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The official programme of the Islamic Arts Festival, 2025
19th November 2025 - 31st January 2026

Throughout the period of the Festival, several workshops will be held by artists from different countries.
A special invitation were sent for them for this purpose.



Monday 17 November 2025

Press Conference

Department of Culture

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

SIAF Official Opening (Lantern)

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Navigating the Heart, Mind & Spirit) exhibition

by Dr. Esther Mahlangu - South Africa

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Carved in Time) exhibition by Asma Belhamar - UAE

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Achromatic composition for light & silence) exhibition

by Alejo Petrucci & Francisco Miranda - Argentina

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Sanctuary) exhibition by Eliza Au - Canada

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Constructed light) exhibition by Anna Kruhelska - Poland

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Tidal heating) exhibition by Antonio Santin - Spain

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Continuum) exhibition by Eric Standley - USA

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(They All Float, Each in an Orbit) exhibition

by Eman Al Hashimi - UAE

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(NUR) exhibition by Patricia Millns - UK

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Emanations in Brick) exhibition by Brick Bending - USA

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(The Light Within) exhibition by Ben Johnson - UK

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(A Place Once Known) exhibition by Jason Seife - USA

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Ayatul Nur) exhibition by Jose Carlos Garcia - Spain

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(The Principles of Peace) exhibition

by Rashid Al Khalifa - Bahrain

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Noor) exhibition by Sahand Hesamiyan - Iran

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Oil) exhibition by Saif Mhaisen - Jordan

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Reflections of Pattern) exhibition by Aref Montazeri - Iran

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Serenity) exhibition by Aisha Alhammadi - UAE

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Enlightenment portal) exhibition by Catalina Swinburn - Chile

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Slow Arc Inside a Cube) exhibition by Conrad Showcross - UK

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Cities of Light) exhibition by Laurelie Rae - Canada

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Not Dark but Absent of Light) exhibition

by Matthew Shlian - USA

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Before/Pause/After) exhibition by Maedeh Tafvizi - Iran

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(In The Fold of Light) exhibition by Majd Alloush - Syria

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Light Remains) exhibition by Morteza Darehbaghi - Iran

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Verdant Luminescence: The Garden of Light) exhibition

by Mahra Al Falahi - UAE

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Meditations Under the Sun, By the Sun) exhibition

by Maitha Al Omaira - UAE

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Aqwas) exhibition by Neda Salmanpour - Iran

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Inner Space) exhibition by Nima Nabavi - USA/Iran

Sharjah Art Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 19 November 2025

(Aesthetic experience in the presence of Arabic calligraphy Art) exhibition

by Mohamed Mukhtar Jaafar - Sudan

Emirates Fine Arts Society

11:00 a.m.

Emirates Fine Arts Society

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Contemporary Ornamentations Workshop by Prof. Dr. Omar Faruk Taşkale

& Dr. Atilla Turgut - Türkiye

University of Sharjah - College of Fine Arts and Design

12:30 p.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

Parallel exhibitions Opening at Calligraphy Square

Calligraphy Square

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

(Siraj) exhibition by Fatma Lootah - UAE

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Calligraphy Museum

10:00 a.m.

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Thursday 20 November 2025

(Succession of Generations) exhibition

by Mohammed Mandi and his Students - UAE

Calligraphy Square - Emirates Society for Arabic Calligraphy

& Islamic Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

(Black Ink Light) exhibition by Fatih Özkafa - Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Thursday 20 November 2025

(Communication) exhibition

by Essam Abdel Fattah & his student Ashraf Hassan - Egypt

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Thursday 20 November 2025

(Siraj Al-Midad exhibition for late Calligrapher Abbas Baghdadi) - Iraq

Calligraphy square - Ceramics House

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

(Reflection) exhibition by Prof. Dr. Omar Faruk Taşkale
& his Students - Türkiye

Calligraphy square - Calligrapher Studios

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

(Ornamentation of Letters) exhibition
by Badr Al-Saihi & Fouad Ablili - Morocco

Calligraphy square - Dar Al Nadwa

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

(Arts of the Pen) exhibition by Habib Ramezanpour - Iran

Calligraphy square - Dar Al Nadwa

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

Siraj Workshop by Artist Mohammed Mandi & his Students - UAE

Calligraphy Square - Emirates Society for Arabic

Calligraphy & Islamic Ornamentation

11:00 a.m.

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Thursday 20 November 2025

Contemporary Ornamentations Workshop by Prof.

Dr. Omar Faruk Taşkale & Dr. Atilla Turgut - Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

12:00 p.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

Contemporary Painting Workshop by Habib Ramezanpour and Zahra Reza -Iran

University of Sharjah - College of Fine Arts and Design

12:30 p.m.

Department of Culture

Thursday 20 November 2025

(Light Upon Light) exhibition by Aseel AlYaqoup - Kuwait

Khorfakkan Amphitheatre

06:00 p.m.

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Thursday 20 November 2025

(Lantern) exhibition by Abdullah Alastad & Majed Albastaki - UAE

Khorfakkan Amphitheatre

06:00 p.m.

Department of Culture

Saturday 22 November 2025

A Journey with Light Workshop

by Salem Al Hajri - Sultanate Of Oman

Sharjah Public Library Hall

05:00 p.m. - 08:00 p.m.

Union of Arab Photographers

Saturday 22 November 2025

(Abaya Pavilion) exhibition by Aden Chan (Lyyh Studio) - Hong Kong

House of Wisdom

06:00 p.m.

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Saturday 22 November 2025

(Luminous Passages: The Five Pillars) exhibition by Romina Khanom - UK

House of Wisdom

06:00 p.m.

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Saturday 22 November 2025

(Manara) exhibition by Salmah Al Mansoori - UAE

House of Wisdom

06:00 p.m.

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Saturday 22 November 2025

(Keep your eyes on the light) exhibition by Fatma Abdulhadi - KSA

House of Wisdom

06:00 p.m.

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Saturday 22 November 2025

(Ash and Order) exhibition by Roudhah Al Mazrouei - UAE

Sharjah Research Technology & Innovation Park

06:00 p.m.

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Saturday 22 November 2025

(Circle of Light) exhibition by Mahmoud Shaker - Kuwait

Sharjah Research Technology & Innovation Park

06:00 p.m.

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Saturday 22 November 2025

(Takrar) exhibition by Neda Salmanpour - Iran

Sharjah Research Technology & Innovation Park

06:00 p.m.

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Saturday 22 November 2025

(Beacons of Light) exhibition

City Centre Al Zahia

07:30 p.m.

Emirates Photography Society

Monday 24 November 2025

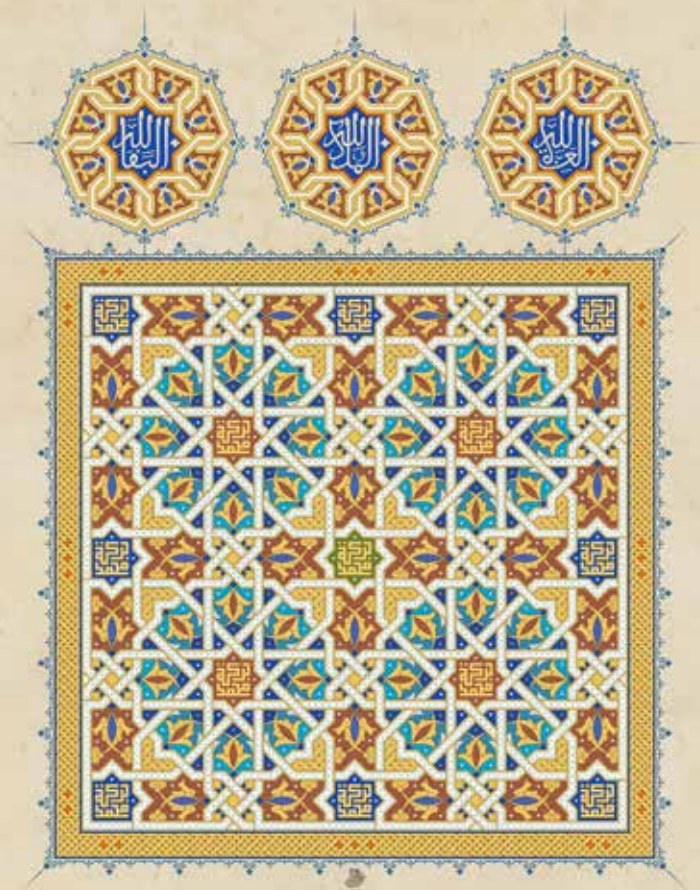
(Through Stillness, Light) exhibition

by One Third Studio - UAE /Iraq / Belize

1971- Design Space

10:00 a.m.

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Monday 24 November 2025

(The Space Between) exhibition by Ruqaya Alhashmi - UAE

1971- Design Space

10:00 a.m.

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Monday 24 November 2025

(Star in storage) exhibition by Omar Darwish - Jordan

1971- Design Space

10:00 a.m.

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Monday 24 November 2025

Kufic Formation Workshop by Master Moustafa Al-Nashwi - Egypt

Women Union Association - Sharjah

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Monday 24 November 2025

Nastaleeq script workshop by Habib Ramezanpour - Iran

Calligraphy Square - Emirates Society for

Arabic Calligraphy & Islamic Ornamentation

11:00 a.m.

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Monday 24 November 2025

Watercolor Hurufia Workshop - Part 1

By Master Amer Saadoun - Syria

Women Union Association - Sharjah

11:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Monday 24 November 2025

(Between the Sun the Moon the Lantern & the Niche) exhibition

University of Sharjah - College of Fine Arts and Design

12:00 p.m.

Union of Arab Photographers

Monday 24 November 2025

Sunbuli script writing workshop by Master Ayman Ghazal - Syria

Al-Nour Mosque - Buhaira

04:30 p.m.

Department of Culture

Monday 24 November 2025

Diwani script aesthetics workshop by Master Reda Jumaa - Egypt

Al-Huda Mosque - Al-Khalidiya

05:30 p.m.

Department of Culture

Monday 24 November 2025

Siraj Min Noor Al-Qalam workshop

by artist Mohammed Mukhtar Jaafar - Sudan

Emirates Fine Arts Society

06:00 p.m.

Emirates Fine Arts Society

Monday 24 November 2025

Modern Methods of Arabic Calligraphy workshop

by Master Moustafa Al-Nashwi - Egypt

Women Union Association - Sharjah

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Lecture “ Journey of a Pen” by artist Mohammed Mandi - UAE

Calligraphy Square - Emirates Society for Arabic Calligraphy

& Islamic Ornamentation

10:30 a.m.

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Wednesday 26 November 2025

Watercolor Hurufia workshop - Part 2 By Master Amer Saadoun - Syria

Women Union Association - Sharjah

11:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Basics of writing lines in Ruq'aa script workshop

by Farouq Al Haddad - Syria

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Writing in Naskh Jalil script by Master Reda Jumaa - Egypt

Al-Huda Mosque - Khalidiya

05:30 p.m.

Department of Culture

Saturday 06 December 2025

Blueprinting Workshop by Mohammed Abdel Wahab - Egypt

Emirates Photography Society

03:00 p.m.

Emirates Photography Society

Monday 08 December 2025

Comparative Between Traditional & Advertising Writing Workshop

By Master Moustafa Al-Nashwi - Egypt

Women Union Association - Sharjah

10:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Monday 08 December 2025

Letters & their connections in Sunbuli script workshop by

Master Amer Saadoun - Syria

Women Union Association - Sharjah

11:00 a.m.

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Monday 08 December 2025

Writing extended Basmala in Naskh script workshop

by Master Ayman Ghazal Syria

Al-Noor Mosque - Buhaira

04:30 p.m.

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Monday 08 December 2025

Halkar Ornaments & its Varieties Workshop by Basak Balci - Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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Monday 08 December 2025

Composition of Ruq'aa Jali script workshop by Master Reda Jumaa - Egypt

Al-Huda Mosque - Khalidiya

05:30 p.m.

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Tuesday 09 December 2025

Halkar Ornaments & its Varieties Workshop by Basak Balci - Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 10 December 2025

Calligraphy brush techniques workshop

by Master Rami Mahmoud - Egypt

Ibn Uthaymeen Mosque - Al Qasimia

05:00 p.m.

Department of Culture

Wednesday 10 December 2025

The stages of the Jali Diwani mold workshop

by Master Shaher Al-Tarif - Syria

Al Majid Mosque - Al Mamzar

05:00 p.m.

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Thursday 11 December 2025

Colored Halkar Workshop by Master Mousab Al-Douri - Iraq

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy

& Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Saturday 13 December 2025

From Lantern to Lens Workshop (Lantern Photography
Techniques in Architecture)

By Hana Turkistani - KSA

Sharjah Mosque - Siyouh Suburb

05:00 p.m. - 08:00 p.m.

Union of Arab Photographers

Monday 15 December 2025

Writing hurufia on fabric using gold & silver leaf workshop
by Master Amer Saadoun - Syria

Women Union Association - Sharjah

11:00 a.m.

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Monday 15 December 2025

Illuminated Letters Workshop by Master Anas Al-Futuhi - Syria
Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmed Al Qasimi Mosque - Dibba Al-Hisn

04:30 p.m.

Department of Culture

Monday 15 December 2025

Principles of reed pen cutting workshop

by Master Farouq Al Haddad - Syria

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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Monday 15 December 2025

Lecture: Arabic Calligraphy, The Siraj & Light of Arts,

by Master Rami Mahmoud - Egypt

Ibn Uthaymeen Mosque - Al Qasimia

05:00 p.m.

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Monday 15 December 2025

Writing the word “Siraj” in a symmetrical structure using the Jali

Thuluth script, workshop by Master Shafer Al-Tarif - Syria

Al Majid Mosque - Al Mamzar

05:00 p.m.

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Monday 15 December 2025

Siraj of Colors Workshop by Louay Salah Al-Din - Syria

Emirates Fine Arts Society

06:00 p.m.

Emirates Fine Arts Society

Tuesday 16 December 2025

Lecture: The most important historical calligraphic collections at the Museum of Islamic Art presented by artist Arzoo Salari - Iran

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 17 December 2025

Lecture: Writing verses from the Holy Quran, Siraj Al-Noor

by Master Jalal Al-Muharab - Syria

Al-Akhyar Mosque - Buhaira

04:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 17 December 2025

Comparison between Ruq'aa & Diwani workshop

by Master Rami Mahmoud - Egypt

Ibn Uthaymeen Mosque - Al Qasimia

04:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 17 December 2025

Ruq'aa script lines workshop by Master Shaher Al-Tarif - Syria

Al Majid Mosque - Al Mamzar

04:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 17 December 2025

Lecture: Writing & Study of the Hadith Qudsi "O Son of Adam"

By Master Jalal Al-Muharab - Syria

Al-Akhyar Mosque - Buhaira

04:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 17 December 2025

Lecture: The most important historical calligraphic collections
at the Museum of Islamic Art presented by artist Arzoo Salari - Iran
Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation
05:00 p.m.

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Monday 22 December 2025

Letter & color workshop by Master Anas Al-Futuhi - Syria
Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmed Al Qasimi Mosque - Dibba Al-Hisn
04:30 p.m.

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Tuesday 23 December 2025

Algerian Miniature Art Techniques & Style Workshop
by Master Ahmed Khalili - Algeria
Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation
10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 24 December 2025

Jali Thuluth design script workshop

by Master Mohammed Al-Nouri - Iraq

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 24 December 2025

Lecture: Writing the final verses of Surat Al-Baqarah

in Diwani script & the way of writing the overlapping line, presented

by Master Jalal Al-Muharab - Syria

Al-Akhyar Mosque - Buhaira

04:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 24 December 2025

Ink & Shadows Workshop by Anas Al-Futuhi - Syria

Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmed Al Qasimi Mosque - Dibba Al-Hisn

04:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 24 December 2025

Algerian Miniature Art Techniques & Style Workshop

by Master Ahmed Khalili - Algeria

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy
& Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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Saturday 27 December 2025

Galaxies and Stars Photography Workshop

by Artist Yousef Al Qasimi - UAE

Mleiha Archaeological Centre

06:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Emirates Photography Society

Monday 05 January 2026

Errors in calligraphic compositions workshop

by artist Ziad Al-Muhandis - Iraq/Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy
& Ornamentation

10:30 a.m.

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Monday 05 January 2026

Naskh script workshop by artist Saman Kaka - Iraq/Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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Tuesday 06 January 2026

Errors in calligraphic compositions workshop

by artist Ziad Al-Muhandis - Iraq/Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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Wednesday 07 January 2026

Naskh script workshop by artist Saman Kaka - Iraq/Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Emirates Society for Arabic Calligraphy

& Islamic Ornamentation

11:00 a.m.

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Monday 12 January 2026

Siraj from the Emirati Heritage workshop by Bana Safar - Syria

Emirates Fine Arts Society

06:00 p.m.

Emirates Fine Arts Society

Monday 19 January 2026

Miniature Drawing Workshop (Flowers & Birds ornamentations)

by Maryam Sharifi - Iran

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy
& Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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Tuesday 20 January 2026

Miniature Drawing Workshop (Flowers & Birds ornamentations)

by Maryam Sharifi - Iran

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy
& Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Tuesday 20 January 2026

Workshop & lecture: “The Aesthetic & Artistic Dimension of Islamic Arts & Arabic Calligraphy (Thuluth & Naskh Scripts)”

by artist Rafat Mohammed Al-Bawaizeh - Jordan

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 21 January 2026

Workshop & lecture: “The Aesthetic & Artistic Dimension of Islamic Arts & Arabic Calligraphy (Thuluth & Naskh Scripts)”

by artist Rafat Mohammed Al-Bawaizeh - Jordan

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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Monday 26 January 2026

Calligraphy Painting Final Touches Workshop

by Master Mohammed Al-Nouri - Iraq

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy & Ornamentation

10:00 a.m.

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Tuesday 27 January 2026

Muhaqqaq & Rayhan Scripts Workshop

by Osama Al-Hamzawi - Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Emirates Society for Arabic Calligraphy
& Islamic Ornamentation

11:00 a.m.

Department of Culture

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Ruzbahan Mushaf Workshop: An Analytical Study

by Master Mousab al-Douri - Iraq

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy
& Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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Wednesday 28 January 2026

Muhaqqaq & Rayhan Scripts Workshop

by Osama Al-Hamzawi - Türkiye

Calligraphy Square - Sharjah Centre for Arabic Calligraphy
& Ornamentation

05:00 p.m.

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