

Mathaf dedicates latest exhibition to student artworks

10 June 2017. The annual and much anticipated Mathaf Student Art Competition and Exhibition (SAC&E) is celebrating the completion of its fourth season with a student art exhibition at Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art. More than 120 students from four schools across the country took part in the competition for a chance to showcase their artworks at the museum.

Presented by Qatar Museums under the leadership of its Chairperson, HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the exhibition, titled *Urban Lights*, presents a selection of 20 unique artworks that will be on show until 10 July 2017.

Commenting on the project, Maral J. Bedoyan, Deputy Director of Learning and Outreach, said:

"We are very proud of the success of this competition, which is an original Mathaf educational programme that supports QM's commitment for art education and creativity. Through this initiative, we aim to nurture talent and engage children from a young age to teach them to appreciate art. Involving an artist mentor in the project expanded the creative process for both art teachers and the students, reinforcing the Museum's mission to connect art historical narratives to daily life, and art education to creative learning."

She added:

"We are truly happy with the results from the students who took part in the competition this year, including The American School of Doha, Doha College, Iqra English School for Boys and Lycee Bonaparte Doha. We congratulate them and their teachers for being an integral part of the exhibition and we thank them for collaborating with the Mathaf Education team."

This year's competition, titled 'Urban Lights', invited students to imagine their future city. The theme was designed to urge students to think of their surroundings and the city they consider home, in addition to exploring the idea of light in art and architecture.

During the competition, students were encouraged to push their boundaries by experimenting with and exploring new tools and materials. The theme gave students numerous possibilities that allowed them to create their proposed future 'city'. They were guided to experiment with a multi-disciplinary approach, including installations, light sculptures, and more.

To further enrich this year's programme, the Mathaf Education team collaborated with artist, Rima Kaddissi, who shared her expertise and mentored the art teachers and students through their creative process. Kaddissi's role involved leading one-on-one sessions with the participants and helping them develop new techniques.

SAC&E encourages students aged between 6 to 18, along with teachers and parents, to explore modern and contemporary art by experiencing Mathaf's permanent collection.

This initiative comes as part of Mathaf's commitment to teach art history, increase knowledge of the museums' collection and advocate for art education and creative learning. Mathaf's yearlong educational programmes are designed to stimulate creativity, inquiry and an appreciation of modern and contemporary art in the region.

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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

Ramadan hours:

Sunday	9 am – 4 pm
Monday	9 am – 4 pm
Tuesday	9 am – 4 pm
Wednesday	9 am – 4 pm

Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
Friday Closed
Saturday 9 am – 4 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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