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AMERICAN WOMEN'S NETWORK OF ABU DHABI

*Connecting
cultures
through
friendship*

AWN COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday,
February 6, 20 **AWN Coffee &
Speaker Series**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Radisson Blu Hotel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday,
February 4 **Explorers**
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Falcon Hospital

Friday,
February 15 **AWN Valentine's Golf**
2 p.m.
Abu Dhabi Golf Club

Tuesday,
February 18 **Explorers**
12:30
NYUAD Art Gallery

Monday,
February 23 **Culture Club**
10 a.m.
From Zeus to Buddha

Monday,
March 2 **Explorers**
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Royal Stables & Yoga

Wednesday,
March 4 **Tennis/Pool/Beach Fun
and Lunch Supporting
Make-a-Wish!**
10 a.m.
Beach Rotana Hotel

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WELCOME FROM AWN CO-PRESIDENTS

Happy February to all our wonderful AWN members. We are a lucky group of global gals that connect through friendships, numerous activities, and amazing cultural exchanges. Sara and I feel privileged to be apart of this group.

As we glide through our first two months of the New Year, we hope that everyone joins us in welcoming the cooler weather. It's been a pleasure getting out "winter clothing"... And just in time for some exciting trips with Explorers. We hope you will take a careful look at the many interesting excursions that Explorers have planned for the month of February. Cristina and her many volunteer helpers do an amazing job of taking us to hidden gems... places that we might never have a chance to see. Also, don't forget to sign up for an activity that you've meant to start this year. Resolutions for the New Year should always include a new, fun activity. Why not try golf or tennis? Or, maybe sitting on your cozy couch, wrapped up in a fuzzy blanket reading this month's Book Club selection might interest you. Our club coordinators are a dedicated group that work behind the scenes to bring us so many things to do... it's really hard to decide!

Sara and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our regular Thursday morning Coffee/Speaker series. Much work and thought has gone into selecting exciting and informative speakers and we are truly thankful to our hard-working volunteers that make it all happen. Marta and her team do a fabulous job.

Again, welcome to February and we hope that you have a great month.

*- Sara Healey and Mimi Prendergast
AWN Co-Presidents*

COFFEE & SPEAKER SERIES

AWN Coffee & Speaker Series are held twice a month on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - noon at the Radisson Blu on the Corniche. Please check our Newsletter or Mid-Monthly Update e-mails for exact dates.

**FEB
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February 6th: Lisa Ball-Lechgar - UAE Art & Design
AWN is excited to welcome Lisa Ball-Lechgar, Deputy Director of Tashkeel, a contemporary art and design

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centre in Dubai founded in 2008 by Sheikha Lateefa bint Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Lisa will discuss the UAE's Art and Design scene and how it has grown exponentially over the last 15 years. Lisa's impressive career has involved working in cultural management in Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon, Bahrain and the UAE for the past two decades. Before joining Tashkeel, she served in senior management at Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation and Abu Dhabi Festival. She was the first full-time Editor of *Canvas*, the first art magazine for the Middle East and Arab world. Lisa has also edited/co-edited several books on contemporary art of the UAE and MENA region. Please join us as we learn how contemporary art and design have grown in the UAE and what its future holds.

**FEB
20**

February 20th: Theresa Tsui – Skills3 Enterprise

Skills3 is a Creative Enterprise for Social Impact that designs and delivers sewing programmes to marginalised people and their communities here in the UAE and beyond. This innovative new project was co-founded by Theresa Tsui, a creative and social entrepreneur with a background in fashion and marketing. In 2013, Theresa began her journey when she started reMADE DXB, Dubai's first sewing studio, after identifying a niche in the market for a casual, fun and creative space. Here people could learn to sew, make new friends and even learn how to start a handmade business of their own. Quickly realising the transformative power of a low-tech, high-impact craft such as sewing, she collaborated with a number of humanitarian organisations and travelled to refugee communities in Turkey and Kurdistan Iraq to understand how she could use her creative knowledge to help communities in need. Come be motivated and inspired by Theresa's story of how she turned her passion for creativity and social entrepreneurship into a real enterprise that upskills, improves and enhances the lives of marginalised communities through sewing.

SHUKRAN!

Saving Salukis

The Saluki is a sighthound breed that hunts by sight rather than scent. Fast and clever, the Saluki has been a hunting and guard dog for the desert people in the Arabian Peninsula for 5,000 years. These beautiful hounds weigh between 16-29 kilograms and typically live between 12-14 years. They have two coat types, smooth and feathered and can reach a maximum speed of up to 69 kilometres per hour. Originally bred to help hunt for food for their Bedouin masters, today the Saluki is mainly bred for racing. Unfortunately, their racing career is rather short-lived, as the maximum age of a Saluki racing dog tends to typically be around 18 months. After this time, due to a racing injury or age, many are surrendered or abandoned.

This is where **Saluki International Rescue** has made a great impact in the UAE. **Rawan Ghunaim**, the director of Saluki International Rescue, a non-profit based here in Abu Dhabi, is dedicated to rescuing stray, neglected and abandoned Salukis and Hounds. When Rawan and her colleague Manuela receive a dog, each one is checked by a veterinarian and given all required vaccinations. They are then either fostered by volunteers or placed in SIR's new kennel until they are placed in a permanent home nationally or internationally. Caring for, fostering and placing these beautiful dogs, is a lot of work for just two people so volunteers are most welcome and much needed. The Saluki is a wonderful breed that is quiet at home, extremely gentle with children, and good with other dogs. They are dedicated to their owner, have a low shedding coat and would make a wonderful companion. If you would like to learn more about the wonderful work done by Saluki International Rescue or are interested in fostering, connect with them on Facebook (Saluki International Rescue), Instagram (saluki_international_rescue), or on their website www.salukiinternationalrescue.com.



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Thank you **Dr. Hany Harras** for a most informative and entertaining presentation on a subject matter which - judging by the number of attendants - is of tremendous interest to so many of us. What are the health benefits of good quality cocoa and chocolate? Not only did Dr. Harras have all the answers thus clearing some misconceptions, but he brought along some delicious samples for us all to try! For more information, please visit www.bluchocolates.com or follow on #bluchocolateuae.

SHUKRAN

AWN thanks the Radisson Blu for hosting our Thursday morning coffees. We greatly appreciate its welcoming atmosphere, and its dedication in meeting our needs and expectations.

There is a cost for valet parking at the Radisson Blu. However, there is a parking lot for guests behind the hotel that is free of charge. The parking lot entrance is off Al Ankhham, the street on the east side of the hotel.

Lunch will be available at La Terraza at noon, after our coffee mornings, for a very special rate of 59 AED per person for the full buffet. Please plan on joining us for lunch whenever you are able. We look forward to seeing you!!

EXPLORERS

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 – Falcon Hospital Private Tour and Arabian Saluki Center Visit

Time: 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. // Cost: 240 AED (includes entrance fee and transportation).

This tour is fully booked.

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 – The Sovereign Forest Exhibition Private Tour at New York University Abu Dhabi Art Gallery, Saadiyat Island

Time: 12:30 p.m. // Cost: Free

Join us for a unique NYUAD spring exhibition, The Sovereign Forest, an ongoing multimedia installation that is a creative response to crime, politics, human rights, and ecological crisis. It evolved out of the political and environmental conflict in the resource-rich and largely tribal Indian state of Odisha. The artist Amar Kanwar has been observing and documenting the industrial interventions that have irrevocably altered Odisha's landscape for more than a decade. There are only a few spaces left on the tour.

People who register will receive an email with the event's final details a few days before the outing.

To reserve your place please sign up at the AWN coffee morning or email explorersawn@gmail.com.

Monday, March 2nd – Royal Stables of Abu Dhabi Visit and Yoga Session

Time: 8 a.m. - 12 noon / Cost: 100 AED (includes tour, yoga class and breakfast)

Please join us for a special morning to appreciate the peace and tranquility of fresh air, English gardens, beautiful horses, glorious birds and an idyllic yoga studio. We will tour the grounds of the Royal Stables

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established by HH SHEIK ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAYAN in 1969, and opened to the public in 2007. We will have the pleasure of enjoying the Yoga studio for a class followed by a healthy breakfast to finish off a relaxing morning. There are only a few spaces left on the tour.

Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until payment is made.

To reserve your place please sign up at the AWN coffee morning or email explorersawn@gmail.com.



CULTURE CLUB

Upcoming Event led by Izabella Sluzek – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Sunday, February 23rd – From Zeus to Buddha

Time: 10 a.m. // Venue: TBA // Cost: Free

AWN Culture Club will meet to discuss Buddhist art and its evolution, as presented by the Louvre Abu Dhabi. It will be a virtual walk-through of the museum galleries focused on Buddhist collection. If you are passionate about Buddhist art, feel free to contribute by sharing what you know about a particular object or a place you visited that you have fallen in love with. Your short presentation may take 5 minutes or less, but please do not forget to bring a picture of the object you want to talk about.

This event is currently fully booked, but you can register on our waiting list, please sign-up at the Explorer's Table during AWN Coffee Mornings or email cultureclubawn@gmail.com.



Explorers Past Events

Tour of the Exhibition 10,000 Years of Luxury, Louvre Abu Dhabi – January 12th

The Louvre, Abu Dhabi has given the ladies of the AWN plenty of entertainment over the last two years and today's tour was no exception. Having had a nice coffee and a quick natter in the café, our group set off to join the public tour of the latest exhibition, "10,000 Years of Luxury." A superb guide, Shama, in fact, treated us to what turned out to be a 'private' tour. She was such an engaging lady and had an answer for every one of the questions that we could muster! From the exquisite and ornate pearl necklace given as a gift by Sheikh Zayed, through to rich tapestries designed to beautifully enhance insulation and onto the superb 'over the topness' of the European courts of the 1800's, luxury was defined in many different ways. Near the end of this very extensive exhibition of over 350 pieces, there is a display of haute couture, which had us all drooling! The displays end on a very poignant note, observing that time is, in fact, the most luxurious item of all. This exhibition runs through to Feb 18th.



– Karen Magill – Explorers Team Member
and Yoga Coordinator

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Tour of Historical Sites in Al Ain - January 21st

In January, our Explorers group headed to the historic city of Al Ain for a day trip. Our first stop was Al Ain Palace Museum, where we enjoyed a guided tour of this former residence of the late Sheikh Zayed. We watched a demonstration of traditional Emirati cooking and got to taste some of this delicious cuisine. Our gracious hosts then treated us to Arabic coffee and local dates, and even gave us beautiful departing gifts.

We continued to the Al Ain Oasis and rode golf carts through the grounds, appreciating the lush vegetation of palm trees in the desert oasis and the cooling breeze. Our guide explained how the advanced irrigation system was established in the oasis long ago and how dates are produced in the area.

A special guest surprised us at the oasis, Michelle Farrell from the Department of Culture and Tourism Abu Dhabi. Michelle is known to our group as she spoke at the October Coffee & Speakers series about the Abu Dhabi Art Fair. She guided us through the art installations at various locations in Al Ain, and we truly appreciated her insights into the artwork.

After lunch, our group headed to the Jahili Fort to see the amazing photographs documenting the travels of British explorer Wilfred Thesiger (known to the locals as Mubarak Bin London). Thesiger described his travels through the desert of the Empty Quarter as the five happiest years of his life. His photographs



document the beauty of the desert and its people, as well as his lifelong friendships with his faithful Bedu travel companions and with Sheikh Zayed.

Our last stop was Qasr Al Muwajji. We had an excellent tour of this fort, the birthplace and childhood home of Sheikh Khalifa. Walking through the residential tower of the fort gave us a good sense of the family life and the close bond between father and son, Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Khalifa. Our generous guides surprised us again with more gifts at the end of the tour.

We returned to Abu Dhabi at the end of the day with new friends and a deeper understanding and appreciation of the history and beauty of the UAE. On January 21st, our Explorers group headed to the historic city of Al Ain for a day trip.

- Vanessa Pino-Brown - AWN Member

Culture Club Past Event

On January 13, the Culture Club met for the repeat of the November 2019 discussion on traditional Emirati and Omani jewelry. Our enthusiastic group of 17 talked about traditional Arab jewelry from many different aspects, e.g., the still detectable influences from ancient Europe, Africa, India and even China. We wondered why men and women felt a need to adorn themselves, with what jewels and designs, and how modern love for gold changed the long-established silver traditions, especially in the Islamic context.

We also mentioned the reasons why certain designs and colored stones had long enjoyed great popularity. It seems that symbolic and talismanic properties of jewelry have always been of major importance. Protection against the evil eye and the need to boost female fertility topped other reasons.

Some of the participants brought their cherished pieces to share with the group. We were delighted to see, among other things, a vintage pair of gold earrings and a pendant from Ethiopia. Especially stunning were two large Omani talismans: the rectangular Quran box (hirz) and the large disc-shaped pendant bearing a protective verse from the Quran on its face. However, its reverse had a strange form engraved that traditionally represented a 'shackled jinn'. Thus the owner of the pendant believed to have rendered the malevolent spirit harmless.

- Izabella Sluzek, Culture Club Leader and Explorers Team Member



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MEMBERSHIP

It was a good start to the New Year. Our wonderful membership team was busy welcoming new members during the past two Coffee Mornings and Speakers Series on January 9th and 23rd.

To all ladies that are new to AWN, don't worry about walking into a room of strangers at our regular Coffee Morning and Speaker Series because we have designated Newcomers tables. Seated at the Newcomers table is a host called a *Sadeeqa*, which is the Arabic word for a female friend. That is exactly what AWN is all about – making girlfriends!

There will be a Newcomers coffee morning in February. This event will be for new members who have registered online since September 1, 2019. More details will be sent out nearer the date and an RSVP will be required. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to get to know other newcomers to Abu Dhabi.

Please remember we have a noticeboard where you can advertise items for sale. Those leaving Abu Dhabi often have things they don't want to take with them and newcomers may be searching for items for their new homes so this is a useful resource. Just bring along a photograph with details or printed advert to pin to the board.

ART CLUB

The AWN Art Club is not a formal class, but a group of people who have a common interest in drawing and painting. We meet on a weekly basis to share our passion for art, regardless of skill level or ability. The aim of this group is to meet in a relaxed environment, developing our artistic talents through interaction and support from fellow members. If you are a beginner, and need guidance, please come along and ask questions, as other members will be able to offer advice on how to start.

We meet at the Cultural Foundation Studio, on the second floor every Monday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There's a 20 AED fee every time you attend. This is a fee for the use of studio. Bring your own materials.

If you have questions, please contact us artclubawn@gmail.com.



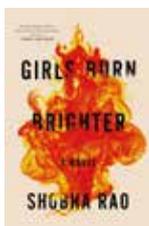
We are sorry to be saying our "AWN Farewell" to **Julia Kim**, our fabulous Art Club Coordinator. Arriving in the summer of 2016, Julia's passion for painting prompted her to establish our AWN Art Club by January 2017.

With Julia's leadership, the group has grown into a well-organized club with opportunities for both new and more experienced artists. Following her own philosophy that everyone has an innate creativity, Julia's intentions were to create "a social gathering where ladies who have the same interests can meet, learn, and teach each other."

Julia will be returning to her home in Chicago to enjoy time with her family and time to travel.

Thank you, Julia, for all you have done for AWN. We know the ladies involved with our Art Club have flourished and grown artistically. You will be greatly missed. Best wishes!

BOOK CLUB



AWN's Book Club will meet Monday, February 24th from 2 - 4 p.m. This month's read is *Girls Burn Brighter* by Shobha Rao. Meeting location details will be shared with members who reply to the email requesting RSVPs.

For more information, please email bookclubawn@gmail.com.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

Social Bridge is played every Sunday from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at The Meeting Room, The Club.

For any queries, please email the Bridge Coordinators at bridgeawn@gmail.com.

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GOLF

Upcoming Event: AWN Valentine's Golf

Calling all AWN ladies golfers to take their significant others to join in our special AWN Valentine's Golf event at Abu Dhabi Golf Club. Feel the love and have a great time!



Date: Friday, 15 February (2pm start)

Format: Texas Scramble (players of all levels are welcome)

Price*: 375 AED (non members) or 275 AED (members)

**Includes 1-hour golf clinic, 9-hole round and buffet dinner (drinks to be purchased separately)
105 AED for buffet only (for non-golfers)*

Non-golfers or those who don't wish to play are welcome to join for drinks and dinner. Please send an email now to awngolf@gmail.com to register or obtain more information.

AWN Regular Golf Clinics

Mondays at Abu Dhabi City Golf Club (Shakhbout bin Sultan)

8:30 a.m. - Intermediate Clinic for one hour, followed by 9 holes of play * 225 AED (VAT included)

8:30 a.m. - Beginner Clinic for one hour, equipment provided *120 AED (VAT included)

Wednesdays at Abu Dhabi Golf Club (Sas Al Nakhl)

9:00 a.m. - Intermediate level: Clinic for one hour followed by 9 holes of Golf on the Garden Course, *220 AED (VAT included) or 115 AED (VAT included) for ADGC/Saadiyat/Yas Links members

10:45 a.m. - Beginner level: One hour clinic, equipment provided, 115AED (VAT Included)

Please contact us at awngolf@gmail.com for any inquiry or to sign up to our mailing list/clinics.

KNITTING GROUP

Our meetings offer every knitter the chance to improve their knitting skills and learn new techniques. If you love to knit then come and join us to work on your latest project. Some of us are knitting for charity, others for fun. We're a very social group and all knitters will be made to feel very welcome. You can enjoy a tasty snack and refreshing drink while making new friends.

During February meetings will take place every Monday at Leto Caffe, level 1, The Galleria, Maryah Island, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend please send an email to knitawn@gmail.com.



MAHJONG



AWN's Mahjong is held every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Slipway Bar, The Club (www.the-club.com). The fee of 45 AED, payable to us (35 AED for Club members), covers your entrance to The Club, snacks, tea, coffee and water. Beginners are always welcome.

You can sign up at the regular AWN Coffee Mornings or by email at mahjongawn@gmail.com.

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TENNIS

The next Tennis Coaching Session will start on Sunday, February 9th & Tuesday, February 11th.

- Each Session consists of 4 lessons (one lesson a week)
- Lessons are open to Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner Players.
- Lessons are women only.
- There are two sessions – Sunday and Tuesday
- The 45-minute lessons are held at the Beach Rotana (near Abu Dhabi Mall) and start promptly at 8:45 a.m. Immediately following the lessons, players are welcome to one-hour of complimentary court time (pending availability) and the use of the Beach Rotana pool and locker facilities.
- The cost per Session is 340AED payable at first lesson of the session.
- Please note, because we pay the tennis pros to attend the entire session, there are no refunds for missed lessons.



For more information contact tennisawn@gmail.com.

YOGA



AWN Yoga meets at The Studio on the Corniche, in the Khalidiya area (just a few steps away from Third Place Café and Café de la Paix.) Enjoy an hour of yoga with the special price of 50 AED for AWN members only, no walk-ins.

We are delighted to let you know that we have some exciting new additions to the schedule and a couple of these might appeal to those of you who like an afternoon or evening class. Every week an email will be sent giving you the offer for the following week, but in general you can currently expect to see a schedule something like this:

Sundays 9:00 a.m. - Hatha Hip Openers Yoga	Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - Hatha Flow 9:00 a.m. - Swing Yoga Intermediate	Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – Hatha Yoga 10:15 a.m. - Swing Yoga
Mondays 9:00 a.m. - Vinyasa Foundation 6:30 p.m. - Sculpt Pilates	Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - Hatha Flow 6:30 p.m. - Mat Pilates	Saturdays 6:30 p.m. - Anti-Gravity Fitness

Spaces will be limited in the regular yoga classes, so those interested, please send an email to yogaawn@gmail.com as soon as possible. This will be a pay-as-you-go plan!

AWN Tennis and Pool/Beachside Fun and Lunch in Support of Make-a-Wish!

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 4 from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** for a fun morning of tennis and/or enjoying the wonderful pool and beachside at the beautiful Beach Rotana Hotel. We will be organizing a friendly round-robin tennis morning (partners randomly assigned on the day) for a maximum of 32 players. Alternatively, the Beach Rotana has graciously invited all others to enjoy their beautiful pool and beach area and join in for a wonderful buffet lunch. All participants, whether for pool/beach or tennis, will be charged 60 AED. We further strongly encourage members to support Make-A-Wish who will be there to accept voluntary donations. Sign up by contacting outreachawn@gmail.com or sign up at one of the upcoming coffee mornings (the 60 AED is required to be collected in advance).

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HAPPENINGS IN ABU DHABI

ABU DHABI CLASSICS

★ PERFORMANCE: HAMBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: TCHAIKOVSKY AND BRAHMS

February 4 | 8 - 10 p.m.

Venue: Cultural Foundation

Abu Dhabi Classics is gearing up for its ninth season and is set to bring a dynamic and diverse programme of classical and traditional music to the capital.

Abu Dhabi Classics concert goers can expect a rich and diverse programme from world-renowned conductors and internationally acclaimed soloists from Russia, Europe and the Arab world, as well as a one-of-a-kind ballet performance.

Fans of music and the performing arts can look forward to the strongest and most diverse Abu Dhabi Classics line-up to date.

The Hamburg Symphony Orchestra will also perform a chamber music programme featuring Tchaikovsky and Brahms and other concerts on the schedule include Bach Concertos for 2, 3 and 4 Pianos, a solo piano performance by Lise de la Salle and a concert featuring young Egyptian singer Sanaa Nabil.

Abu Dhabi Classics is organised by the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi and produced by Flash Entertainment, the region's premier live events company.

CINEMASPACE

★ FILM: AL SIDR ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAM: WASTED! THE STORY OF FOOD WASTE

Friday, February 7 | 7 9 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Synopsis: Wasted! The Story of Food Waste aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle, and eat food. Through the eyes of chef-heroes like Bourdain, Dan Barber, Mario Batali, Massimo Bottura, and Danny Bowien, audiences will see how the world's most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system. WASTED! exposes the criminality of food waste and how it's directly contributing to climate change and shows us how each of us can make small changes - all of them delicious - to solve one of the greatest problems of the 21st Century.

NO RSVP Required

NYU ABU DHABI

★ PERFORMANCE: SOLO PIANO FOR ONE AND ENCORE FOR FOUR

February 3 | 7:30 p.m.

Venue: The Blue Hall, The Arts Center, NYU Abu Dhabi

A piano recital featuring the monumental Appassionata by Beethoven, a selection of the Imaginary Préludes by Debussy, the UAE Premiere of the ethereal and eclectic The Herbs from Mesogeios Erimos by Greek composer Goerge Koumendakis, the virtuosic Spanish Rhapsody by Liszt and Wilberg's dazzling Fantasy On Themes on Bizet's Carmen for four pianists and two pianos.

Tickets: https://www.nyuad-artscenter.org/en_US/events/2020/solo-piano-for-one-and-encore-for-four/

★ TALK: FLICKER: YOUR BRAIN ON MOVIES

February 12 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Venue: NYUAD Campus, Conference Center

How is it that a patch of flickering light on a wall can produce experiences that engage our imaginations and feel totally real? From the vertigo of a skydive to the emotional charge of an unexpected victory or defeat, movies give us some of our most vivid experiences and lasting memories. They reshape our emotions and worldviews—but why? This talk draws on the history of cinema and the latest research in neuroscience and psychology to explain what happens in your head when you sit down in the theater and the lights go out.

Speaker: Jeffrey M. Zacks, Associate Chair, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences, and Professor of Radiology, Washington University

Register: https://nyuadi.secure.force.com/Events/NYUEventRegistration?event=ydzpM6_2BMzI0ZzvGNVBoiwA_3D_3D

WAREHOUSE 421

★ WORKSHOP: PALESTINIAN EMBROIDERY

February 11-13 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cost: 360 AED

This workshop will introduce its participants to Tatrez, a traditional form of Palestinian embroidery. During the session, Joanna Barakat will discuss the history and cultural context of Palestinian embroidery from various regions in Palestine prior to 1948 and how it has changed in both form and meaning since then. Participants will learn how different artists incorporate Tatrez in their work, and after a demonstration on how to cross-stitch, participants will cross-stitch a motif.

By the end of the first day, attendees will leave with a new understanding of the meanings behind the motifs, and the history and culture from which they stem, and a new skill that they can continue to develop.

On the second and third day, participants will work on a project using waste canvas to create a wearable item, such as a tote bag, that they have personally embroidered.

This event is part of our February series, Textile and Art, a collection of programs addressing the intersection of craft and art from multiple dimensions. Through public workshops, artist talks, panel discussions and reading groups, Warehouse421 aims to encourage tactile engagement and critical dialogue on the topic.

https://www.warehouse421.ae/en/whats-on/palestinian-embroidery_1_1/

★ WORKSHOP: LEATHER JEWELRY MAKING

February 23 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cost: 120 AED

In this contemporary jewelry making series, comprising four specialised masterclasses, Naida Abbas shares her passion for jewelry making and introduces participants to the world of creative crochet jewelry.

<https://www.warehouse421.ae/en/whats-on/contemporary-jewellery-making-series-leather-jewellery-making/>

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