

SUMMER ART CAMP SET TO BEGIN

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Farjam Collection @ DIFC announces the first year of Art Camp - a summer programme of art and activities for children.

The first summer camp of its kind in the UAE, Art Camp gives children the opportunity to explore their creative talent while learning from some of the finest works of art from the past.

Surrounded by a range of outstanding and rare works including calligraphy, paintings, ceramics, textiles, jewellery and arms, children will spend their summer exploring the fascinating world of Islamic art through worksheets, games and hands-on craft activities.

The Farjam Collection is partnering with Zayed University to curate an exhibition of Islamic art, which will run throughout the summer in tandem with Art Camp.

The exhibition will lead on from the first exhibition of highlights at The Farjam Collection @ DIFC, showcasing a different selection of works from Dr Farjam's remarkable private collection.

Valuable collection

STUDENTS from Zayed University will co-ordinate the exhibition under the supervision of Islamic art expert and Associate Professor Dr Ron Hawker, and the guiding hand of staff from The Farjam Collection.

"The Farjam Collection represents a wonderful opportunity for students to work closely with a wide range of stunningly beautiful



In partnership with Zayed University and supported by students from Oxford, Cambridge and Durham Universities, "The Farjam Collection" organises a summer of arts and crafts for children.

and historically important objects. The students from Zayed University are relishing the chance to apply their design skills to this context," says Ron Hawker.

Art Camp is supported by students from three prestigious academic institutions based in the UK - the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Durham. Students from Oxford and Cambridge will be involved in producing content and activities for Art Camp based on the art on view.

Drawing on their varied specialities in the arts, these students will contribute their ideas for new

and engaging art-based activities for children.

Durham University will support the programme by offering research papers written by gifted students to serve as tools in the creation of both exhibition and activity-related content.

"We have been thrilled with the number of very talented students who have applied to be involved with Art Camp this summer," said Rebecca Jarvest, Collection and Exhibitions Co-ordinator at The Farjam Collection.

"As a Cambridge graduate and former intern at The Farjam Collection I am delighted that we are build-

ing an on-going relationship with these institutions."

"The philosophy for Art Camp is to create, explore, and enjoy," commented Emilie Faure, Collection and Exhibitions Manager at The Farjam Collection.

"ART Camp gives children the chance to be an artist for the summer, and at the same time allows them to discover art in all its varieties. We are delighted to be working alongside esteemed local and international institutions to create a unique summer programme that offers something completely new to children in Dubai this summer."

Rare occasion

THE Farjam Collection's summer Art Camp marks a further step by collector and patron Dr Farhad Farjam to bring world-class art and high quality educational programming to the region.

Recipient of the Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award, Dr Farjam is passionate about the importance of education in the arts at all levels, reaching out to a wide audience on a national and international level through The Farjam Collection space at DIFC.

The Farjam Collection @ DIFC offers a range of educational programmes, free and open to the public, from its popular First Wednesdays series and School and University Programmes to Art Nights @ Gate Village in collaboration with the DIFC and the latest addition to its programming, Art Camp.