundation**

Abu Dhabi Music and Arts Foundation (ADMAF) was established in 1996 as one of the earliest cultural foundations in the Gulf region and Arab World. ADMAF supports the sustainability and creativity of the cultural industry and contributes to enriching Abu Dhabi as a cultural beacon.

#### **Links:**

Website: [www.admaf.org](http://www.admaf.org)

Facebook: [@AbuDhabiMusicAndArtsFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/AbuDhabiMusicAndArtsFoundation)

Instagram: [@admafsocial](https://www.instagram.com/admafsocial)

Twitter: [@admafsocial](https://twitter.com/admafsocial)

### **Art Dubai Group**

Campus Art Dubai returns for its eleventh edition with its education strand, entitled CAD 11.0 Professional Development through a merger with the Art Dubai Traineeship programme, with 500+ participants to date collectively. Placements in this initiative will provide direct early-career experience in one of the fair's departments in the lead-up to and during the event. Participants will have access to masterclasses and mentors from Art Dubai Group senior staff, with the opportunity to participate in a 1-month programme tailored to elevate their career prospects in the creative industries after the fair.



**Links:**

Website: [www.artdubai.ae/](http://www.artdubai.ae/)  
Facebook: [@artdubai.artfair](https://www.facebook.com/artdubai.artfair)  
Instagram: [@artdubai](https://www.instagram.com/artdubai)  
Twitter: [@artdubai](https://twitter.com/artdubai)

**Alserkal Initiatives**

Everybody knows Alserkal for its large warehouses, lanes, art galleries and quirky concepts, but what really happens behind those big corrugated iron walls?

Step into the Alserkal Initiatives' stand to discover the ins and outs of working for this leading arts district. Get the opportunity to speak directly to the team and peel back the walls to find out what a day in the life of an Alserkal employee really looks like. Leave our stand with some new laptop stickers, a tote bag to make your friends jealous, and a potential job opportunity.

**Links:**

Website: [alserkal.online](http://alserkal.online)  
Facebook: [@AlserkalAve](https://www.facebook.com/AlserkalAve)  
Instagram: [@alserkalavenue](https://www.instagram.com/alserkalavenue)  
Twitter: [@AlserkalAvenue](https://twitter.com/AlserkalAvenue)

**American University of Sharjah**

As a leading Art and Design program in the region, we proudly showcase our three dynamic majors: Visual Communication, Multimedia Design, and Design Management. Engage with our faculty and students to gain insights into innovative, creative processes and receive personalised portfolio reviews and advice on professionally presenting your creative work. Experience fun drawing and illustration activities, and see your work showcased in our virtual gallery. Explore immersive VR technology and interactive filmmaking.

**Links:**

Website: [www.aus.edu](http://www.aus.edu)  
Facebook: [@AUSharjah](https://www.facebook.com/AUSharjah)  
Instagram: [@caadaus](https://www.instagram.com/caadaus)  
Twitter: [@caadaus](https://twitter.com/caadaus)

**Art Studio at Manarat Al Saadiyat**

Speaking to Art Studio employees, students can learn about various art techniques, materials, and processes used in different disciplines. Employees share their own artistic journeys, providing inspiration and valuable advice on developing creativity. Additionally, students have the opportunity to present their portfolio for review. These valuable critiques help students refine their artistic skills and present their work professionally. Students gain valuable insights from employees about potential career paths in the art industry, offering guidance on pursuing a profession in the arts.

**Links:**

Website: [manaratalsaadiyat.ae/en/art.studio](http://manaratalsaadiyat.ae/en/art.studio)  
Facebook: [@ManaratAlSaadiyat](https://www.facebook.com/ManaratAlSaadiyat)  
Instagram: [@ManaratAlSaadiyat](https://www.instagram.com/ManaratAlSaadiyat)  
Twitter: [@ManaratSaadiyat](https://twitter.com/ManaratSaadiyat)

**Cultural Foundation**

Cultural Foundation Abu Dhabi presents cutting-edge visual arts, performing arts and educational programmes. Its visual arts programme features exhibitions that showcase works of pioneering local, regional and international artists, community exhibitions and art residencies that support emerging and established artists, interactive children's exhibits, and arts learning programmes. It showcases a world-class performing arts programme of music, dance and theatre in its 900-seat auditorium. Its three-storey children's library presents hands-on learning programmes for children and families. Between 2009 and 2018, Cultural Foundation underwent extensive conservation and restoration. The modern heritage site's much-anticipated reopening took place in December 2018.

**Links:**

Website: [culturalfoundation.ae](http://culturalfoundation.ae)

Facebook: [@AbuDhabiCF](https://www.facebook.com/AbuDhabiCF)

Instagram: [@abudhabiCF](https://www.instagram.com/abudhabiCF)

Twitter: [@abudhabiCF](https://twitter.com/abudhabiCF)

**Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation**

DIDI's Bachelor of Design (BDes) is the first multidisciplinary curriculum in the region offering four disciplines: Product Design, Multimedia Design, Fashion Design, and Strategic Design Management. The 4-year program begins with an immersive year exposing students to basic visual, digital, and entrepreneurship skills. Then, from their second year onwards, students combine two disciplines to create their own educational journey. The cross-disciplinary degree ensures graduates have adaptable and flexible skills for a rapidly changing design and digital job landscape. The BDes program combines visual literacy, technological fluency, and strategic proficiency. This means that DIDI students combine design expertise, engineering know-how, and business management skills throughout their educational journey. Within each course, whether a studio, workshop, or lecture, students engage in what DIDI calls the 4 Cs: Conceptualization, Communication, Crafting, and Care. The BDes program at DIDI is accredited by the Ministry of Education in the UAE, Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA). DIDI will deliver fun design activities throughout the Creative Careers Day participation to help students pique their interest in creative fields as a career.

**Links:**

Website: [www.didi.ac.ae](http://www.didi.ac.ae)

Facebook: [@DubaiInstituteofDesignandInnovation](https://www.facebook.com/DubaiInstituteofDesignandInnovation)

Instagram: [@DIDIDXB](https://www.instagram.com/DIDIDXB)

Twitter: [@DIDIDXB](https://twitter.com/DIDIDXB)

**Emirates Literature Foundation**

Emirates Literature Foundation is a not-for-profit organization on a mission to support and nurture a love of literature in the UAE and across the region. Visit our booth to learn about our year-round initiatives for readers, writers and educators and get a glimpse of our flagship event, the annual Emirates Airline Festival of Literature. Meet the team for a sneak peek at our upcoming events and learn more about work and volunteer opportunities with the Foundation.

**Links:**

Website: [www.elfdubai.org](http://www.elfdubai.org)

Facebook: [@EmiratesLiteratureFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/EmiratesLiteratureFoundation)

Instagram: [@elfdubai](https://www.instagram.com/elfdubai)

Twitter: [@elfdubai](https://twitter.com/elfdubai)

**Foundry**

Foundry, situated on Downtown Dubai's Boulevard, is a hybrid progressive art space dedicated to the art and cultural community, as well as independent artists. Established in December 2020, it features art galleries, a co-working environment, an engaging library, a café, and a podcast room. The venue delivers a comprehensive array of art exhibitions and activities, introducing a diverse spectrum of contemporary art and cultural programmes to the communities of Dubai, the UAE, and the wider region.

**Links:**

Website: [foundry.downtown.ae](http://foundry.downtown.ae)

Facebook: [@foundrydowntown](https://www.facebook.com/foundrydowntown)

Instagram: [@foundrydowntown](https://www.instagram.com/foundrydowntown)

**Guggenheim Abu Dhabi**

Discover how Guggenheim Abu Dhabi aims to become a driving force in arts and culture innovation for the UAE and beyond, and the importance we place on an ongoing dialogue with the local communities. Join our speed interview programme: engage directly with key professionals from Guggenheim Abu Dhabi to uncover prevailing art industry

trends and gain insights into the crucial know-hows shaping the arts and culture sector, and that will truly make a difference in the future.

Website: [www.guggenheim.org](http://www.guggenheim.org)

Facebook: [@guggenheimmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/guggenheimmuseum)

Instagram: [@guggenheim](https://www.instagram.com/guggenheim)

### **Gulf Photo Plus**

Step into the vibrant world of photography at our booth! Immerse yourself in carefully selected fine art photography and captivating photo books, celebrating the essence of the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia. Experience the Middle East's most extensive collection of 120 & 35mm films and analog cameras. Come say hello and learn more about photography, our workshops and our exhibitions that inspire. Your photographic journey starts here.

#### **Links:**

Website: [gulfphotoplus.com](http://gulfphotoplus.com)

Facebook: [@gulfphotoplus](https://www.facebook.com/gulfphotoplus)

Instagram: [@gulfphotoplus](https://www.instagram.com/gulfphotoplus)

Twitter: [@gulfphotoplus](https://twitter.com/gulfphotoplus)

### **Khosh Bosh**

Meet the hosts of Khosh Bosh and get a peek behind the scenes of podcast-making by participating in our live recording of a special Creative Career Days episode. Khosh Bosh with Anita and Sarah is a podcast platform that invites creatives in the UAE to share their narrative about who they are, where they come from, what they do, and where they're going.

#### **Links:**

Website: [khoshboshwithanitaandsarah.wordpress.com](http://khoshboshwithanitaandsarah.wordpress.com)

Instagram: [@\\_khoshbosh\\_](https://www.instagram.com/_khoshbosh_)

Spotify: Khosh Bosh with Anita and Sarah

### **Louvre Abu Dhabi**

At the Louvre Abu Dhabi booth, all Academic and Art lovers will have the opportunity to learn more about the museum's academic and public programs and activities, register in the museum's database, get their free copies of the Learning Resources, register in the External Guide Training, and to engage with the museum educators and HR representatives.

#### **Links:**

Website: [www.louvreabudhabi.ae](http://www.louvreabudhabi.ae)

Facebook: [@LouvreAbuDhabi](https://www.facebook.com/LouvreAbuDhabi)

Instagram: [@LouvreAbuDhabi](https://www.instagram.com/LouvreAbuDhabi)

Twitter: [@LouvreAbuDhabi](https://twitter.com/LouvreAbuDhabi)

### **The Institute for Emerging Art**

Meet The Institute's team at the booth! Learn about our collaborations, vision and our mission. Explore our book list via QR codes, and participate in our interactive activity. Our "Instagram Surgery" offers a quick critique of your Instagram account by one of our dedicated team members. Join us at our booth and let curiosity be your guide. We look forward to welcoming you!

#### **Links:**

Website: [www.theinstitute.me](http://www.theinstitute.me)

Instagram: [@theinstituteforemergingart](https://www.instagram.com/theinstituteforemergingart)

### **National Pavilion UAE – La Biennale di Venezia**

The National Pavilion UAE – La Biennale di Venezia curates untold stories about the UAE's arts and architecture and provides a platform for curatorial concepts that address critical international conversations from a distinctive local perspective. Alongside its exhibitions in Venice, the National Pavilion UAE engages with the community through

initiatives like the Venice Internship program. Pass by our booth to learn more about the Venice Internship, meet some of our Alumni, pick up a tote bag and learn how you can apply to the Venice Internship program.

**Links:**

Website: [www.nationalpavilionuae.org](http://www.nationalpavilionuae.org)

Facebook: [@nationalpavilionuae](https://www.facebook.com/nationalpavilionuae)

Instagram: [@nationalpavilionuae](https://www.instagram.com/nationalpavilionuae)

Twitter: [@pavilionuae](https://twitter.com/pavilionuae)

**Maraya Art Centre**

Visit Maraya Art Centre's stand during the Creative Career Days at Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai. Participate in our artist talk with Nasir Nasrallah and Nasser Abdallah, and find out more about his "Story Converter" part of the current exhibition "Thinking Art. Artists as Writers from the UAE" organised by the Emirates Fine Arts Society, curated by Dr Noha Farran. Visitors are invited to take part in an interactive, conceptual artwork by Emirati artist Ali Al Abdan, trying to find answers to the question: "What is Art?". Put your answer in Ali Al Abdan's specially made ballot box and see what others think about the ever changing definition of art. Giveaways include eco-friendly tote bags, stickers, flyers with our upcoming programmes, post cards, bookmarks

**Links:**

Website: [www.maraya.ae](http://www.maraya.ae)

Facebook: [@MarayaArt](https://www.facebook.com/MarayaArt)

Instagram: [@maravartcentre](https://www.instagram.com/maravartcentre)

Twitter: [@MarayaArtCentre](https://twitter.com/MarayaArtCentre)

**Middlesex University Dubai**

The Middlesex University Dubai booth will exhibit a selection of our students' best work and provide a glimpse into what we do. We encourage our students to approach the design process through wide research, exploration, reflection, and investigation of diverse subjects through their projects. Kanaka Raghavan, our senior faculty member explores similar themes in her own design work. She will share her experience that highlights how design career paths can sometimes be non-linear and being a curious cross-disciplinary designer can help you carve your own unique creative career.

**Links:**

Website: [www.mdx.ac.ae](http://www.mdx.ac.ae)

Facebook: [@MiddlesexUniversityDubai](https://www.facebook.com/MiddlesexUniversityDubai)

Instagram: [@Middlesexdubai](https://www.instagram.com/Middlesexdubai)

Twitter: [@MiddlesexUniversityDubai](https://twitter.com/MiddlesexUniversityDubai)

**New York University Abu Dhabi**

The MFA program immerses students in contemporary research and art practices while training them to become deep thinkers and artistic innovators. Courses emphasise artistic experimentation within a context of theoretical, cultural, and historical study. Its multidisciplinary coursework bridges disciplinary skills and diverse bodies of knowledge. The program leverages Abu Dhabi's location as a transnational and transcultural hub for the exchange of western and eastern traditions in the arts and culture.

**Links:**

Website: [nyuad.nyu.edu](http://nyuad.nyu.edu)

Facebook: [@NYUAD](https://www.facebook.com/NYUAD)

Instagram: [@nyuad.mfa](https://www.instagram.com/nyuad.mfa)

Twitter: [@NYUAD](https://twitter.com/NYUAD)

**Sharjah Museums Authority**

Visit our booth and learn about the programs and events at Sharjah Museums Authority. Sharjah Museums Authority is promoting 16 museums, where you can discover each one and its public offerings. At CCD, visitors will have the opportunity to obtain more information on specialised museum programs and training designed to

empower and inspire the youth. Audiences will also be introduced to the possibility of exploring a career in the cultural sector through volunteering and internship opportunities at Sharjah Museums.

**Links:**

Website: [www.sharjahmuseums.ae](http://www.sharjahmuseums.ae)

Facebook: [@SharjahMuseumsAuthority](https://www.facebook.com/SharjahMuseumsAuthority)

Instagram: [@sharjahmuseums](https://www.instagram.com/sharjahmuseums)

Twitter: [@sharjahmuseums](https://twitter.com/sharjahmuseums)

**Sharjah Performing Arts Academy**

Do you want to be an Actor, Singer, Dancer or Production Artist? See your future on stage, screen or behind the scenes as a creative bringing imagination to reality. With undergraduate programmes in Acting, Musical Theatre, Production Arts and Professional Dance available, Sharjah Performing Arts Academy is your future. Taking talented individuals and turning them into credible professional performers, dancers, actors, designers, technicians and stage managers - a world-class education in the centre of excellence awaits you, embracing diversity and inspiring creativity. #OurAcademyYourFuture

**Links:**

Website: [www.spaa.ae](http://www.spaa.ae)

Facebook: [@SharjahPerformingArtsAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/SharjahPerformingArtsAcademy)

Instagram: [@sharjah\\_paa](https://www.instagram.com/sharjah_paa)

Twitter: [@SharjahPAA](https://twitter.com/SharjahPAA)

**Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi**

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is a higher education institution that attracts the best students from the UAE and around the world. Established in 2006 as a result of an agreement between the Sorbonne University in Paris and the Government of Abu Dhabi, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi offers the very best in international higher education. Our students benefit from 760 years of academic excellence and learn on a state-of-the-art campus on Al Reem Island in Abu Dhabi. The degrees are awarded by Sorbonne University or Université Paris Cité, depending on the program, and accredited by the UAE Ministry of Education and the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. These degrees are recognized worldwide.

**Links:**

Website: [www.sorbonne.ae](http://www.sorbonne.ae)

Facebook: [@Sorbonnead](https://www.facebook.com/Sorbonnead)

Instagram: [@Sorbonnead](https://www.instagram.com/Sorbonnead)

Twitter: [@Sorbonnead](https://twitter.com/Sorbonnead)

**Tashkeel**

One of the UAE's leading art and design organisations, Tashkeel returns to Creative Career Days, ready to share its info and know-how with young creatives. Visit the stand to find out about year-round workshops, talks, membership and training, printing services and the Tashkeel Makerspace at Alserkal Avenue. Check out the 'Meet the Professionals' talk and discover careers in the creative industries from programming and marketing to training and education. Take the 'Making Your Designs in the UAE' seminar with Make Works UAE and look at how designers produce with manufacturers. Enjoy one-to-one 'Portfolio Reviews' to enhance your practice and its presentation. Finally, jump into the creative thinking workshop, 'Transferable Skills: Marble Run Design Challenge' to see how the visual arts can nurture teamwork, decision-making and communication; all essential soft skills in today's world.

**Links:**

Website: [tashkeel.org](http://tashkeel.org)

Facebook: [@TashkeelStudio](https://www.facebook.com/TashkeelStudio)

Instagram: [@TashkeelStudio](https://www.instagram.com/TashkeelStudio)

Twitter: [@Tashkeel](https://twitter.com/Tashkeel)

**The Arts Centre at NYU Abu Dhabi**

NYU Abu Dhabi's Arts Center is a vibrant performing arts hub in the heart of Abu Dhabi, fostering knowledge and inspiration in the arts. Meet the team and NYU students at the booth to learn about the performing arts, whether as an audience member, student, educator, or to explore your artistic skills. There's something for all.

**Links:**

Website: [www.nyuad-artscenter.org](http://www.nyuad-artscenter.org)

Facebook: [@NYUADartscentre](https://www.facebook.com/NYUADartscentre)

Twitter [@nyuadartscentre](https://twitter.com/nyuadartscentre)

Instagram: [@nyuadartscentre](https://www.instagram.com/nyuadartscentre)

**The NYU Abu Dhabi Art Gallery**

What does it mean to be an “academic museum” in the UAE? Meet the team and learn more about our mission, publications, and engagement opportunities at The NYUAD Art Gallery!

**Links:**

Website: [www.nyuad-artgallery.org](http://www.nyuad-artgallery.org)

Facebook: [@NYUADArtGallery](https://www.facebook.com/NYUADArtGallery)

Instagram: [@NYUADArtGallery](https://www.instagram.com/NYUADArtGallery)

Twitter: [@NYUADArtGallery](https://twitter.com/NYUADArtGallery)

**Zayed University**

Explore an array of dynamic courses at Zayed University College of Arts and Creative Enterprises booth: BFA Animation, BFA Graphic Design, BFA Interior Design, BFA Visual Arts, and BSc Multimedia Design. Engage with our esteemed faculty, explore the curriculum, state-of-the-art facilities, and discover diverse creative career opportunities in the creative economy. Gain insights into our industry partnerships, ensuring a seamless transition from education to the professional world. Uncover your passion and potential with CACE and Zayed University.

**Links**

Website: [www.zu.ac.ae/cace](http://www.zu.ac.ae/cace)

Facebook: [@Zayeduniversity](https://www.facebook.com/Zayeduniversity)

Instagram: [@zu\\_cace](https://www.instagram.com/zu_cace)

Twitter: [@ZayedU](https://twitter.com/ZayedU)

**421**

421 Arts Campus is a supportive space for emerging artists based in the UAE and across the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia region. Located in Abu Dhabi's Mina Zayed, 421 presents a year-round program of exhibitions, talks, workshops, special events, and educational initiatives that offer accessible learning opportunities to the wider community and the general public. Many of the 421 programs are organised in collaboration with local, regional and international partners, engaging children, students, educators, and creative professionals in a participatory approach to artistic and creative practice. These programs are designed to develop artistic and creative skills, supporting the growth of the UAE's creative ecosystem. Stop by the 421 Arts Campus booth at Jameel Arts Centre during Creative Career Days to meet the 421 team and learn more about future opportunities in the arts!

**Links:**

Website: [421.online](http://421.online)

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Twitter: [@421.online](https://twitter.com/@421.online)