Bangla Month 2026



1st Nov - 30th Nov

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Bangla Month 2026

This November, Bangla Month returns for its third and most ambitious year yet. Orchestrated by the Bangladeshi Artist Development Agency (BADA) in partnership with Legacy West Midlands and an expanding network of cultural organisations, this festival is an exciting showcase of fantastic Bangla heritage creativity.

Throughout November, audiences are invited to experience an innovative celebration of music, comedy, poetry, dance, theatre, visual arts and film, showcasing the richness, diversity of Bangla heritage artists from Birmingham, across the UK, and Bangladesh.

From internationally acclaimed performers to newly commissioned local artists, Bangla Month provides opportunities for creativity, collaboration, and cultural exchange. Whether you are discovering Bangla arts for the first time or returning to celebrate with us again, we invite you to join a month-long festival where heritage meets innovation and communities come together through the arts.

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What to Expect:

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কৌতুক
Comedy

স্বাগতম
Welcome

Welcome to Bangla Month 2026. It is wonderful to invite you to our third year of Bangla Month and to share what we have in store for you this November. Since launching in 2023, Bangla Month has continued to grow in ambition, scale and reach, bringing together artists from Birmingham and the West Midlands, across the UK and internationally. This year sees our biggest and most ambitious programme yet.The programme brings together music, comedy, poetry, dance, theatre, visual arts and film, offering audiences a wide range of ways to experience Bangla arts and culture. There is so much to look forward to, and I'm delighted to be sharing it with you. Thank you to all the artists, partners, venues, organisations and communities who have helped bring Bangla Month 2026 to life. I hope you enjoy the festival.



Junna Begum - Artistic Director, Bangla Month

What began as a vision to champion Bangladeshi arts, and culture has grown into one of Birmingham's most exciting cultural festivals. Each year, Bangla Month reaches new audiences, develops new artistic collaborations and creates more opportunities for artists to share their work. Together, our partners help us present a festival that reflects the richness and diversity of Bangla arts through music, theatre, comedy, poetry, dance, visual arts and film. Bangla Month continues to demonstrate how culture can connect people, inspire new ideas and strengthen Birmingham's reputation as a city that embraces creativity and cultural diversity. My sincere thanks go to our artists, partners, funders, volunteers and audiences for their continued support and belief in our vision. Your commitment has helped establish Bangla Month as an important platform for Bangla artists and ensures its continued growth for future generations.



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

নিশ-এর সাথে উদ্বোধনী প্রহর
Opening Night with Nish

Bangla Month 2026 opens with an electrifying night of music as London-based acclaimed British Bangladeshi singer-songwriter Nish takes to the stage at Bradshaw Hall, accompanied by a jazz trio from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Known for blending contemporary British sounds with South Asian musical influences, Nish brings his distinctive sound to Birmingham, with Junayed Andrey once again taking to the stage to warm up the audience ahead of the show.



তারিখ
Date
Sunday 1st November

সময়
Time
19:00 – 21:30

বয়স
Age
5+

মূল্য
Price
£10
£8 Early Bird

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

Book Here

Please Note :
This event will be livestreamed

দুপুরের মন্ত্র: বাংলার বিশেষ আয়োজন
Midday Mantra: Bangla Special

Join us for Midday Mantra: Bangla Special, a lunchtime celebration of Bangla music and dance, led by acclaimed UK-based singer and multi-instrumentalist Amith Dey. Performing with Amith will be the award-winning Bangladeshi vocalist Abanti Sithi, the renowned “Whistle Queen of Bangladesh”, alongside talented jazz trumpeter and multi-instrumentalist Sid. A unique afternoon of music, culture and creativity awaits with an opening dance piece by Wafi Rahman.



তারিখ
Date
Saturday 7th November

সময়
Time
13:00 – 14:15

বয়স
Age
All Ages

মূল্য
Price
£10

স্থান
Venue
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space, Symphony Hall, 8 Centenary Square, Broad Street, B1 2EA

Book Here

চায়ের পর কবিতা
Poetry after Chai

Returning for its third year, Poetry After Chai offers an expanded evening of spoken word and storytelling inspired by the warmth of the traditional mehfil. Hosted by acclaimed poet and author Saida Chowdhury and a special reading and Q&A with Somnath Batabyal, author of the new book Red River, the evening transforms MAC into an intimate space where poets and storytellers explore political, social and cultural themes through honest, thought-provoking performances. Join us for powerful words, meaningful conversation, Karak Chai and a Night Bazar, with DJ Hussy also joining us as part of the evening.



তারিখ
Date
Sunday 8th November

বয়স
Age
12+

সময়
Time
17:30 - 21:30

মূল্য
Price
£8.95

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

Book Here

অকৃত্রিম সুরের সরাসরি পরিবেশনা
Unplugged Live

An intimate evening bringing together emerging and established musicians, singers and songwriters. Unplugged Live features acoustic performances, original compositions and works in progress, with rising artists Roji Sarkar, Karima Jannat, Shoab Ahammed Saazib and Ayon Paul Apu followed by renowned singer Dr Imtiaz Ahmed and friends, performing music from their Tagore and the West project.



তারিখ
Date
Saturday 14th November

বয়স
Age
5+

সময়
Time
18:30 – 21:00

মূল্য
Price
£8
£6 (Early Bird)

স্থান
Venue
Birmingham Hippodrome
Patrick Studio
Thorp Street
B5 4BJ

Book Here

আলোর আগমন: আশার সুরের আসর

Bringing the Light: A Concert of Hope

CBSO Community Board presents Bringing the Light: A Concert of Hope, an evening of music and spoken word celebrating artist collaborations. Featuring Eastern Strings, led by double bassist and composer Daphna Sadeh-Neu, collaborating with CBSO string players, Birmingham poet Kohinoor Yasmin and Dr Ali Shair on flute. The programme features music from diverse traditions, alongside original compositions and arrangements by Daphna Sadeh-Neu and Knud Stüwe, drawing inspiration from Jewish and Middle Eastern musical traditions.



তারিখ
Date
Saturday 14 November

সময়
Time
19:30

বয়স
Age
5+

মূল্য
Price
£12

স্থান
Venue
CBSO Centre
Berkley Street
B1 2LF

Book Here

আমিনা খায়য়াম ডান্স কোম্পানির পরিবেশনা ‘পাখি’

Bird by Amina Khayyam Dance Company

Winner of a Lustrum Award at Edinburgh Festival Fringe, BIRD is a powerful Kathak dance-theatre work exploring domestic abuse, stigma and the courage it takes to leave. Developed from workshops with women’s community groups, the piece asks what happens when a woman escapes an abusive situation and faces the uncertainty of starting again. Through high-energy Kathak and a specially commissioned live music score, BIRD explores fear, resilience and the journey towards freedom and rebuilding.



তারিখ
Date
Thursday 19th November

সময়
Time
19:00 – 20:00

বয়স
Age
All Ages

মূল্য
Price
£12.95
£11 (Bada Members)

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

Book Here

স্ম্যাশ বাঙালির সঙ্গে বিশেষ কৌতুক সন্ধ্যা

Comedy Night Special with SMASH Bengali

Back by popular demand, SMASH Bengali returns to host another hilarious evening of comedy. Featuring roast battles, stand-up performances and an open mic showcasing emerging local talent, the evening is packed with sharp humour, fearless storytelling and plenty of audience participation. Expect laughter, surprises and some of Birmingham's funniest Bangla voices. Come along for a night of big laughs, bold performances and plenty of Binglish banter.



তারিখ
Date
Saturday 21st November

বয়স
Age
16+

সময়
Time
19:30 - 21:20

মূল্য
Price
£10

স্থান
Venue
Birmingham
Repertory Theatre
6 Centenary Square
B1 2EP

Book Here

বলি-ফ্লেক্সের সঙ্গে সমাপনী সন্ধ্যা

Closing Night - Dancing DJ Naz & Bollyflex

Bangla Month 2026 comes to a spectacular finale with a high-energy evening of dance, music and culture, bringing together the spirit of Bangla culture with Bollywood flair. Join Bollyflex, Europe's premier Bollywood dance production company, featuring choreography by British Bangladeshi choreographer Naz Chowdhury, for a vibrant showcase celebrating Bangla dance and music, alongside some Bollywood favourites. Presented by BADA in collaboration with the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, this special closing-night performance takes place at the prestigious Bradshaw Hall.



তারিখ
Date
Saturday 28th November

বয়স
Age
5+

সময়
Time
19:00 – 21:00

মূল্য
Price
£10
£8 (Early Bird)

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

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নতুন কণ্ঠ, নতুন সৃষ্টি

New Voices, New Works

An exciting evening of theatre, mime, spoken word and forum theatre. The programme explores identity, heritage, memory and belonging through bold and inventive new work.

Fatimahs Hands by Kohinoor Yasmin

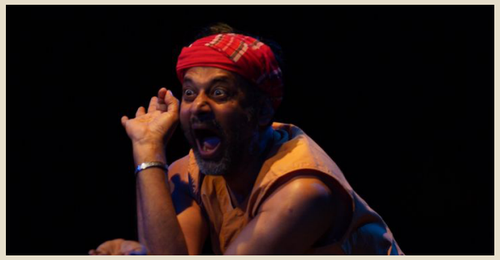


A spoken-word piece exploring identity, womanhood and the experiences that shape us.

(Theatre)

সময়
Time
5:30pm - 6:00pm

Pran Prakriti by Rezwan Razan



A physical exploration of the relationship between the human body, nature and the world around us.

(Mime Performance)

সময়
Time
6:15pm - 6:45pm

Reimagining Mymensingh Geetika by Tarek Chowdhury



A contemporary reimagining of the traditional Mymensingh Geetika, bringing folk storytelling into dialogue with the present day.

(Forum Theatre)

সময়
Time
7:00pm - 7:30pm

তারিখ
Date
Tuesday 24th November

বয়স
Age
All Ages

সময়
Time
17:30 – 19:30

মূল্য
Price
£2.88

স্থান
Venue
The Shell
Birmingham City University
The Parkside Building
5 Cardigan St
B4 7RJ

Book Here

Pilgrim by Fateha Begum



A new theatrical work exploring journeys, identity and the search for belonging.
(Theatre)

সময়
Time Slots
12:00pm - 12:10pm
12:15pm - 12:25pm
12.30pm - 12:40pm
12:45pm - 12:55pm
1:00pm - 1:10pm

তারিখ
Date
Tuesday 24th November

বয়স
Age
All Ages

সময়
Time
12:00 – 19:30

মূল্য
Price
£1.79

স্থান
Venue
The Shell
Birmingham City University
The Parkside Building
5 Cardigan St
B4 7RJ

Book Here

I Am What I Am by Fateha Begum



An afternoon of multilingual solo and duo performances created by artists who speak English as an additional language. Join us as we meet characters young and old, stepping into their worlds through stories shaped by language, identity and imagination.

(Theatre)

তারিখ
Date
Sunday 15th November

বয়স
Age
All Ages

সময়
Time
14:00 – 16:30

মূল্য
Price
£2.88

স্থান
Venue
Soul City Arts,
Unit 1 Port Hope
Industrial Estate,
Port Hope Road,
B11 1JS

Book Here

Tickets / Info: www.legacy-wm.org/arts/bada

বাংলা চলচ্চিত্র
Screen Bangla

In partnership with London Breeze Film Festival, Soul City Arts and Komola Collective, Screen Bangla presents two films exploring themes of identity, community, resilience and social change, with each screening followed by a post-screening conversation.

Barir Naam Shahana by Leesa Gazi



Set in 1990s rural Bangladesh, A House Named Shahana follows Dipa, a spirited young woman who escapes an abusive forced marriage in England. Returning home as a divorcee, she challenges patriarchal traditions and social stigma as she reclaims her independence and forges her own path.

তারিখ
Date
Thursday 5th November

বয়স
Age
PG-13

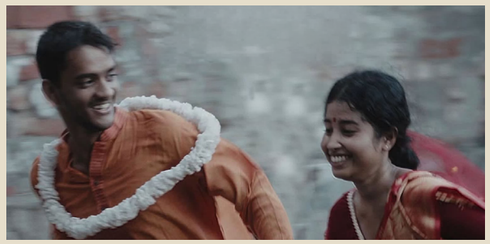
সময়
Time
19:00 - 137 mins

মূল্য
Price
£9.38

স্থান
Venue
Soul City Arts
Unit 1 Port Hope
Industrial Estate
Port Hope Road
B11 1JS

Book Here

Delupi by Mohammad Touqir Islam



A gripping political drama set in a flood-ravaged Bangladeshi village. Amid severe river erosion and the upheaval of a national revolution, young activists and traditional folk artists unite to challenge corrupt elders and protect their community, heritage and future. Featuring local faces and raw, authentic performances, the film is a powerful story of rural resilience and defiance.

তারিখ
Date
Friday 6th November

বয়স
Age
PG

সময়
Time
19:00 - 96 mins

মূল্য
Price
£9.38

স্থান
Venue
Soul City Arts
Unit 1 Port Hope
Industrial Estate
Port Hope Road
B11 1JS

Book Here

প্রদর্শনী পর্ব
Exhibition Series

Experience two newly commissioned exhibitions by BADA artists, exploring identity, memory, migration and belonging through contemporary visual art, alongside an intergenerational Nakshi Kantha exhibition celebrating the rich traditions of storytelling, craft and cultural heritage.

Echoes of Motherland by Tamima Munmun



A painting and installation-based project exploring the emotional, cultural and psychological connections between Bangladesh and its diaspora. Combining painting, objects, sound and audience participation, the work presents the “motherland” as a living presence carried through memory, language and cultural practice.

Inner Complexities: Perception in Transition by Faim Islam



Exploring light, architecture, memory and identity through the experience of an immigrant artist. Drawing on Faim’s experiences as a Bangladeshi artist living in the Midlands, the work considers how our sense of self and surroundings shifts through different environments and experiences.

Threads of Birmingham by Abeda Begum



Bringing together participants of Chinese, African Caribbean and Bengali heritage, the workshops used the traditional Bangladeshi craft of Nakshi Kantha as a way to share stories, explore identity and celebrate Birmingham's diverse communities. The artwork brings together colour, pattern and personal stories, connecting generations through craft.

তারিখ
Date
10th – 20th November

সময়
Time
Mon - Fri
10:00 – 17:00

বয়স
Age
All Ages

মূল্য
Price
FREE

স্থান
Venue
Foyer Gallery
Birmingham School of Art
B3 3BX

Book Here

Resistance, Re-Imagine



Resistance, Re-Imagine is a collaboration between GRAIN Projects and Pathshala Media Institute (Bangladesh), featuring artists Mushfiq Mahbub Turjo and Zillah Bowes. The international residency is a dialogue and exchange on themes of resistance and reimagining and an exploration of the climate emergency. Part of British Council's Connections Through Culture.

তারিখ
Date
19th Sep 2026 - 3rd Jan 2027

সময়
Time
As Building

বয়স
Age
All Ages

মূল্য
Price
FREE

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

Info

নভেম্বরে আমাদের সঙ্গে যোগ দিন
Join us this November

Bangla Month is more than a festival. It is a celebration of creativity, culture and community. A place where internationally acclaimed artists perform alongside emerging local talent, where new commissions sit alongside traditional art forms, and where audiences are invited to experience the richness and diversity of Bangla arts and culture. Join us throughout November as Birmingham once again becomes the home of Bangla arts, creativity and cultural celebration.



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