

Noor Riyadh 2023: Riyadh skaters perform tricks on skate-able art installation at King Fahad National Library



Block Cubes by Yinka Ilori at Fahad National Library © Yinka Ilori, produced in collaboration with Unique Design X Group; Presented by RCRC and Riyadh Art

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Riyadh, December X, 2023 – Art comes in many forms and **Block Cubes** by Yinka Ilori proves that point beautifully. Every night during **Noor Riyadh**, skaters of all ages congregate on the plaza in front of King Fahad National Library to show off their skills while appreciating Ilori's bright and colorful art installation.

Block Cubes plays with color and modular forms to present a skate-able obstacle course in the form of a sculptural park composed of ramps, partitions and blocks. By unifying skate, art and design, he aims to engage and uplift communities.

The interactive installation brings people together from multiple backgrounds and generations through skateboard, an Olympic sport followed by millions worldwide. Creating a space that is naturally inclusive and accessible to all, with his signature vibrant style, Yinka Ilori builds new places to connect, exchange and better live together as a community.

Yinka Ilori is one of more **than 100 globally acclaimed artists** showcasing their artwork at this year's festival. The artist and designer specializes in storytelling, fusing his British and Nigerian heritage in a distinct, bold, colorful visual vocabulary. With a playful, optimistic and humoristic stance, he aims to make art and design accessible to all. Experimenting with form and function, he uses the city as his canvas, creating new spaces to interact through abstract vibrant motifs and installations.

The skate park is just one of many **workshops, artistic experiences, guided tours, family activities** and **talks** running throughout Noor Riyadh. For more information, timings and to plan your visit, please visit <http://noorriyadh.sa>



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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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