

Bangla Month 2025



31st Oct - 29th Nov



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Bangla Month 2025 - Shining a light on arts, heritage, and creativity in Birmingham and the West Midlands.

Organised by BADA (Bangladeshi Artist Development Agency) in collaboration with Legacy WM and partners, this festival highlights the voices and practices of Bangla heritage artists. It offers a platform for creativity, experimentation, connection, and exchange across disciplines and communities - strengthening the visibility and impact of the diverse talent within the region's cultural landscape.

কি আশা করা যায়: What to Expect:

প্রদর্শনিসমূহ
Exhibitions

লেখা ও কবিতা
Writing and Poetry

চলচ্চিত্র প্রদর্শনী
Film Screenings

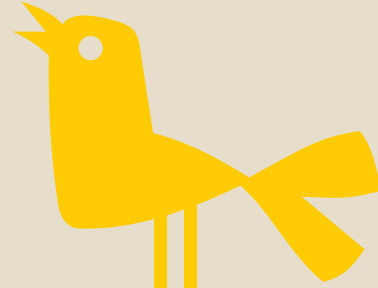
সংগীত পরিবেশনা
Musical Performances

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স্বাগতম Welcome

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Welcome to a festival like no other - an exciting showcase of creativity, culture, and heritage, now in its second year. This year, we are proud to showcase an expanded month - long programme featuring new artists, collaborations, and partnerships. We are thrilled to feature Mumzy Stranger, one of the UK's most recognised British Bangladeshi artists to open the festival with an exclusive performance of his new single, "Churi". Bangla Month offers a unique opportunity to come together and celebrate the rich artistic contributions of Bangladeshi heritage artists here in Birmingham and beyond. I invite you to join us throughout the month as we honour the past, celebrate the present and look forward to a creative future. ”

Aftab Rahman - CEO of Legacy West Midlands and Founder of BADA



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I am super excited to be part of Bangla Month. This year, the festival's theme is compassion, a message that is especially poignant in today's world. We are featuring a dynamic mix of dance, comedy, spoken word, and film screenings that explores the distinctive perspectives of Bangla heritage artists in Birmingham. We invite international musicians to join local talent, creating an exciting blend of music and culture. Leading British Bangladeshi artists will bring fresh creativity and compelling stories that challenge, inspire, and celebrate our shared heritage. Bangla Month is not simply a celebration, it's a cultural takeover, a space where tradition meets innovation and community voices roar louder than ever before. Let's ignite the stage and streets with passion, pride and unstoppable energy. ”

Junna Begum - Artistic Director, Bangla Month





উদ্বোধনী রাত

Opening Night with MUMZY



Kick off Bangla Month with an exceptional live performance from Mumzy Stranger, one of the UK's most recognised British Bangladeshi artists, known for his work as a rapper, singer, songwriter and producer. Be among the first to experience the exclusive live premiere of his brand-new single "Churi" performed for the very first time. Mumzy was the first Bangladeshi artist to break into the UK mainstream music scene. His sound fuses reggae, dancehall, R&B and soul, and he performs in English, Bengali, Punjabi, Hindi, and Arabic – reflecting a rich and diverse musical identity.



তারিখ

Date

31st October

বয়স

Age

5+

স্থান

Venue

Birmingham
Repertory Theatre
6 Centenary Sq
B1 2EP

[Book Here](#)

সময়

Time

18:30 – 20:30

মূল্য

Price

£10

মানুষ কী বলবে?

What will people say?



A One Night Comedy Special with SMASHBengali and others.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of laughter at the Comedy Night at Birmingham Repertory Theatre. Hosted by the charismatic comedian and BBC Asian Network presenter Smash Bengali, this event promises an exciting showcase of emerging talent delivering hilarious 'Binglish' banter that will keep you entertained from start to finish. Don't miss out on this electrifying night of comedy and be part of the fun. Plus, get ready to step into the spotlight yourself during our lively open mic session - Sign up to be part of the open mic session by emailing us at: info@legacy-wm.org



তারিখ

Date

14th November

বয়স

Age

14+

স্থান

Venue

Birmingham
Repertory Theatre
6 Centenary Sq
B1 2EP

[Book Here](#)

সময়

Time

19:30 - 21:30

মূল্য

Price

£10



চায়ের পর কবিতা Poetry after Chai



Poetry After Chai is an immersive evening of poetry and storytelling, set within an intimate and compassionate space. Inspired by the traditional mehfil, the event creates a warm, reflective space where spoken word and lyrical performances delve into urgent political, social, and cultural themes. Hosted by poet and writer Kohinoor Yasmin, a pioneering voice in Birmingham's poetry scene, the evening features work from local and emerging poets. The programme includes a special appearance by lead poet Saida Chowdhury, followed by a Q&A and book signing of her latest collection, *Broken Minds*.



তারিখ
Date
22nd November

সময়
Time
Chai & Chat: 17:30 - 18:30
Start: 18:30 - 21:00

বয়স
Age
12+

মূল্য
Price
£7.95

স্থান
Venue
The Midlands Arts Centre
Cannon Hill Park
B12 9QH

[Book Here](#)

সমাপনী রাত Closing Night - Neel & Friends



An unforgettable evening of contemporary Bengali music, where rich folk traditions meet modern indie soundscapes. Expect soul-stirring vocals, the earthy resonance of the dotara and banjo, melodic flute lines, cinematic keys, and immersive percussion - all woven together in a set that's both intimate and powerful. Neel & Friends reimagine Bengali classics and share stunning originals that speak of migration, memory and joy. Crafted for a room that wants to listen deeply, feel fully and sing along. Join us for a musical experience that celebrates roots, reinvention and the shared human story.



তারিখ
Date
29th November

সময়
Time
18:30 - 21:00

বয়স
Age
5+

মূল্য
Price
£10

স্থান
Venue
The Bradshaw Hall
Royal Birmingham
Conservatoire
200 Jennens Road
B4 7XR

[Book Here](#)



পার্শ্ব অনুষ্ঠান Fringe Events

Performance: Story of Maya By Neel Kamrul



A musical odyssey through the heart of Bangladesh - its rivers, villages and voices - told through the eyes of Maya, a fictional girl whose life mirrors that of so many. Created by acclaimed Bangladeshi composer Neel Kamrul and the instruments of the Western orchestra, performed together on stage by The Neel Kamrul Ensemble and Birmingham Contemporary Music Group.



তারিখ
Date
23rd November

বয়স
Age
All Ages

সময়
Time
Pre Show Talk: 15:30
Show: 16:30 – 18:30

মূল্য
Price
£18

স্থান
Venue
CBSO Centre,
Berkley Street
B1 2LF

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বাংলার লোকরঙ Exhibition: Folklore of Bengal



The Folklore of Bengal exhibition will present the intrinsic beauty and symbolism of folk culture in a renewed light. This exhibition will not merely reconstruct heritage; rather, it will be a creative attempt to re-interpret it within a contemporary context.

তারিখ
Date
2nd - 29th November
(Mon - Wed Only)

বয়স
Age
All Ages

সময়
Time
10:00 – 17:00

মূল্য
Price
FREE

স্থান
Venue
Soho House Museum
5 Soho Avenue
Birmingham
B18 5LB

Exhibition: The Wall - Mrs. By Makbul Chowdhury



This immersive art installation is a tribute to the unyielding spirit, compassion, and quiet heroism of the women of Birmingham in 1971. It honours the life and legacy of Mrs. Pasha - a woman whose contributions stand in the memory of the British Bangladeshi community.

তারিখ
Date
19th – 27th November

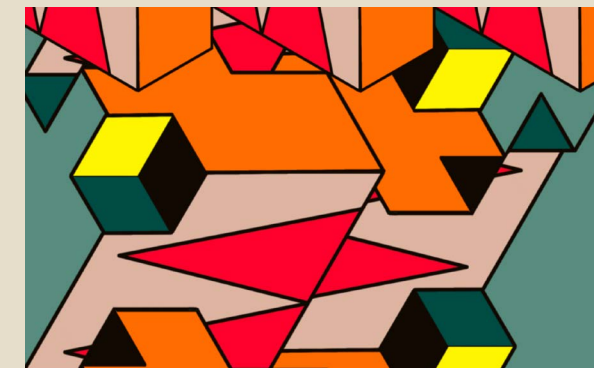
বয়স
Age
All Ages

সময়
Time
10:00 – 20:00

মূল্য
Price
FREE - Just Turn Up

স্থান
Venue
The Midlands Arts Centre
Cannon Hill Park
B12 9QH

Exhibition: Khola Patta Ceramics by Ayesha Bibi



Ayesha's work in ceramics and printmaking explores cultural identity, memory and belonging. Drawing on their Bangladeshi heritage to create pieces that speak to compassion, connection and care. Through form, colour and storytelling.

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Date
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Age
All Ages

সময়
Time
10:00 – 20:00

মূল্য
Price
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বাংলা স্বল্পদৈর্ঘ্য চলচ্চিত্র Bangla Shorts



Bangla Shorts is a special screening of films and documentaries by local directors and artists. It's a space to connect, reflect and spark dialogue where stories come to life on screen and conversations continue beyond it. Featuring four powerful short films, it explores issues of mental health, abuse, migration, identity, belonging and personal journeys. Join us for an evening of bold storytelling, creative voice and meaningful exchange between artists and audiences.



তারিখ
Date
27th November

বয়স
Age
12+

স্থান
Venue
The Midlands Arts Centre
Cannon Hill Park
B12 9QH

সময়
Time
19:00 – 20:30

মূল্য
Price
Pay What You Choose

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Family By Shaiek Ahmed Rana



A gritty family drama exploring generational tension, identity and truth. Set over the course of a single day, this powerful short film captures the emotional fallout when a long-buried secret is revealed within a British South Asian Bangladeshi family. As different generations confront the truth in their own ways.

সময়কাল
Runtime
18 mins

নির্দেশনা
Guidance
12+

Finding My Voice by Saida Chowdhury



A short biographical film that follows Saida's journey as a writer and spoken word artist. It traces how she began writing and the personal meaning poetry holds in her life. Interwoven with footage of live performances at various venues, the film offers an intimate glimpse into Saida's creative world and artistic voice.

সময়কাল
Runtime
8 mins

নির্দেশনা
Guidance
12+

Be Your Own Boss by Ayesha Bibi



Ayesha Bibi is a Birmingham-based ceramic artist. Sketch Avenue. She will be featured in an exclusive episode of Be Your Own Boss, a new daytime TV series on ITV. Ayesha's journey is a powerful example of creativity and entrepreneurship in action.

সময়কাল
Runtime
30 mins

নির্দেশনা
Guidance
12+



খাবারের অফার Meal Offers

BADA is offering an exclusive Bangla-themed after-party meal deal with two of our sponsors - **all for just £20 per person.**

Join us after the shows from 8:30pm onwards for a night of delicious food, great company and a lively post-show celebration.

Great food, great vibes, and a memorable evening - all at an unbeatable price.

For reservations, please contact: info@legacy-wm.org



Harborne Indian Kitchen 31st October



Harborne Indian Kitchen, where timeless Indian flavours meet warm hospitality in the heart of Harborne. Whether you're craving comforting curries, vibrant spice blends, or a place to gather with friends and family, Harborne Indian Kitchen offers an experience that's both familiar and exceptional.

ঠিকানা	সময়
Address	Time
25 Lordswood Road	20:30
Harborne	
Birmingham	
B17 9RP	

Raja Monkey 29th November



Step into Raja Monkey, Birmingham's most exciting Indian neighbourhood cafe-restaurant. Cross the divide and taste the divine as you swing into the diamond music box of desire, wound by intrigue and wishes.

ঠিকানা	সময়
Address	Time
1355 Stratford Road	20:30
Hall Green	
Birmingham	
B28 9HW	



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