

When to Visit

Empire of the Sultans Ottoman Art from the Khalili Collections

August 29 through November 9

Sultans Grand Bazaar

Saturday, Sept. 6,
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 7,
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Empire Crafts for Kids

Saturday, Sept. 6,
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 7,
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Introduction to Italic Calligraphy

Tuesdays, Sept. 23 &
Sept. 30
5:30 – 7 p.m.
Adults & Children
ages 12 and up

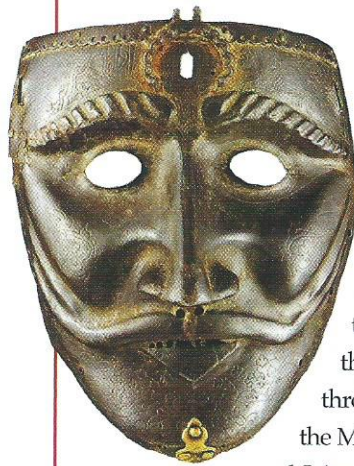
Ebru: Turkish Paper Marbling for Kids

Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 –
11:30 a.m. or 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Ages 10 and up

Some events require
advance payment, museum
admission and/or registration.
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more information.



Dynasty of Beauty

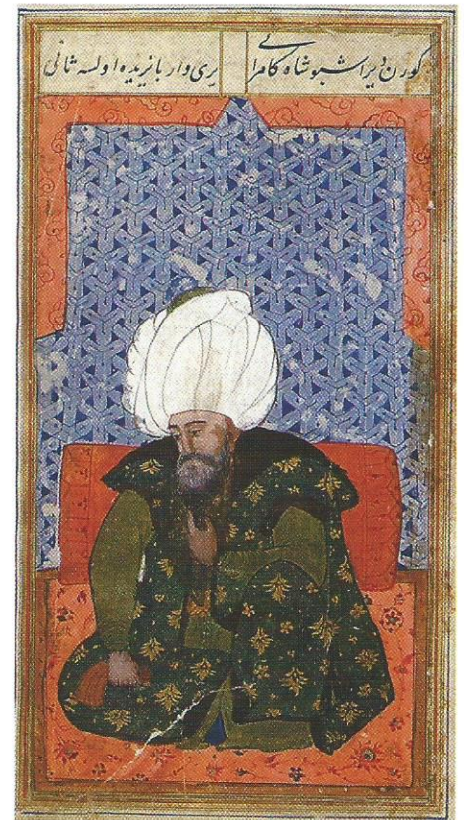


You won't
need a
magic
carpet to visit
the "Empire of
the Sultans." Now
through Nov. 9,
the Museum of Arts
and Sciences will feature

Ottoman Art from the Khalili Collection, an exhibit of more than 200 secular and sacred masterpieces that reveal the rich artistic heritage of the Ottoman Empire.

"The Khalili Collection is a wonderful example of breathtaking opulence from one of the world's greatest dynasties," says Sheila Stewart-Leach, executive director of the Museum of Arts and Sciences. Among the treasures are plush silks, rugs and tapestries that graced sumptuous palaces, and precious silver metalwork, colorful tiles and pottery, and porcelain tableware. Also on display are jewel-encrusted daggers, silk war banners, iron war masks, as well as swords, pistols and rifles inlaid with ivory, gems and gold.

"The Ottoman Turks carved a vast Islamic empire by conquering lands in south Europe, southern Russia, the entire Middle East and most of North Africa,"



says Stewart-Leach. "They blended art with science to build an empire."

Examples of this convergence of art and science are the tools they used during their rise to power. Everyday items, such as compasses, sundials, celestial charts and maps, became artistic masterpieces. The Dynasty's legendary calligraphy can be seen on copies of the sacred Kur'an, secular manuscripts and imperial decrees.

If you want to live like a King, shop for Turkish and Middle Eastern treasures during the Sultans Grand Bazaar, an open air market outside the Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sept. 6-7.

Inside, children can make crafts inspired by Ottoman Empire art, from transforming initials into a beautiful Tugra, or sultan's monogram, to making brightly-colored chalk paintings and whimsical shadow puppets.

Other events planned during the exhibit are an Introduction to Italic Calligraphy for adults and children ages 12 and up, and Ebru: Turkish Paper Marbling for Kids.