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The third Dubai Art Season will be headlined by the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature that will complement the UAE's 2016 "Year of Reading."

The Dubai Culture and Arts Authority is launching a citywide showcase of art and cultural events throughout March and April to mark the third edition of the Dubai Art Season. The two-month season is designed to highlight the city's global place in the arts scene, and will bring together artists from around the world for a celebration of talent, creativity, cultural diversity and innovation.

The third Dubai Art Season will be headlined by the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature that will complement the UAE's 2016 "Year of Reading", as well as the arts and cultural activities that will be held in Dubai Mall and the workshops that are part of the Dubai Food Festival.

Other events will include the SIKKA Art Fair - the region's first-of-its kind commissioned visual and performing arts programme that will include GCC-based artists for the first time this year. The Dubai Culture initiative will also highlight a number of regional talents and the newest trends in the Gulf's cultural landscape. Dubai Art Season also celebrates Art Dubai, the leading international art fair in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia Region, and Design Days Dubai, the region's largest fair dedicated to collectible and limited edition design projects.

The art season will also include events held in the Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Downtown Dubai, JBR, The Beach, City Walk, Dubai World Trade Centre, Al Serkal Avenue, Kite Beach, Box Park and the Dubai International Airport, among others.

Visitors will be able to learn about ongoing activities of the 2016 Dubai Art Season through the Dubai Culture App.

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