

Dear Head of School,

We are pleased to announce the 12th edition of the OISTAT Theatre Architecture Competition (TAC) for 2025, organized by the Sharjah Performing Arts Academy (SPAA) and the OISTAT Architecture Commission, with support from the Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF) and the Sharjah Architecture Triennale.

### **About TAC**

The TAC is an international ideas competition aimed at students and emerging practitioners, celebrated for its role in fostering creative thinking and innovative design and has received entries from over 50 countries across the world with the past editions in Canada, Taiwan, Germany, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Russia, Sweden, and France. While the winning entry may not be constructed, it offers a platform for visibility, with cash prizes and an opportunity to have the top designs exhibited at World Stage Design located at Bait Al Obaid Shamsi in Sharjah, in October 2025.

This year's TAC seeks to explore the "Theatre of Possibilities" in United Arab Emirates (UAE). We are looking for creative ideas on how to create a flexible temporary performance studio for 6 months of the year without losing the locale of the site. The site for the competition is the unique courtyard of Bait Obaid Al Shamsi in the Heart of Sharjah—a historic area known for its authentic Arabic Islamic architecture and vibrant cultural scene. We are particularly interested in proposals that provide flexible and multiple use options for SAF and SPAA, embracing both the heritage of the site and sustainable methods of construction.



*Photo of Bait Obaid Al Shamsi*

**Site: The courtyard of Bait Al Obaid Shamsi, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates**  
[Google Map](#) (Map Coordinates: 25.362114547371288, 55.38661589321336)

### **Competition Timeline**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024:** Brief issued  
**11<sup>th</sup> November 2024:** Deadline for questions  
**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024:** Answers to questions published  
**19<sup>th</sup> December 2024:** Submissions open  
**14<sup>th</sup> April 2025:** Deadline for all submissions  
**May 2025:** Jury finalizes entries  
**9<sup>th</sup> June 2025:** Notification of selected entries

## Cash Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** 15,000 AED

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** 8,000 AED

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** 5,000 AED

**Joint Prizes\*3:** 1500 AED/each

Detailed information about the competition, including site drawings and photographs, terms and conditions, and the full design brief can be downloaded from [the World Stage Design 2025 website](#) and [TAC 2025 promotional package](#).



We would be grateful if you could inform your students and recent graduates about this exceptional opportunity to engage with the global architecture and design community.

Yours sincerely,

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