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17 — 21
November 2021
Manarat Al Saadiyat

Guide



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ABU DHABI ART 2021

The fair's 13th edition welcomes 49 established and emerging galleries from 19 countries around the world, presenting works by a diverse range of globally celebrated and up-and-coming artists.

Book your ticket now to experience art installations, performances and exhibitions!

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Each year, guest curators are invited to contribute to the artistic programme to bring together diverse perspectives on global currents. 2021 curators are: Simon Njami (Kind of Blue) | Sam Bardaouil and Till Fellrath (Beyond: Emerging Artists) | Rose Lejeune (Performance Programme: Live).

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A large art installation featuring a Triceratops and a Rhinoceros in a museum hall. The Triceratops is on the left, and the Rhinoceros is on the right. In the background, there are several framed artworks on a dark wall, an orange wall, and a sign that reads "GALLERIES A & S".

ART FAIR

GALLERY SECTORS

International Modern and Contemporary galleries present a wide range of artworks for sale by dozens of artists.

Modern & Contemporary: Galleries in this section have been operating for at least 7 years and their booths offers curatorial frameworks for each presentation.

Special Projects: Galleries which have been operating for at least 3 years. Their booths present up to three artists, alongside the other sectors or as a standalone.

Focus: Kind of Blue: Galleries have been invited to participate with specific artists chosen by the guest curator Simon Njami.

In & Around: Large-scale installations within the art fair but outside the gallery booth space.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS SECTORS

Local organisations known for their contributions and efforts in supporting the cultural community through a variety of activities are invited to highlight their latest non-profit initiatives.

Curated Booth: Themes for this year include Sustainability and the Golden Jubilee of the UAE.

Social Space: Where community partners present their latest initiatives to visitors.

MODERN & CONTEMPORARY

- A01 Baró Galeria Lisbon, Mallorca, São Paulo
A03 Galeria La Cometa Bogotá, Madrid, Medellín
A04 CUSTOT GALLERY DUBAI Dubai
A13 Sapar Contemporary Almaty, New York
A14 Shirin Art Gallery Maryland, Tehran
A16 Yavuz Gallery Singapore, Sydney
A17 LEE & BAE Busan
A18 Leehwaik Gallery Seoul
A19 ARTSIDE Gallery Seoul
A20 Gallery Tableau Seoul
A23 Leila Heller Gallery Dubai, New York
A24 Perrotin Hong Kong, New York, Paris, Seoul, Shanghai, Tokyo
M02 Rossi & Rossi Hong Kong, London
M03 Agial Art Gallery Beirut
M04 Mono Gallery Riyadh
M05 GALERIE LE VIOLON BLEU Tunis
M09 Zawyeh Gallery Dubai, Ramallah
M10 Martch Art Project Istanbul
M11 Tabari Artspace Dubai
M12 Wadi Finan Art Gallery Amman
S01 Elmarsa Dubai, Tunis
S02 Hunar Gallery Dubai
S04 Hafez Gallery Dubai
S06 GALLERIA CONTINUA Beijing, Habana, Les Moulins, Paris, Rome, São Paulo, San Gimignano
S07 Giorgio Persano Turin
S12 Green Art Gallery Dubai

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- A02 Galerie Isa Mumbai
A05 Khak Gallery Dubai, Tehran
A06 The Guild Mumbai
A08 Gallery Espace New Delhi
A09 Art Alive Gallery New Delhi
A10 Exhibit320 New Delhi
A11 Etihad Modern Art Gallery Abu Dhabi
A12 Aisha Alabbar Gallery Dubai
A15 SARADIPOUR Art (SARAI) Bandar Mahshahr, Los Angeles
A21 Aicon Contemporary New York
A22 Leila Heller Gallery Dubai, New York
M01 COLNAGHI London, Madrid, New York
M06 Grosvenor Gallery London
M07 Lawrie Shabibi Dubai, London
M08 Tabari Artspace Dubai
S03 1x1 Art Gallery Dubai
S05 Salwa Zeidan Gallery Abu Dhabi
S08 ATHR Jeddah
S09 Carbon12 Dubai
S10 The Third Line Dubai
S11 Gallery Isabelle van den Eynde Dubai

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- CP01 Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation
CP02 MKS Jewellery
CP03 College of Arts and Creative Enterprises, Zayed University
CP04 Special Olympics UAE, Unified Arts
CP05 Abu Dhabi Arabic Language Centre
CP06 Maraya Art Center
CP07 81 Designs
CP08 Ministry of Culture and Youth - Al Burda
CP09 Fatima Bint Mohamed Initiative

SOCIAL HUB

- CPS01 Abu Dhabi Youth Hub
CPS02 The Courtyard Series - Young Architect and Design Programme under the mentorship of Aga Khan Award for Architecture
CPS03 Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
CPS04 Emirates Fine Arts Society
CPS05 Irthi Contemporary Crafts Council
CPS06 Martyrs' Families' Affairs Office - Wahat Al Karama
CPS07 National Pavilion UAE La Biennale di Venezia
CPS08 Sharjah Art Foundation
CPS09 SWALIF Publishing House
CPS10 New York University Abu Dhabi

KIND OF BLUE

- AT1 Galerie MAM Douala
AT2 Sabrina Amrani Madrid
AT3 Primo Marella Gallery Lugano, Milan
AT4 Afriart Gallery Kampala

IN & AROUND

- IA1 Hera Büyüktascıyan (Green Art Gallery), *Everflowing Pool of Nectar*, 2017
IA2 Richard Atugonza (Afriart Gallery), *At Heart but Far (Layla)*, 2021
IA3 Najat Makki (Hunar Gallery), *Folk Tales (Shabkeh)*, 2021
IA4 Rasheed Araeen (Grosvenor Gallery), *The Greatness of Allah*, 2021
IA5 Alfredo Jaar (Giorgio Persano), *Culture = Capital*, 2021
IA6 Siah Armajani (Rossi & Rossi), *Street Corner No.2*, 1995
IA7 Raqib Shaw (COLNAGHI), *The Piranesi*, 2008
IA8 Zineb Sedira (The Third Line), *Sugar Silo* (2013), *Sugar Routes* (4) (2013), *Sugar Surface* (1) (2013)
IA9 Hazem Harb (Tabari Artspace), *Between Earth and Heaven: Borders are Only in our Minds I*, 2021
IA10 Olga de Amaral (Galeria La Cometa), *Stela 55*, 2013
IA11 Seher Naveed (Aicon Contemporary), *Door 1, Door 2, Tip 5, Tip 6, Tip 7*, 2021
IA12 Zarina (Gallery Espace), *Journey to the Edge of Land* (1994), *Tasbih* (2017), *Untitled* (2015), *Blossom* (1985), *Glimpses* (2015)
IA13 Aya Haidar (ATHR), *Highly Strung*, 2021

THE ROCKS ARE SINGING TO THE SKY

- Louise Hervé & Clovis Maillet, *Future Lithic Reduction*, 2019-2021
Mays Albaik, *Heres and Elsewheres*, 2021
Super Taus, *Quick Fix*, 2019

BEYOND: EMERGING ARTISTS

- Christopher Joshua Benton, *The World was My Garden*, 2021
Hashel Al Lamki, *Neptune*, 2021
Maitha Abdalla, *Too Close to the Sun*, 2021

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EXHIBITIONS, COMMISSIONS & INSTALLATIONS

BEYOND: ARTIST COMMISSIONS



Established artists are invited to create site-specific artworks in historic or cultural sites.

17 Nov 2021 – 22 Jan 2022

- 1pm – 9pm | **Manarat Al Saadiyat:** Hazem Harb & Richard Atugonza
- 12pm – 2pm | **Cultural Foundation:** Rasheed Araeen
- 10am – 6pm | **Al Jahili Fort:** Aya Haidar
- 8am – 6pm | **Jebel Hafit Desert Park:** Hazem Harb & Richard Atugonza
- 8am – 6pm | **Al Ain Oasis:** Najat Makki

BEYOND: ARTIST COMMISSIONS



Aya Haidar

Dwelling On The Past, 2021

Large-scale artwork that serves to demystify the active and intrinsic role that Bedouin women had in the preservation and survival of their tribe, specifically through traditions of Sadu weaving.

17 Nov 2021 - 22 Jan 2022

10am - 6pm

Al Jahili Fort, Al Ain



Hazem Harb

Between Earth and Heaven: Borders are Only in our Minds II, 2021

Visual and esoteric retrieval of the artist's individual memory as a ten-year-old Arab child who grew up on the idea of the great Arab world without borders, remembered in the memory of that child.

17 Nov 2021 - 22 Jan 2022

8am - 6pm

Jebel Hafit Desert Park, Al Ain



Najat Makki

Ya Marhaba Al Saa', 2021

The work portrays seven women, representing the seven Emirates, focusing on traditional craftsmanship inspired by traditional embroidery and attire. The title of the work is an Emirati greeting that represents customs, values and traditions.

17 Nov 2021 - 22 Jan 2022

8am - 6pm

Al Ain Oasis, Al Ain



Richard Atugonza

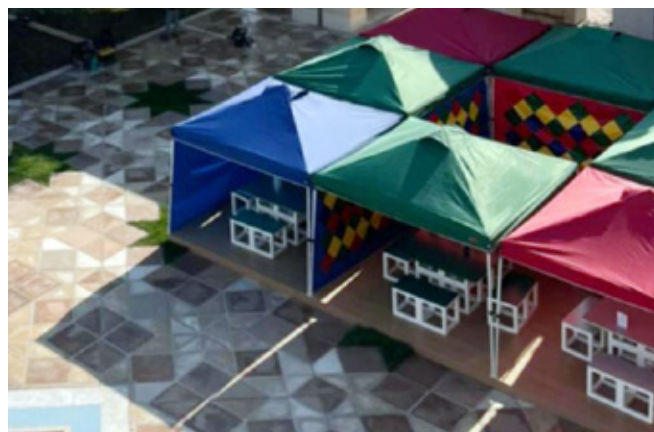
At Heart but Far, 2021

Inspired by the tragic story of two lovers, Layla and Majnun, who become a metaphor for what many are experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It speaks about longing for reunions and keeping friends and family in our hearts, while being physically separated.

17 Nov 2021 - 22 Jan 2022

8am - 6pm

Jebel Hafit Desert Park, Al Ain



Rasheed Araeen

Shamiyaana Abu Dhabi, 2021

Shamiyaana brings people together under one roof to meet, eat together and engage in conversations.

15 - 21 Nov (During the fair) | 12 - 2pm

26 Nov, 30 Nov, 3 Dec (During Al Hosn Festival) | 12 - 2pm

Cultural Foundation, Abu Dhabi

BEYOND: EMERGING ARTISTS



Created following several months of mentorship by the curators, the selected artists' commissions will touch upon a number of pertinent issues that are of significant relevance to the socio-cultural context of the UAE, as well as the current discourse within the global arts community.

Curators: Sam Bardaouil & Till Fellrath

Artists: Maitha Abdalla

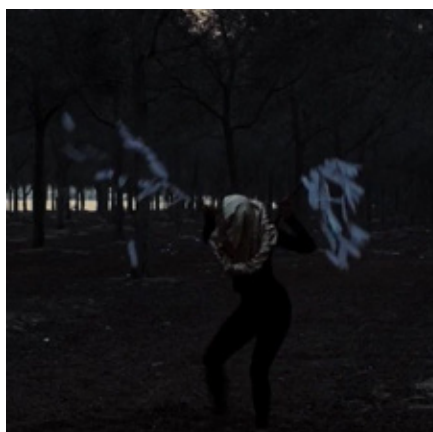
Hashel Al Lamki

Christopher Joshua Benton

17 Nov – 4 Dec

1 - 9pm

Gallery M, Manarat Al Saadiyat



Maitha Abdalla

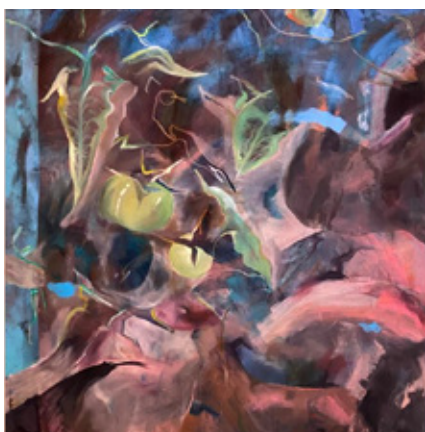
Too Close to the Sun, 2021

The artist has created two distinct experiences. The first centres on a number of dispersed body sculptures, while the second is accessed visually through a wall, where a film is projected featuring a performance.

17 Nov – 4 Dec

1 - 9pm

Gallery M, Manarat Al Saadiyat



Hashel Al Lamki

Neptune, 2021

The artist contends that the rapid changes in the lived environment are urging mankind to reconsider their existence, looking to alternative realities grounded in poetry and the quantum.

17 Nov – 4 Dec

1 - 9pm

Gallery M, Manarat Al Saadiyat



Christopher Joshua Benton

The World was My Garden, 2021

This artwork uses the palm tree as a metaphor for issues of migration, histories of slavery and labour economies. The work takes as its point of departure the coercion of the palm tree and the date into quasi-Islamic identity politics within the context of 1960s America.

17 Nov – 4 Dec

1 - 9pm

Gallery M, Manarat Al Saadiyat

VISUAL CAMPAIGN ARTISTS



Ayesha Hadhir | Rawdha Khalifa Al Ketbi | Shaikha Fahad Al Ketbi
Aayn, 2021

The works shown in Jebel Hafit as part of Beyond: Artists Commissions were inspired by the artists' collaborative work in the 2019 Beyond: Emerging Artists programme and explore transformation in different environments.

17 Nov 2021 – 22 Jan 2022

8am - 6pm

Jebel Hafit Desert Park, Al Ain

EXHIBITION



GATEWAY: PASSAGE BY NUJOOM ALGHANEM

This immersive video and site-specific sound installation was filmed in the UAE and Venice and was originally shown in the UAE Pavilion at the 2019 Venice Biennale. Its presentation at Abu Dhabi Art 2021 marks its debut in the UAE, made possible through partnership with National Pavilion UAE and Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Festival.

Curated by Sam Bardaouil Til Fellrath

17 Nov – 4 Dec

1 - 9pm

Theatre, Manarat Al Saadiyat

PAVILION PRIZE



ABU DHABI ART PAVILION

University students from the United Arab Emirates were invited to develop architectural proposals for a Pavilion. The winning design is realised at the fair.

2021 Pavilion Prize winners are Jason Cruz, Jennifer Tsai and Roudhah Hamad Al Mazrouei (New York University Abu Dhabi).

17 – 21 Nov

1 - 9pm

Garden, Manarat Al Saadiyat

PERFORMANCES

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME: LIVE



Through the frame of storytelling and interpretation, the programme creates a series of journeys through histories, memories and fictions. The artists incorporate not only live performance but also sound, sculpture and digital interfaces to create a series of narrative, abstract and poetic experiences.

Curator: Rose Lejeune

Umm Al Emarat Park: Rand Abdul Jabbar

Manarat Al Saadiyat: Mays Albaik | Louise Hervé & Clovis Maillet | Super Taus

17 – 21 Nov

1 – 9pm

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME: LIVE

Curated by Rose Lejeune

Rand Abdul Jabbar

Act II: The Climbing Vine,

from the series Every Act of Recognition Alters What Survives,

2021. Commissioned by Shubbak Festival.

Three sculptural installations and a performance walk set within Umm Al Emarat Park's Botanical Garden, which explores the role of memory in relation to place and history and utilises the garden's sensory and emotional qualities as focal points for contemplation and reflection.

Visitors can access audio recordings and translated transcripts of the performance by scanning the QR codes located at each sculpture.

Installation:

17 Nov - 30 Dec

8am - 11pm

Performance:

19 Nov | 11am & 11:30am

20 Nov | 11am & 11:30am

11 Dec | 4pm

Umm Al Emarat Park

Entry fee: AED 10



PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME: LIVE

Curated by Rose Lejeune

Mays Albaik

Heres and Elsewheres, 2021

Housed on three screens that blend into the fair's environment, scheduled readings of words from the dictionary that denote 'placehood' take place around the city and are then broadcast back into the fair, where the artist asks, "Can you be in two places at once through the internet"?

17 - 21 Nov

1 - 9pm (Starts on Screen 1 at
1:30pm | 3:30pm | 5:30pm |
7:30pm)

Atrium, Manarat Al Saadiyat



PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME: LIVE



Curated by Rose Lejeune

Louise Hervé & Clovis Maillet

Performance: Future Lithic Reduction, 2019-2021

Through this time travel, the work explores perspectives on gender, economics, social inequalities, technology and environment that are both historicised and anchored in our contemporary situation.

17 – 21 Nov

3pm & 5pm (10-15 mins)

Atrium, Manarat Al Saadiyat

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME: LIVE



Curated by Rose Lejeune

Super Taus

Untitled (Quick Fix), 2019

Participants are invited to rewrite their past, garnering accolades for their near-missed achievements and the secret abilities they wished were recognised. Find the artist's alter-ego, win in a game of chance with dice, and she will engrave a trophy with the accomplishment of your choice.

17 – 19 Nov

1 – 3 pm, 4 – 5pm, 7 – 9 pm

Gallery M, Manarat Al Saadiyat

2ND SUN BY FACTORY PEOPLE



Regional and global music artists will bring live performances, DJ sets and futuristic productions.

18 – 19 Nov

6pm – 3am

Terrace Garden, Manarat Al Saadiyat

Fair ticket includes complimentary access to 2ND SUN events at the fair. Entry is on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited capacity.

WORKSHOPS & TOURS



Workshops

Hands-on art activities for all ages, plus exclusive artist-led masterclasses for both adults and teens (ages 13+), are available throughout the duration of the fair. All art activities and masterclasses take inspiration from artworks seen at Abu Dhabi Art.

Tours

Complimentary 45-minute educational and interactive guided tours of the Abu Dhabi Art fair and exhibitions are led by a Visitor Experience Specialist. Available in either Arabic or English, virtual or onsite.

17 Nov 2021 – 22 Jan 2022

9am – 9pm

Manarat Al Saadiyat | Umm Al Emarat Park | Al Jahili Fort | Al Ain Oasis

Prior booking for workshops and tours is required due to limited capacity.
Registration:

MAS Art Studio : masartstudio@dctabudhabi.ae

MAS Tours : manaratalsaadiyat@dctabudhabi.ae

Al Ain Workshops & Tours : programmes@abudhabiart.ae

ART ACTIVITIES

Guided Tour & Art Activity for Educational Groups

Schools, colleges and universities are encouraged to reserve a specially guided tour of the fair followed by optional hands-on art workshops related to themes being explored within the fair.

17, 18 & 21 Nov

9am – 1pm (45 min tour & 30 min activity)

Tour is free of charge; art activity is AED

25 per student (applicable if included)

No capacity limit

Registration:

manaratalaadiyat@dctabudhabi.ae



Children's Drop-In Studio

Children will discover a variety of artistic mediums through self-led art activities that include Action Prints, Mixed Media Stamps, Layered Landscapes, and a communal Coral Reef Mural!

17 - 21 Nov

1 - 9pm. Last entry 7:30pm

Art Studio, Manarat Al Saadiyat

Children aged 3-5 years, accompanied by an adult

AED 30 for 2 hours

No capacity limit

Registration:

masartstudio@dctabudhabi.ae

ART ACTIVITIES



Junior's Drop-Ins and Workshops

Juniors will deepen their understanding of a range of artistic themes, concepts and processes related to artworks being exhibited at the fair through self-led art activities such as Colourful Cityscapes and Laminated Prints as well as instructor-led workshops including Figurative Sculptures, Abstract Assemblage and Layered Monoprints.

17 - 21 Nov

1 - 9pm. Last entry 7:30pm

Art Studio, Manarat Al Saadiyat

Children aged 6-12 years

AED 50 for 2 hours

No capacity limit

Registration: masartstudio@dctabudhabi.ae

MASTERCLASSES



Led by Abu Dhabi Art artists. Participants will gain unique intimate insight into an artist's process, source of inspiration and working methods. Each workshop offers an opportunity to work directly with the artist to learn techniques they often employ within their work.

📍 MAS Art Studio

- Wed 17 Nov | 5-7pm | **Wardha Shabbir**: Miniature Painting
- Fri 19 Nov | 5-7pm | **Hazem Harb**: Collaging Memory
- Tues 23 Nov | 5-7pm | **Hashel Al Lamki & Maitha Abdalla**: Figure and Abstraction: Art In Dialogue
- Wed 24 Nov | 3-5pm | **Sarah Al Mehairi**: Sensory Mapping and Found Tools

📍 Umm Al Emarat Park

- Sun 5 Dec | 3-5pm | **Rand Abdul Jabbar**: Objects of Memory: Drawing Walk

Locations : Manarat Al Saadiyat (Art Fair Ticket required for the 17 & 19 Nov)
Umm Al Emarat Park (Entry fee AED 10)
Age Group : Teens & Adults (13+)
Duration : 2 hours
Fee : AED 150

Registration: masartstudio@dctabudhabi.ae

ARTIST-LED MASTERCLASS



Wardha Shabbir: Miniature Painting

Wednesday 17 Nov

5-7pm

Art Studio, MAS

Discover the intricate art of Miniature Painting and learn some of its fundamental techniques workshop led by contemporary visual artist, miniature painter, and Jameel Prize nominee Wardha Shabbir.



Hazem Harb: Collaging Memory

Fri 19 Nov

5-7pm

Art Studio, MAS

Bring along some of your favourite archival family photographs to examine the relationship of individual and collective memory to the history of cities through collage and mixed media techniques.

ARTIST-LED MASTERCLASS



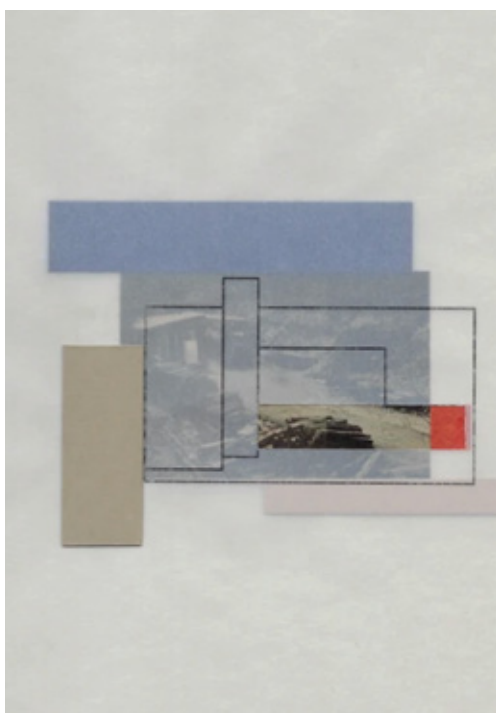
Maitha Abdalla & Hashel Al Lamki: Figure and Abstraction: Art In Dialogue

Tue 23 Nov

5-7pm

Art Studio, MAS

Participants will work in pairs to explore abstract and figurative approaches to painting through a collaborative approach aimed at stimulating ideas and conversations around authorship, correspondence, and trust in art.



Sarah Almehairi: Sensory Mapping and Found Tools

Wed 24 Nov

3-5pm

Art Studio, MAS

Engage and develop methods of researching, collecting and documenting your surroundings through an outdoor sound walk followed by drawing exercises that explore the language of mapping and the transformation of found materials into tools.

ARTIST-LED MASTERCLASS



Rand Abdul Jabbar: Objects of Memory: Drawing Walk

Sun 5 Dec

3-5pm

Umm Al Emarat Park

Engage in drawing exercises outdoors in response to a series of sculptural interventions that explore our capacity to connect with cherished experiences from distant times and places in the present moment.

Registration: masartstudio@dctabudhabi.ae

AL AIN WORKSHOPS



WORKSHOP INSPIRED BY COMMISSIONED ARTIST: NAJAT MAKKI

Participants will use clay or plaster-gauze to design a woman inspired by **Dr. Najat Makki's** artwork.

17 - 21 Nov
3 - 5pm (1 hour per workshop)

16 - 18 Dec
5 - 10pm (3 hours per workshop)

Al Arish, Al Ain Oasis
Teens & Adults (13+)
Capacity 15 pax
Free of charge

Registration: programmes@abudhabiart.ae



WORKSHOP INSPIRED BY COMMISSIONED ARTIST: AYA HAIDAR

Participants will use a tufting needle to sew their words onto fabric inspired by Aya Haidar.

17 - 21 Nov
3 - 5pm (45 min per workshop)

2, 3, 23, 24 Dec
5 - 10pm (3 hours per workshop)

Al Jahili Fort, Al Ain
6-12 years
Capacity 15 pax
Free of charge

Registration: programmes@abudhabiart.ae

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