



# BADA CREATIVE COMMISSION ROUND 2

APPLY BY:  
22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2026



The Bangladeshi Artists Development Agency (BADA) is thrilled to launch Round 2 of the Creative Commission. We are seeking exceptionally talented artists of Bangla heritage to create bold, original work inspired by the theme for Bangla Month 2026: **CONNECTIONS**.

**CONNECTIONS** is expansive. It is powerful. It is transformative. How you interpret it is entirely up to you. This is your opportunity to respond to the theme in a way that reflects your voice, your experiences and your creative vision.

### **ABOUT BANGLA MONTH 2026**

Bangla Month 2026 will take place from 1st - 29th November. It promises to be an extraordinary celebration, building on the success of Bangla Month 2025 and Bangla Week 2024 - landmark festivals spotlighting Bangla heritage creatives across Birmingham and the West Midlands. This growing platform champions artistic excellence and creates meaningful opportunities for artists to present ambitious new work.

### **WHAT'S ON OFFER?**

Six selected artists will each receive:

- £2,000 commission award
- The opportunity to exhibit or showcase their work during Bangla Month 2026
- Professional mentorship and curatorial support
- Production guidance from the dedicated BADA team

The award contributes towards artist fees, materials, production, printing, editing and presentation costs.



## EXHIBITION AND SHOWCASE OPPORTUNITY

Selected artists will present their work as part of Bangla Month, running from 1st - 29th November 2026.

Whether through exhibition or live performance, your work could be central to this major cultural celebration.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

This commission is open to both emerging and established artists of Bangla heritage based in Birmingham and the West Midlands. Applicants must be 18+.

## ACCEPTED ARTFORMS

We welcome a wide range of disciplines.

### VISUAL ARTS (2 COMMISSIONS AVAILABLE):

- Painting
- Drawing
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Ceramics
- Photography
- Video & Filmmaking
- Design
- Crafts
- Architecture

### PERFORMING ARTS (4 COMMISSIONS AVAILABLE):

- Dance
- Theatre
- Musical theatre
- Performance poetry
- Opera
- Puppetry
- Instrumental performance
- Singing (solo or choir)
- Magic
- Comedy
- Mime



## SELECTION PROCESS

Panel members include representatives from the Midlands Arts Centre, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the Artistic Director of Bangla Month who will review all submissions and select the six commissioned artists.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please submit:

A clear outline of your proposed project  
An example of a recent artwork

Please respond to the following questions. Each response should be no more than 200 words, or you may submit a video response of up to 3 minutes.

- How will this opportunity benefit your creative practice?
- What impact do you anticipate this work will have on your intended audience?
- How will your artwork respond to the festival theme of ?

## TIMELINE

Submission Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Panel Selection: Week commencing 27 April

Announcement of Selected Artists: May/June 2026



This is your moment to create something powerful, meaningful and unforgettable. Celebrate *CONNECTIONS* through creativity. Push boundaries. Share your voice. Make your mark.

**APPLY NOW.**

Proposals should be sent to: [info@legacy-wm.org](mailto:info@legacy-wm.org)