

# CULTURE

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**FIVE**  
EXHIBITIONS  
TO SEE



## 1. Home Ground

August is a quiet month for Dubai's galleries, which makes it a great time to head to Sharjah and catch the last weeks of the Home Ground exhibition. It includes work from artists under the theme of national identity and questioning the idea of home. There are paintings from the likes of Lebanon's Mohamad Said Baalbaki, photos from contemporary Egyptian photographer Youssef Nabil and installations from Palestinian videographer Larissa Sansour.

**Until September 1**

🏠 *Maraya Art Centre, Level Two, Al Qasba, Sharjah, Sat to Thur 10am to 10pm, Fri 4pm to 10pm, free. Tel: (06) 5566555. Taxi: Al Qasba Theatre. [barjeelartfoundation.org](http://barjeelartfoundation.org)*



Dubai, Sat to Thur  
10am to 7pm, free. Tel:  
(056) 8298026. Taxi:  
Alerkal Avenue.  
leilahellergallery.com

#### 4. Parataxic Distortion

This exhibition by the Doha-based duo Christo & Andrew will have you rethinking the rules of portraiture. The young artists, Christo Sanz and Andrew Weir, have filled the East Wing gallery with their series of colourful photographs that play with the idea of traditional portraits, challenge common misconceptions about the Gulf and are also just fun, retro-style images with a big helping of sarcasm.

**Until September 1**

🏠 East Wing, Limestone House 12, DIFC, Ritz Carlton Annex, Dubai, Sat to Thur 10am to 8pm, free. Tel: (050) 5533879. Metro: Emirates Towers. east-wing.org

#### 5. Vantage Point Sharjah

The Sharjah Art Foundation is holding its popular annual exhibition for a fourth year running, shining a light on and encouraging the GCC's photography talent. It's invited artists of all levels and from across the region to submit pieces under the umbrella of self-portraiture. Sounds simple, but looking at past exhibitions, expect to find some real varied work, each with their own unique personal twist.

**Until October 12**

🏠 Sharjah Art Foundation Art Spaces, Building GH, Al Mareija, Sharjah, Sat to Thur 9am to 9pm, Fri 4pm to 9pm, free. Tel: (06) 5685050. Taxi: Heritage area. sharjahart.org

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#### 2. Domestic Affairs

This collection of artwork from a small group of Middle Eastern artists is all about lifting the lid on home and personal lives, exploring the ideas of family traditions and appearances. Textiles also play a big role; Emirati artist Khalid Al Banna, for example, uses scraps of cloth to create vibrant, abstract pieces reflecting lost traditions of the UAE, while Zahra Imani's art looks almost quilt-like.

**Until September 8**

🏠 Gallery Isabelle Van Den

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*Eynde, Unit 17, Alserkal Avenue, Al Quoz 1, Dubai, Sat to Thur 10am to 7pm, free. Tel: (04) 3235052. Taxi: Alserkal Avenue. ivde.net*



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#### 3. Seydou Keïta

Get an insight into a small moment in history with this exhibition by Malian photographer Seydou Keïta. The black and white photos show residents from Bamako, Mali, from 1948 to 1960 and, as each one was privately commissioned, they have a unique and personal feel. Comparing the portraits, it's fascinating to see all the different fashion trends, family dynamics and French colonial influences.

**Until September 1**

🏠 Leila Heller Gallery, Alserkal Avenue, Al Quoz 1,



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