



مؤسسة بسام فريحا للفنون  
BASSAM FREIHA ART FOUNDATION

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School Guided Tours  
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# ABOUT US

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**Bassam Freiha Art Foundation (BFAF) is a philanthropic institution established by philanthropist and art collector Bassam Said Freiha, who has collected works from the orientalist art movement for over 50 years. The Foundation hosts exhibitions that feature works from his collection alongside showcasing the collections of regional and international patrons.**

**The only private art foundation on Abu Dhabi's Saadiyat Cultural District, free and open for everyone. BFAF is focused on showcasing global, regional, and local art collections. it aims to support and nurture emerging talent, inspire dialogue, and foster art education and public engagement with the arts through diverse and inclusive year-round programming.**

# OUR ART EDUCATOR

## ÉMILIE DUBOIS

Émilie Dubois, a Guatemalan artist based in the UAE, is the Art Educator and Curatorial Liaison at the Bassam Freiha Art Foundation in Abu Dhabi. Specializing in mixed media, she explores identity and cultural heritage while mentoring young talent. Through her role, Emilie inspires students to engage with art and fosters a creative, inclusive community at the foundation.





# WHAT TO EXPECT?



At Bassam Freiha Art Foundation, students have the opportunity to explore diverse artistic expressions through a range of thoughtfully curated art exhibitions. These exhibitions showcase a variety of artistic styles and cultural perspectives, providing a rich and immersive experience that encourages creativity, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of art and its impact on society.



# EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES



## Art Appreciation

Understand different art styles and historical contexts

## Cultural Awareness

Learn about the West's historical view of the East and how contemporary Arab artists challenge these perspectives

## Critical Thinking

Analyze how art can influence and reflect societal views

## Creative Inspiration

We expect students to channel their experiences into original art, inspired by the exhibitions they engage with



# CURRENT EXHIBITIONS



## Visions of the Orient

This exhibition explores Western perspectives on the East, drawing from the private collection of HE Bassam Freiha.



## The Prism

The exhibitions "Project Oneness" and "Trust, Gratitude, and Love Journey" by The Prism use light and space to create immersive experiences that show how everything is connected.



## The Sculpture Garden

The Sculpture Garden showcases Anthony James's Infinity Light sculptures exploring space, time, and limits.



# PLANNING YOUR VISIT



## Age Recommendations

We welcome students from all ages above 3 to experience the world of art



## Duration of Visit

The duration of the visit is 1.5 hours including a free guided tour and interactive workshop **(Subject to availability)**



## Group Size & Concurrent Visits

Each group can include 20 students, with a maximum of 25. Schools may bring up to three groups per day, with a 1.5-hour interval between each visit



# GUIDED TOURS

Our guided tours are led by knowledgeable team members who bring each exhibition to life through storytelling, dialogue, and engaging discussion. Tailored to different age groups and learning levels, these tours offer visitors a deeper understanding of the artworks, artists, and themes on display.





# INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

## Curatorial Studies

(Grade 9+)

Explore curatorial roles through hands-on activities, arranging artworks and developing exhibition concepts, with our curator Dr. Michaela Watrelot.



## Being an Artist

(Grade 2+)

Create personal artworks with Émilie Dubois, reflecting themes explored during the tour.



**Please note:** Workshops are subject to availability. Kindly select a preferred visit date, and we will confirm availability with you.



# WORKSHOPS FOR ALL

## General workshops

Our workshops are designed for students of all ages and skill levels, from curious beginners to young artists. These sessions provide a creative and engaging environment where students can explore artistic techniques, experiment with materials, and respond to themes from our exhibitions. Each workshop is tailored to complement the learning objectives of school visits, encouraging imagination, critical thinking, and self-expression through hands-on activities.





# STORYTELLING SESSIONS

Our curator leads interactive storytelling sessions that bring art to life for young visitors. Each story is linked to themes from our exhibitions, encouraging children to observe, imagine, and engage with art in a fun and meaningful way.





# Booking Requirements

If you are interested in booking a visit at the Bassam Freiha Art Foundation, kindly send an email containing the following details:

- ✓ **Number and ages of the children attending the visit**
- ✓ **Preferred dates and timings for the visit**
- ✓ **Purpose of the visit to the Foundation**
- ✓ **Name of the school**

To help us tailor your visit, please complete the School Visit Request Form.



[Google Forms Link](#)







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