

DUBAI CALENDAR'S MUST-ATTEND ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS ACROSS THE CITY

The ones to watch for art enthusiasts and lovers of literacy

Dubai, UAE; 28 February 2019: Dubai's residents and visitors are gearing up to enjoy the best of the emirate's arts and culture scene, as the next couple of months welcome a variety of events taking place around the city. Showcasing Dubai's creative flair, the city gets set to welcome the world's leading artists, designers, curators, gallery owners and art experts to explore the latest in artistry and design innovation. From photography workshops to the highly anticipated Emirates Airline Festival of Literature, here's a look at what's in store for arts and culture lovers to mark their diaries over the next three months.

[Emirates Airline Festival of Literature](#), the largest celebration of written and spoken words in the Arab world returns for its 11th edition from 1– 9 March at InterContinental Hotel, Dubai Festival City, offering fans in the UAE the chance to interact with world famous authors, attend debates and workshops and participate in competitions. With authors travelling to Dubai from across the globe including Jessica Jarlvi and Karen Osman, the annual festival also hosts regional and local authors such as Hessa Almehairi and poet, Abdullah Alhedeyyeh Alshehhi. Held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice-President & Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, it brings people of all ages and backgrounds together with authors from across the world to promote education, debate and above all else, love of reading and writing.

Held to showcase and support up-and coming artists (under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors Office at Dubai Culture), the [SIKKA Art Fair](#) is a free event built around artist-led practices with a variety of events, exhibitions, live music from local artists, interactive workshops and more. Taking place from 16– 24 March at Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, SIKKA Art Fair is one of the region's most anticipated initiatives for young talent offering a unique celebration of visual and performing arts, music, and film, along with home-grown food vendors, a vibrant programme of workshops for both adults and children, and an array of activities for the whole family.

The leading international art fair, [Art Dubai 2019](#) will be kicking off once again for its 13th edition from 20– 23 March at Madinat Jumeriah featuring 41 countries and providing a platform to showcase emerging talent. Art Dubai has something for everyone to explore different artistic media and museum-quality work.

[World Art Dubai](#) will return once again to Dubai World Trade Centre from 3 April – 6 April to give visitors the chance to view and purchase a variety of art as it brings together hundreds of artist retailers, designers and dealers in one space with an emphasis on affordability.

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