

Mathaf launches summer Arts and Education programme for students

09 July 2017. Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art is launching a summer programme for students this week, as part of the organisations commitment to host educational and community engagement programmes that stimulate creativity and appreciation of modern and contemporary art in the region.

Presented by Qatar Museums under the leadership of its Chairperson, HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Mathaf's Education Summer Programme will enable students to explore different art mediums in the Mathaf collection and learn about different concepts and practises in modern and contemporary art through observation, discussion, research and creative making activities.

Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to experiment with drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media inspired by the museum's collection – which is one of the world's largest specialised collection of its kind.

Maral J. Bedoyan, Deputy Director of Learning and Outreach, said:

"We look forward to hosting our Arts and Education Summer Programme this week, which will allow students to express their creative ability and be inspired by our collection of art at Mathaf, consisting of works by modern and contemporary artists from the region. It is our commitment at Mathaf to develop learning programmes that create spaces for creativity and learning for the local community, nurture emerging talent and allow students to work together to explore and develop an interest and an appreciation for art and the museum's collection."

The Programme, which is free of charge and offered in English and Arabic, is open for all students between the ages of 8 and 14. Students will be split into groups depending on their age, with each group attending three sessions over the course of one week.

Programme dates and times are listed below:

Group A: 8 – 11 years old	Group B: 12 – 14 years old
9am – 12pm	9am – 12pm
11 – 13 July	17 – 19 July
24 – 26 July	31 July – 2 August

This initiative comes as part of Mathaf's commitment to increase knowledge of the museums' collection and advocate for art education and creative learning. To register for the Mathaf Education Summer Programme, please email mathaf_education@qm.org.uk

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About Mathaf

Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art was founded in 2010

Mathaf is situated in Education City in Qatar Foundation, in a renovated former school building. QF is led by HH Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

Mathaf is part of Qatar Museums, led by H.E. Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

An initial group of works was donated to the public institution by H.E. Sheikh Hassan bin Mohammed bin Ali Al Thani. Holding several thousand works collected over the past 25 years, the collection emphasizes artistic trends and sites of production of modern art.

Mathaf organizes major exhibitions, both historical and experimental, and large-scale education programs performing an important role as a center for dialogue, research and a resource for fostering creativity.

For more information visit www.mathaf.org.qa

Free entry

Opening hours:

Sunday	11 am – 6 pm
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11 am – 6 pm
Wednesday	11 am – 6 pm
Thursday	11 am – 6 pm
Friday	3 pm – 8 pm
Saturday	11 am – 6 pm

About Qatar Museums

Qatar Museums connects the museums, cultural institutions and heritage sites in Qatar and creates the conditions for them to thrive and flourish. It centralizes resources and provides a comprehensive organization for the development of museums and cultural projects, with a long term ambition of creating a strong and sustainable cultural infrastructure for Qatar. Under the patronage of His Highness the Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and led by its Chairperson, Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, QM is consolidating Qatar's efforts to become a vibrant center for the arts, culture and education, in the Middle East and beyond.

Since its foundation in 2005, QM has overseen the development of the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA), Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, and the Al Zubarah World Heritage Site Visitor Centre. Qatar Museums also manages the QM Gallery at Katara and the ALRIWAQ DOHA Exhibition Space and the Fire Station: Artists in Residence. Future projects include the opening of and the launch of the highly anticipated National Museum of Qatar and the 3-2-1 Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum.

QM is committed to instigating Qatar's future generation of arts, heritage and museum professionals. At its core is a commitment to nurturing artistic talent, creating opportunities and developing the skills to service Qatar's emerging art economy. By means of a multi-faceted program and public art initiatives, QM seeks to push the boundaries of the traditional museum

model, and create cultural experiences that spill out onto the streets and seek to involve the widest possible audiences. Through a strong emphasis on originating art and culture from within and fostering a spirit of national participation, QM is helping Qatar find its own distinctive voice in today's global cultural debates.

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