

# RAMADAN NIGHTS

## ليالي رمضان

# MARCH 16 & 23

## FULL PROGRAMME

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#### 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM | *Drop-In Art Activities with Rashid Almheiri, Lobby*

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- **Soul's Home** reflects on strengths, aspirations, and self-love. These affirmations will be designed into a personalised badge that serves as a wearable reminder of positivity.
- **Happiness Map** encourages participants to craft visual aspirations, engaging in the meditative practice of recording hopes and future achievements. The station aims to inspire a journey of self-reflection and growth while promoting journaling as an ongoing meditative practice.
- **Beads Hugging** is a therapeutic station where participants will make their own praying beads. Rituals of repetition puts us in a meditative state & reminds us of our intentions. Participants could make the praying beads for themselves or as a gift!
- **Tasting Fragrance** is a sensory station with a twist inspired by aromatic kitchen ingredients. Participants are invited to playfully explore flavors that are also scents.

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Astronomy has a long heritage in Arabia. Evidence exists of lunar and planetary observatories dating back over 1,000 years across Arabia during what is called the Islamic Golden Age. A fitting tribute to this cultural and scientific pedigree is the legacy to have many of the stars retaining their original Arabic names and a multitude of constellations recognized by many with Arabic folklore and prose. This session shares stories told by an astronomer and includes a telescopic viewing of celestial bodies including the moon. (Open to all ages; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

### 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM | *Traditional Henna, Lobby*

Immerse in the artistry of ancient traditions as intricate patterns unfold on skin that captivates with rich color, embodying cultural heritage. Elevate moments with the beauty of tradition, creating memories etched in the delicate intricacies of henna artistry. (Open to all ages; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

### 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM | *Bootleg Griot in collaboration with Youth Assembly Alumni Osemudiamen Ekore, Creekside Colonnade*

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### **9:15 PM - 10:15 PM & 10:30 PM - 11:30 PM | *Traditional Bukhoor Making* with Mike Metzger, Project Space**

Bukhoor Making is an age-old craft. Across diverse cultures, people have practiced the ritual of purifying and perfuming their living spaces, garments, and spirits carried with them. In this workshop, participants discover the essential materials and ingredients to create Emirati Bukhoor and learn the intricate process of combining these elements together. Each participant takes home a hand-crafted Emirati Bukhoor box. This workshop is limited to 8 people per session. (Open to ages 15+; first-come-first-serve)

### **9:15 PM - 10:15 PM & 10:30 PM - 11:30 PM | *Xocolatl Skincare Workshop* with Co Chocolat, Sahaab**

Join Co Chocolat to create chocolate magic with a meditation starting with the finest ingredient: single estate, pure cacao from Co Chocolat that boosts the immune system and increases creativity. You can craft and personalise your own luxurious all-natural skincare or body scrub using raw and organic ingredients packed full of antioxidants to boost the skin's natural vitality (Ages 15+)

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Kids of all ages can enjoy a live storytime reading in Arabic at the Jameel Library. From a selection of books, the stories invite the audience to learn and explore the culture of the holy month. (Open to all ages; advisable for children under 10 years old to be accompanied by an adult)

### **9:30 PM - 10:30 PM | Sound Healing Meditation with Raghdan Hassan, Tarabot**

Join Raghdan for an immersive meditation and healing imaginative journey. A practice to help participants clear their space and connect to their breath, spirit, and inner stillness under the Tarabot Pavilion. (Open to ages 12+; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

### **10:30 PM - 11:30 PM | Lantern Making with Youth Assembly Cohort Sami Soloh, Creekside Colonnade**

In this immersive workshop, participants delve into the mesmerizing world of Islamic patterns. Through hands-on activities, they will embark on a creative journey to craft their very own personalized Ramadan paper lanterns and discover the beauty of Islamic art while creating cherished memories together. (Open to all ages; advisable for children under 10 years old to be accompanied by an adult)

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- **Swap O'Clock** celebrates playfulness, collaboration & initiating conversations. In this station, participants will be invited to play a co-creating game with another guest switching pages every time the clock ticks.
- **Remixed by Chance** draws inspiration from Vikram Divecha's Degenerative Disarrangement. Participants create drawings and allow a chance to reinterpret their narratives, adding a unique twist to the creative process.
- **Spice Sculptures** is an engaging and exploring station where participants are given clay and hard spices to create a piece while discovering different scents and dyes that they can take home with them.
- **Ironing Thoughts** is an activity that will teach participants to use repetition as a meditative tool to relax and allow their minds to experience things with more clarity. Through the use of dots, spirals, or even slabs of color.

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Embark on a creative journey delving into cultural traditions. Through crafting, writing, and sharing, participants will create a folded zine capturing the essence of their cultural routines with personal materials for a unique touch, fostering a cross-cultural exchange that enriches the experience with shared stories and cherished memories. (Open to all ages; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

### 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM | **Public Talk of Library Circles with Rashed Almulla, Jameel Library**

Researcher Rashid Almulla engages in a dialogue with Library Manager Azim Al Ghussein, delving into the details of his curated collection and the extensive research underpinning the Library Circles display. Almulla discusses the importance of gathering, archiving, and documenting histories, unveiling the origins of his collection and the unfolding of the research journey. (Open to all ages; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

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Learn the recipe passed down generations to create delicious Ma'amou treats. Ma'amou, also known as Kaek or Kahk, is made from semolina and butter dough, filled with a variety of tasty ingredients such as dates, pistachios, and walnuts. Traditionally, it is a celebratory treat crafted in the final days of Ramadan in preparation for Eid al-Fitr. It is also enjoyed with family, friends, and house guests during Eid al-Adha, Christmas, and Easter. (Open to all ages; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

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In this hands-on making workshop, participants learn to repurpose leftovers, herbs, and spices as part of a waste-conscious soap project. Participants make a soap specific to their tastes and desires through the melt-and-pour soap-making process. (Open to ages 8+ accompanied by an adult; Limited capacity, first-come-first-serve)

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#### Malavika Suresh, Tarabot

A poetry performance where poets speak and respond to each other through poetry. Watch and discover the poetic craftsmanship of local artists featuring: Danabelle Gutierrez, Dania Dawn, Alysia Knowles, and Namal Siddiqui (Open to ages 12+; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

### 10:30 PM - 11:30 PM | *DIY Screen Printing* with Youth Assembly Alumni

#### Osemudiamen Ekore and Cohort Nabeeha Sajjad, Parkside Colonnade

This workshop derives inspiration from methods of screen printing and pays homage to pixel art, enabling participants to easily create their own designs using readily available items and guided instructions. (Open to all ages; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

### 10:30 PM - 11:30 PM | *Cultural Canvas: Exploring Identity through Art* with

#### Fatma Almulla, Creekside Colonnade

Join a cultural workshop, "Culture, Community, Communication," where participants will dive into the colorful depths of cultural exploration! Unleashing creativity in crafting unique art pieces inspired by diverse cultural elements. Carry a piece of culture with you wherever you wander! (Open to all ages; advisable for children to be accompanied by an adult)

### 10:30 PM - 11:30 PM | *Tatreez making* with Eman Alkhawaja, Project Space

Participants are invited to join an exploration of the traditional Palestinian art form known as Tatreez. Tatreez involves creating intricate and culturally rich embroidery on fabric. Attendees will be guided step by step in crafting textiles and embroidery techniques using Etamine fabric, originating from Palestine. Tatreez is a testament to Palestinian heritage and a means of preserving cultural identity where history, creativity, and craftsmanship combine. (Open to ages 15+; Limited capacity)



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