

Enjoy the best of arts and culture in Dubai

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SIKKA Arts Festival, Al Marmoom: Film In The Desert, World Art Dubai, Art Dubai, Jameel Arts Centre and Alserkal Avenue bring art and creativity into the spotlight

Dubai is an important destination for arts and culture lovers, with the local art scene growing to include more independent homegrown artists that celebrate a variety of cultures – creating a vibe that is unique to Dubai. Art enthusiasts can embark on a journey to explore the finest galleries and cultural events with Dubai Calendar's [website and app](#) and purchase tickets to the latest fairs.

Dubai is set to welcome **SIKKA Art Festival** under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairperson of Dubai Culture & Arts Authority (Dubai Culture) for its 10th edition at the heart of Old Dubai, Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood from **19-29 March**. Visitors are invited to wander through old wind tower-topped houses that are transformed into mini art galleries for exhibitions, installations, musical performances, films and interactive workshops. Best of all, it is free to attend.

Film enthusiasts are invited to experience four days of special screenings showcasing work by Emirati and UAE-based filmmakers at **Al Marmoom: Film In The Desert** from **4-7 March**. The initiative is presented by Dubai Arts and Culture Authority under the guidance of Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairperson of Dubai Culture.

The region's leading international art fair **Art Dubai** is returning for its 14th edition from **25-28 March** at Madinat Jumeirah, featuring universal artists, galleries, performances and talks. The fair will bring together 90 galleries from 38 countries, including 21 first timers from Nigeria, Sudan and Vietnam, organised into four sections: Contemporary, Modern, Residents and the newly launched Bawwaba.

World Art Dubai will take over Dubai World Trade Centre from **8-11 April** giving visitors and art aficionados access to affordable art retail with more than 3,000 pieces from 150 galleries to choose from.

Jameel Arts Centre is showcasing Sarah Abu Abdallah's exhibition **For the First Time in A Long Time** until **20 April**, a collection of videos, paintings, text and installations inspired by tension between virtual personas and reality. The Centre is also featuring the multi-lingual exhibition **Composition for a Public Park** by artists and musician Hassan Khan until **8 June**.

The leading international art hub, Alserkal Avenue, is hosting a variety of exhibitions including a showcase of Beijing-born artist Vivien Zhang's work, **Soft Borders** until **5 March**, inviting visitors to experience the recurring motif of the kilim a tapestry-woven carpet and its multifarious meanings at this display; a poetic educational exhibition **Poetry School at Grey Noise** until **9 March**; **Nothing is Certain** by British-Iraqi artist Athier Mousawi, which will run until **14 March** with work aimed to create visual relationship between unanswerable questions and undefined answers; conceptual paintings addressing pressing environmental challenges in **Brainwashed by Nature** until **15 March**; and **New Waves** that allows visitors to explore latest edition of New national Dish from **14 March – 4 April**.

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