



SHARJAH ART FOUNDATION

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David Batchelor, *Magic Hour*, 2004/2007. Installation view, Light Show Hayward Gallery, 2013. © David Batchelor 2015. Photo by Marcus J Leith.

Light Show

19 September – 5 December, 2015

Panel discussion: 19 September at 5:00 pm

Opening reception: 19 September at 6:00 pm

SAF Art Spaces, Sharjah Heritage Area

Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF) presents *Light Show*, a major exhibition of light-based works, organised by Hayward Gallery, London, in association with Sharjah Art Foundation. *Light Show* includes over 20 large-scale installations and sculptures by artists David Batchelor, Jim Campell, Carlos Cruz-Diez, Bill Culbert, Olafur Eliasson,

Dan Flavin, Ceal Floyer, Nancy Holt, Jenny Holzer, Ann Veronica Janssens, Brigitte Kowanz, Anthony McCall, François Morellet, Iván Navarro, Katie Paterson, Conrad Shawcross, James Turrell, Leo Villareal and Cerith Wyn Evans.

Curated by Dr Cliff Lauson, Curator, Hayward Gallery in association with Hoor Al Qasimi, Sharjah Art Foundation, this expansive exhibition will be on view at SAF Art Spaces from 19 September through 5 December.

Light Show explores the experiential and phenomenal aspects of light, bringing together sculptures and installations that use light to sculpt and shape space in different ways. The exhibition showcases artworks created from the 1960s to the present day, including immersive environments, free-standing light sculptures and projections.

From atmospheric installations to intangible sculptures that you can move around - and even through - visitors can experience light in all of its spatial and sensory forms. Individual artworks explore different aspects of light such as colour, duration, intensity and projection, as well as perceptual phenomena. They also use light to address architecture, science and film, and do so using a variety of lighting technologies.

One of Hayward Gallery's most popular exhibitions, *Light Show* was visited by more than 190,000 people in 2013 before travelling to Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney, Australia.

Sharjah Art Foundation Director Sheikha Hoor Al Qasimi stated: "It has been a great privilege to collaborate with the Hayward Gallery, London, on the Sharjah presentation of this major exhibition. *Light Show* has given us the opportunity to work with this group of significant artists and for our audiences to interact with and experience their works firsthand".

A panel discussion with artists David Batchelor, Bill Culbert, Jenny Holzer, Brigitte Kowanz and Leo Villareal, moderated by Dr. Cliff Lauson will be held on 19 September at 5.00 pm at SAF Art Spaces, followed by the opening reception at 6.00 pm.

As part of SAF public and education programme, a range of workshops for children and adults, film screenings and other activities around *Light Show* will be scheduled alongside the exhibition.

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Light Show is organised by the Hayward Gallery, London in association with the Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

About Sharjah Art Foundation

Since 2009 SAF has built on the history of cultural collaboration and exchange that began with the first Sharjah Biennial in 1993. Working with local and international partners, Sharjah Art Foundation creates opportunities for artists and artistic production through core initiatives that include Sharjah Biennial, the annual March Meeting, residencies, production grants, commissions, exhibitions, research, publications and a growing collection. Our education and public programmers focus on building recognition of the central role art can play in the life of a community by promoting public learning and a participatory approach to art. All our events are free and open to the public.

About Hayward Gallery

Hayward Gallery has a long history of presenting work by the world's most adventurous and innovative artists. Opened by Her Majesty, The Queen in 1968, the gallery is one of the few remaining buildings of its style. It was designed by a group of young architects, including Dennis Crompton, Warren Chalk and Ron Herron. Hayward Gallery is named after the late Sir Isaac Hayward, the former leader of the London County Council.

Hayward Gallery has gained an international reputation for staging major solo shows by both emerging and established artists and dynamic group exhibitions in its 47 year history. Key exhibitions throughout Hayward Gallery's history have included those by Martin Creed, Antony Gormley, Tracey Emin, Andy Warhol, Ed Ruscha, Jeremy Deller, Anish Kapoor, Rene Magritte, Francis Bacon and David Shrigley, as well as influential group exhibitions such as *Africa Remix*, *Light Show*, *The Human Factor* and *Psycho Buildings*.

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