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## Art to enjoy this weekend, from Emirati creative Hussein Sharif to Kaws

Plus, fossilised shark teeth, portraits, native plants and the backbone feature in exhibitions

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There's a lot to see and do for art lovers this weekend in the UAE. Innovative Emirati artist Hussein Sharif is showcasing four decades' worth of work at the Cultural Foundation in Abu Dhabi, while an exhibition in Sharjah is exploring one artist's interpretation of ancient marine life. Here are five exhibitions to check out.

### **Backbone Group show at Carbon 12**

The group exhibition at Carbon 12 in Alserkal Avenue invites six artists to tackle the theme of the backbone. The bone, which is made up of a composition of vertebrae, disks, joints, soft tissues, nerves and the spinal cord, is a central part of the physical anatomy as well as one that has had many interpretations symbolically in various cultures.

The six creatives include Nour Malas, Alia Hamaoui, Malik Thomas Jalil, Kais Dhifi, Jana Ghalayini and duo Audrey Large and Theophile Blandet. Their works explore the theme through various mediums including painting, sculpture, video, sound and textile.

*Until September 7; Carbon 12, Dubai; 04 340 6016*