

Noor Riyadh 2023: Re-discover Wadi Namar this weekend with these 5 fun activities for the whole family



Marinella Senatore, We Rise by Lifting Others, 2023. Photo © Noor Riyadh 2023, a Riyadh Art Program
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Riyadh, December 8, 2023 – The world’s largest light art festival **Noor Riyadh** has returned for a third time, lighting up the Saudi capital with a series of public artworks until December 16, 2023. The festival brings together more than **120 works** by **100 acclaimed artists**, accompanied by an exciting series of activities, experiences and workshops.

One of the festival’s five hubs is the stunning **Wadi Namar**, a popular location known for its striking waterfalls, awe-inspiring cliffs and beautiful nature, which provide a dramatic backdrop for the artworks on show.

As the week draws to a close, we’ve put together a selection of **5 highlights** to enjoy at Wadi Namar this weekend:

- **Explore the Artworks:** Observe more than 15 artworks produced by established and emerging creatives from Saudi Arabia and the world. From Abdullah Alamoudi’s *Look Up and You’ll Find Me* to Chris Levine’s *Molecule of Light* to Marinella Senatore’s *We Rise by Lifting Others*, the wadi is overflowing with inspiring works.
Daily until December 16.
- **Wild Kingdom:** Introduce your children to mural painting with an immersive workshop, where they create a collaborative animal mural using a fun array of tools, including crayons and glow in the dark markers.
7pm daily until December 16.
- **Exploring Art and Nature's Harmonies:** Immerse yourself in a journey through Wadi Namar’s stunning landscape, adorned with remarkable art installations. Explore the intersection of art, nature, and sensory experiences, through the captivating artworks situated in this picturesque setting.
7pm, 8.25pm and 9.50pm daily until December 16.



- **Meditation and Introspection Through Light:** Embark on an artistic journey within Wadi Namar which explores diverse artworks, from meditative spaces and serpent-inspired iridescence to illuminated doors and powerful stone sculptures.
7.30pm, 8.40pm and 9.50pm daily until December 16.
- **Generative Art:** Give your kids a glimpse into the future of generative art with a workshop exploring the relationship between art and technology. Participants will take photographs using smart devices and then draw out interesting elements using tracing paper, highlighters, crayons and graphite. They will then photograph the image once again and edit it using software, repeating the process until the original image is transformed.
7pm daily until December 16.

For more information and to plan your visit, please visit <http://noorriyadh.sa>

Full list of artworks on show at Wadi Namar:

Vivian Caccuri (Brazil) *Fourth World*

Lúcia Koch (Brazil) *Picnic Cones*

Marinella Senatore (Italy) *We Rise by Lifting Others*

Monira Al Qadiri (Kuwait) *Monument, The Guardian*

Angelika Markul (Poland) *Zone Iguazu*

bytwo - Abdullah Kenani and Mohammed Alruways (Saudi Arabia) *Exit 11*

Hana Almilli (Saudi Arabia) *Journey Through the Ripples of the Sand*

Abdullah Alamoudi (Saudi Arabia) *Look Up and You'll Find Me*

PHI Studio - Saeed Gebaan and Hatem Al Ahmed (Saudi Arabia) *Still from here*

Aziz Jamal (Saudi Arabia) *The Whites of Their Eyes*

Madhawi AlGwaiz (Saudi Arabia) *Thurayya*

Suliman Al Salem (Saudi Arabia) *Tunnel*

Sultan Bin Fahad (Saudi Arabia) *V1:S1:ONS*

Claudia Comte (Switzerland) *Monument to the Disappearing Forests*

Chris Levine (United Kingdom) *Molecule of Light*

Diana Thater (USA) *A Wild Kingdom*

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Notes to editors

About Noor Riyadh

Noor Riyadh is a citywide annual festival of light and art which launched in March 2021. Noor Riyadh includes a festival and world-class exhibition, along with a public program of community activities, featuring educational workshops, talks and performances. Noor Riyadh is the largest light art festival in the world.

Noor Riyadh combines the highest quality light artworks from leading international and Saudi artists, across the largest city footprint of any light art festival worldwide. Staged under Riyadh Art, the festival aims to nurture local talent and inspire youth to drive Saudi Arabia's creative economy.

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Noor Riyadh is presented by Riyadh Art and the Royal Commission for Riyadh City.

About Riyadh Art

Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia, is on a 10-year mission to become one of the world's most livable and competitive cities, a global center which is open for business and that welcomes the world. With a young and rapidly growing population of 7+ million residents, Riyadh is transforming into a vibrant and cosmopolitan metropolis.

Art and culture reflect the spirit of a city. That's why the Riyadh Art project has been developed to turn the whole capital into a creative canvas – a gallery without walls – to enrich lives, ignite creative expression and kindle the creative economy. Riyadh Art is a demonstration of the open, accessible and creative transformation of the capital, where the exchange of ideas through creative expression develops a deeper sense of mutual understanding and respect.

The Riyadh Art project will have a positive impact on people, bringing everyday moments of joy to residents and visitors alike, while instilling a greater sense of civic pride and creating a more beautiful city for everyone to enjoy. It will also spark the development of the new creative economy and have a positive effect on attracting new businesses to invest in the city.

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