

Final Report

ADMAF Arts Programs In collaboration with **The Global Gumbo Group BOKRA**

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Summary

Abu Dhabi Music and Art Foundation (ADMAF) signed a one-year grant agreement with, The Global Gumbo Group on January 1st, 2013. This grant agreement afforded The Global Gumbo Group the opportunity to provide for and engage with a number of young people in the UAE through various Arts and Culture initiatives devised and delivered by ADMAF.

1. 'Let's Make Art' at Dar Al Ber

Project Overview: Calligraphy Art Workshops & Exhibition

Calligraphy Art Workshops, led by renowned **Emirati Artist Abdul Aziz Al Fadli**, have been held regularly in 2013 and early 2014 for the children of **Dar Al Ber Orphanage**.

In December 2013, ADMAF and Dar Al Ber decided to select the most talented and motivated young artists from the first three workshops to complete the arts programme. The artist focused on developing their calligraphy skills and preparing for an exhibition.

The children's artworks will be exhibited in the Abu Dhabi Festival community programme called, 'The Nation Narrates,' at The Space, twofour54, Abu Dhabi on Wednesday, March 19th between 6-9pm.

<http://www.abudhabifestival.ae/en/events/festivals-2/abu-dhabi-festival-2014/programmes-2/education-programme-2/the-nation-narrates.html>

Target Audience: Orphans of Dar Al Ber Society, Dubai



Number of Children attending:

- 20 on the 19th of Jan
- 20 on the 27th of April
- 20 on the November 23rd, 2013
- 20 on the January 18th, 2014
- 20 on the February 1st, 2014
- 20 on the February 22nd, 2014



2. Wednesday Wonders

Target audience: Children with Special Needs in Abu Dhabi

Number: 45 children in total

Venues and Locations

- 15 from Special Care Centre
- 15 from New England Centre
- 15 from Ability Development Centre

The series of visual arts workshops gave practical art education to children with special needs. The aim of the project was to create an 'out of classroom environment' that could elevate the spirit and self-confidence of the students. In addition, the aim was to develop the teachers' awareness and confidence in using arts in a special needs classroom and to encourage them to build on these skills alongside other learning activities throughout the academic year.

This programme also encouraged the development of active, responsible citizens by working with Emirati and Expat volunteers in the sessions.



**CHILDREN
PARTICIPATING IN
THE WORKSHOPS**



3. Oily Cart Residency



In partnership with Zayed Higher Organizations (ZHO) for Humanitarian Care, Special Needs and Minor Affairs, ADMAF engaged the UK's leading theatre company for Special Needs, Oily Cart to devise and deliver a year-long professional development programme for teachers in preparation for the arrival of their multi-sensory production of TUBE in March 2014.

Target Audience: Teachers at Special Needs Centres across the Emirates

Locations:

- ZHO Abu Dhabi
- ZHO Al Ain

Number of Teachers & Carers engaged: 48



The Artistic Director from Oily Cart explaining the company's teaching pedagogy to the teachers and carers at ZHO Centre, Abu Dhabi.



Oily Cart discovered a wide range of provision and current creative engagement for the Special Needs students at the different ZHO centres in Abu Dhabi.



OILY CART'S PERFORMING ARTS
RESIDENCY IN OCTOBER 2013

4. Young Artists' Day (YAD) at Abu Dhabi Theatre

Venue: Abu Dhabi Theatre

Date: March 22nd, 2014

Target Audience: 7 to 16 years old

Numbers to attend: 250 performers plus an audience of approximately 250

Young Artists' Day (YAD) is an Abu Dhabi Festival tradition. Established in 2004, it provides an annual platform for students from schools throughout Abu Dhabi to perform in a collaborative concert. In 2014, the Abu Dhabi Festival is celebrating 'Creative Innovation' and the power of the arts to connect communities and unlock potential. Young musicians, dancers and actors are all given the opportunity to showcase their talents in public by performing at Abu Dhabi Theatre.

Through Young Artists' Day, ADMAF Education seeks to engage the young in cross-cultural dialogue through music, the performing and the visual arts; encourage young musical talent to grow; and to motivate a higher level of performance and development of skills.



Brighton College Choir,
Young Artists' Day 2013