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UAE art guide: 12 exhibitions to see, from Spectrum at Manarat Al Saadiyat to orange art at Ayyam Gallery

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Art events are continuing across the UAE this summer, with galleries and institutions in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah presenting a range of exhibitions.

Current highlights include A Board Game Adventure at Louvre Abu Dhabi, an exhibition that traces the journey of games including chess, Mancala, Ludo and Carrom as they travelled between ancient civilisations and evolved into those still played today; Precarious Beings at Tashkeel, Hamad Al Muzaini's first solo exhibition, which examines how people adapt to cities and the everyday behaviours that shape urban spaces; and Body Quotidian at Sharjah Art Foundation, which places recent works by Laila Majid and Inaam Zafar in dialogue.

Together, the exhibitions reflect a wide range of practices across the country, from photography and works on paper to sculpture, design, craft and painting.

3. The Two Walks: Works on Paper Selected by Judy Karkour at Carbon 12

The Two Walks brings together new and archival works on paper by 14 artists at Carbon 12 in Alserkal Avenue.

Selected by artist Judy Karkour, the exhibition considers paper not as a preparatory material, but as a complete and expressive medium in its own right. The works range from drawing and collage to mixed media, using paper to explore memory, abstraction, environmental fragility, urban development and inner emotional states.

Participating artists include Sarah Almehairi, Amir Khojasteh, Bernhard Buhmann, Faris Alshafar, Nour Malas, Solimar Miller, Amba Sayal-Bennett, Andre Butzer, Monika Grabuschnigg, Mayar Obedo, Nadine Ghandour, Edgar Orlaineta, Olaf Breuning and Philip Mueller.

