



Call for
Visual Artists

Painting - Sculpture - Collage - Photography - Textile - Printmaking - Ceramics
Digital Arts - Calligraphy - Video Arts - Installation - Glass - Kinetic Arts

Other Associated Talent

Curator - Writer - Poet - UAE Historian - Architect - Designer: Landscape, Interior, Graphic


1st International Historical Memory Art Festival



1-31 October 2014
Spirit of the Union: An Artistic Perspective
The Age of Transformation

*Our grandfathers and ancestors have left a wealth of cultural heritage of which we are proud.
We shall conserve it and build on it as it is the soul of this land and its future generations.*

HH Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan

Art Hub Liwa is a staging ground for epic festivals that provide a platform for cultural and artistic exchange on a grand scale. Art Hub Liwa is recognized as the go-to location where the talented peoples of the world congregate to exchange ideas, engage, inspire and be inspired.

The inaugural Middle East UpCycled Art Festival has launched an extraordinary format for Art Hub Liwa and those who participate. It is at the very edge of the magnificent Empty Quarter's rolling sand dunes that these revolutionary themed arts festivals take place. A commitment to offer a unique facility and atmosphere for the international as well as the local and regional artists and innovators is establishing a particular standard in artist residency programs.

Creating a Visual Arts Archive Honoring the Past

The Invitation... The First International Historical Memory Art Festival is focused on the United Arab Emirates and invites visual artists, creative thinkers and noted others to apply for participation in a month-long creative and cultural journey based in the history of the 60's and 70's, encompassing the pre- and post-unification years. Prospective participants may be Emirati or those of any nationality who in the past or more recently have contributed to the realization of the rulers' dreams, and those who wish to contribute to the creation of an extraordinary visual arts archive. Each applicant should have a special interest in the historical and a passion for embracing the journey of a most respected culture and honoring the contributions made by the people of this desert land. Each participant will be expected to express their impressions of the rich history while striving for innovation and abounding creativity through collaboration among the other participants including invited Emirati artisans and craftsmen. This festival is set to bring together talented citizens from the four corners of the globe with common goals, yet revealing individual interpretations of the festival theme—The Age of Transformation.

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*Established in 2012, Art Hub, is a Middle East-based artist community promoting cross-cultural exchange and artistic innovation. **Abu Dhabi Art Hub** was the first artist community to be established in the United Arab Emirates. A second location at the edge of the magnificent Empty Quarter in the Western Region of Abu Dhabi, **Art Hub Liwa** was inaugurated in March 2014. Focused on emerging and established visual artists from across the world, Art Hub provides a platform for interaction between national, regional and international artists. Between the two locations, more than 160 artists representing 45 countries have been welcomed to Art Hub*

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The Age of Transformation *Residency Program Overview*

- Indoctrination by Festival Coordinator, Nasser Palangi.
- During the first few days after arrival at Art Hub Liwa, participants will be introduced to the rich history, culture and traditions of the UAE with day excursions within the Emirates of Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah. In addition to historical reference materials, it is Art Hub's expectation that the works created whether visual art, writings, etc. will be inspired by these excursions.
- Naturally, the majority of time will be spent creatively, but it should also be a time to experience creative and social moments with other participants, visitors and guests.
- At the end of the residency an exhibition will be organized and attended by the general public, members of the press, various Ambassadors and Emirati officials will be in attendance.

Terms / Conditions

- Art Hub provides economy class air travel; airport-Art Hub transfers upon arrival and departure.
- Room, Board and Amenities for the duration of the residency.
- Accommodation is fully furnished living space with private bath, based on twin occupancy.
- Work spaces include printmaking, pottery, wood and metal workshops.
- Art Hub Liwa has a common, stocked kitchen where participants may prepare their own meals.
- Meals off property during excursions and other Art Hub activities are also provided.
- Wireless internet is available throughout the compound.
- Traditional and non-traditional exhibition space is available.
- Art Hub provides materials and supplies.

Application Process

For consideration each applicant is requested to submit the following via arthub@live.com:

- Cover letter indicating specifics on interest in participation in this particular residency program and what his/her contribution is envisaged; Visual artists should state mediums and discipline; special techniques.
- Profile (not a CV) and statement
- Published articles, list of exhibitions (artists), awards, etc.
- Examples of work (artists: 10-12 high-resolution images minimum 1.5-2.0mb)
- Any other information applicant considers important.