

Noor Riyadh 2023: Explore the extraordinary with 10 must-do activities this week



L to R: Arwa Al Ali, Carsten Höller and Ahmed Mater share insights on Noor Riyadh at JAX District. Courtesy Noor Riyadh, a Riyadh Art Program For high resolution images of community events: <u>Click here</u>

Riyadh, **December 3**, **2023** – The third edition of the world's largest light art festival, **Noor Riyadh**, has made a triumphant return to the Saudi capital. Casting a radiant glow over Riyadh's most beloved spaces, the festival showcases the talents of more **than 100 globally acclaimed artists**, exploring light as a force that brings people together.

The festival is also supported by an exciting array of **workshops**, **artistic experiences**, **guided tours**, **family activities** and **talks** for visitors of all backgrounds. While emerging artists will enjoy discussions on various creative mediums, families and children will have a chance to create music and generative art under the supervision of world class talent.

With Noor Riyadh enters now in its second week, we've compiled a selection of **10** highlights not to miss.

- Noor Talks: The Young Arts Ecosystem: This panel discussion explores Saudi Arabia's fast-growing arts ecosystem through the eyes of younger artists in the Riyadh Art program. During this panel discussion, Nada Al Turki, Ibrahim Romman, Raghad Al Subaie and Maya Alathel will discuss the need to ensure sustainable and meaningful structures for future generations. *7pm on December 8 at JAX District*
- **The Art of Sound, Light and Architecture**: Learn more about the artistic practices on show at Noor Riyadh with a workshop, exploring the use of sound, light and architecture. Led by artists Latifa Al Bokhari and Abdulrahman Taha.



7pm on December 7, 8, 9,14 and 15 at JAX District

- Drawing Noor Riyadh: Experiment with a range of mark making tools and methodologies to reimagine some of the works on show at Noor Riyadh during a drawing workshop led by Muath Al Hazmi at. 7pm on December 5, 10,11 and 12 at JAX District
- Urban Movement: Explore the relationships between people and places with an artist-led workshop by Bilal Allaf, where urban signals and signs are used to develop a set of collaborative movements and performances. *9pm on December 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15 at JAX District*
- Legends of Lore: Immerse yourself in an enchanting storytelling session and compete for the title of 'Master Storyteller of Legends' with the participation of artist Hatem Al-Ahmad. Assisted by role-playing and props, visitors will guide one another through timeless legends and tales, connected to the works on show at Noor Riyadh. *9pm on December 8 and 15 at Wadi Hanifa*
- The Art Trail Treasure Hunt: Embark on a playful treasure hunt and immerse yourself in rich visual and sensory experiences, offering deeper perspectives on the art installations on show at Noor Riyadh. 8pm on December 4, 9, 10 and 11 at Salam Park
- Architectural Art Walk: Explore the delicate relationship between architecture and public spaces on a guided walk. Along the way, visitors are invited to reflect on Riyadh's dynamic blend of culture and design, unearthing societal transitions and fresh perspectives. 9pm on December 8, 9, 13 and 14 at KAFD
- **Generative Art:** Give children a glimpse into the future of generative art with an immersive workshop exploring the relationship between art and technology. *7pm daily, until December 16 at Wadi Namar*
- **Guiding Hands:** Teach your children to slow down, enhance their visual memory and collaborate better. During this workshop they will first wander through artworks, and then try to creatively recreate the work using different colors and mediums. *7pm daily, until December 16 at Salam Park*
- **Making Music:** Give your children a chance to play and write music with a music theory workshop focused on developing natural sounds. *7pm on December 8 and 15 at Salam Park*

For more information, timings and to plan your visit, please visit http://noorrivadh.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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