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Reflections on modes of memory making

Winter 2023 Program

The Winter 2023 Program: **RE/COLLECT THIS** presents four major exhibitions and over 20 workshops, talks, and special events that interrogate contemporary modes of memory-making and how they shape our **understanding of the past, present, and future.**

Running in tandem with the exhibitions, *And The Mirrors Are Many* and *Mahshid Rafiei: Of Mythic Proportions*, the public programs in the Winter 2023 Season respond to the ideas presented at multiple levels and offer an opportunity for us to collectively reflect on the ways that eurocentric, hegemonic methods of remembering **influence our collective self-perception, and ultimately, how we imagine and build our futures.**

This seasonal program includes artist-led talks, workshops, and performances; home cooking sessions; cultural tours and excursions; outdoor creative markets; professional development courses; a two-day film festival; and a four-day symposium, all offering new perspectives on how we can contribute to the **formation of an alternative collective memory.**

EXHIBITIONS

Mahshid Rafiei: Of Mythic Proportions
Solo exhibition
Part of the Artistic Development Program
Gallery 1
05.02 - 08.05.23

And The Mirrors Are Many
Curated by Mona Al Jadir
Part of the Curatorial Development Program
Gallery 2
05.02 - 08.05.23

Round 4: 100/100: Hundred Best Arabic Posters
Group exhibition
Outdoor Plaza
05.02 - 05.03.23

A Biography of a Passage
Curated by Dania Al Tamimi
Art Dubai
03.03 - 05.03.23

29.01.23

CULTURE BUS

Quoz Arts Fest
2:00 PM - 9:00 PM

05.02.23

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Opening agenda:

TOUR & PERFORMANCE

Curator led tour of *And The Mirrors Are Many*
Performance by Reem Almenhali
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

05.02.23

TOUR

Artist led tour of *Mahshid Rafiei: Of Mythic Proportions*
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

TALK

Mahshid Rafiei (artist) in conversation with Rana Issa
(scholar and translator)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

OPENING PARTY

Music by Isaac Sullivan
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

11.02.23

WORKSHOP

Introduction to Palestinian Tatreez
Joanna Barakat
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

12.02.23

CULTURE BUS

Sharjah Biennial 15
1:00 PM - 11:00 PM

15.02.23

WORKSHOP

Internal Landscapes: A Movement Workshop
Sarah Brahim
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

18.02 —
19.02.23

SYMPOSIUM

Stepping Forward: Performance Research & Practice,
Here

A four-day convening featuring talks, workshops, and
performances. Conceived, produced, and presented
collaboratively by 421, Alserkal Arts Foundation, and
New York University Abu Dhabi.

25.02.23

WORKSHOP

Remember to Forget to Remember
Augustine Paredes
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

03.03.23

EXHIBITION OPENS

A Biography of a Passage
Curated by Dania Al Tamimi
Art Dubai

05.03.23

CULTURE BUS

Art Dubai
12:30 PM - 7:30 PM

WORKSHOP

Jamming Sessions: Homecooking Series
Homemade Superfood Za'atar with Manal and Darah
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

10.03 —
12.03.23

SPECIAL EVENT

Film Weekend with Cinema Akil
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

12.03.23

WORKSHOP

List It Out: An Experimental Writing Workshop
Fatema Al Fardan
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

CULTURE BUS

March Meeting
TBD

17.03 —
19.03.23

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The Artist Toolkit: Strategies for Applying to Open Calls
Jolaine Frizzell

17.03
18.03
19.03

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

18.03 —
19.03.23

OUTDOOR MARKET

Family and pet-friendly market. Open to all.
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

18.03.23

MARKET WORKSHOP

Excavating 421: Archiving the Present
Hala El Abora
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

18.03 —
19.03.23

MARKET WORKSHOP

Memory Makers
For Early Starters
Yasmine Badran
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

19.03.23

MARKET WORKSHOP

Neighborhood Food Tour: Mina Zayed
Zain Mustafa
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

THE LIVING ARCHIVE

5 February 2023 - 21 March 2023

As part of our Winter 2023 Season, we invite visitors to head to our front desk to pick up recycled seed paper which includes various fruit and vegetable seeds to be planted in the pots located in Courtyard 4. The seed paper should be planted after writing a meaningful memory on it. This collaborative community installation accumulates and grows over time, carrying our collective memories. An unofficial archive of this project will be published when the season concludes. Participation is free and open to all.

JOIN A CURATOR LED TOUR

4 February 2023 - 22 April 2023

Throughout the exhibition period, curator Mona Al-Jadir will be leading tours of the group exhibition *And The Mirrors Are Many*. The exhibition presents a critique of institutional methods of memory-making and spans a wide range of mediums including sculpture, installation, photography, moving-image, and performance. To learn more and book a tour, contact hello@421.online.

Bond with the family

All our exhibitions include interpretive tools, such as our In-Gallery Activity Guides, which are designed for children ages 7 to 12. The In-Gallery Activity Guides include fun, educational, and creative prompts that respond to the ideas in the exhibitions and inspire artistic expression.

Pick up a good read

Cozy up with a good book this winter at the 421 Reading Room. Featuring 421 publications, as well as a variety of books related to art history, critical theory, poetry, and experimental work, the Reading Room is a perfect space for those who need a quiet and creative place to study or work from.

Find the perfect gift

Located inside 421, Dukkan421 features design-led products and items made by local and regional talent. Find a curated selection of homeware, prints, stationary, accessories, and art books, as well as a variety of fun, educational products for kids. Every purchase from the Dukkan421 supports the work of emerging artists.

Grab a cup of coffee

Our space is home to Auro speciality coffee shop. Open daily from 9:00 am to 12:00 am, Auro is located at the back entrance of 421. The cafe provides specialty coffee from around the world as well as delicious deserts for visitors to enjoy between visits to the exhibition spaces.

Plan your visit

The Winter 2023 Program: **RE/COLLECT THIS** will start on January 15 and will run until March 21, 2023. The Winter 2023 Exhibitions, *And The Mirrors Are Many* and *Mahshid Rafiei: Of Mythic Proportions* will run until May 8. All our exhibitions are open to the public and free to attend. Most of our talks, workshops, and special events are free of charge unless otherwise stated on our website. Price depend on the nature of the activity. More information about our programs and prices are available on our website.

We are open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Tuesday to Sunday, and are located in Mina Zayed.

For more information about the program and to register, please visit www.421.online

[Register here](#)

About 421

421 is an independent platform dedicated to emerging artists and creative practitioners in the UAE and across the region. A site for research, learning and experimentation, 421 provides a nurturing environment for emergent creative practices and those who want to harness the arts as an agent for social inquiry and transformation. 421 encourages practitioners to explore the potential of public spaces as a means for progress and community engagement through a wide-ranging programmatic model that facilitates artistic exchange and critical dialogue.

Previously known as Warehouse421, 421 was established in 2015 inside a renovated warehouse that was repurposed as an exhibition and community space featuring galleries, studios, courtyards, co-working spaces, a library and cafe, and a public, outdoor plaza that serves as a multipurpose venue for film screenings, symposia, performances, art installations, and other special programs. The 421 campus is also home to several permanent art installations commissioned for major exhibitions that were previously presented inside the 421 galleries.

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