

# HAY FESTIVAL DHAKA

## PROGRAMME

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14

Day 1: Thursday, November 14

TENT

SMALL STAGE

MAIN STAGE

LAWN

9AM | SPIRITUAL SONGS | Lawn

9 - 10.30AM | INAUGURAL

Featuring Tariq Ali, Syed Manzoorul Islam and Ahdaf Soueif.

10:30 AM

Opening of Other Histories: by Amin Rehman | Third Floor  
In collaboration with the High Commission of Canada, Dhaka.

Opening of The Art of the Book | Third Floor  
In collaboration with the Goethe Institut, Dhaka.

10.45 - 12PM | LANGUAGES of BANGLADESH | Lawn

Recitations from over 12 different languages spoken in Bangladesh by: A K Sheram (Monipuri), Motendro Mankheen (Garo), Mritika Chakma (Chakma), Nicholas Norendro Koch (Koch), Ripon Banai (Banai), Soheli Hajong (Hajong), Repro Chai (Marma), Shipro Malo (Malo), Shopon Ekka (Orao), and Nilufar Hafiza Khan (Urdu). With Sujon Hajong & Jackie Kabir.

11 - 12PM | Is There A WORLD LITERATURE? | Main Stage

Pankaj Mishra and Eliot Weinberger, with K Anis Ahmed.

11 - 12PM | SPIRITUAL QUESTS | Small Stage

Peter Pannke and Arundhati Subramaniam discuss the motivation behind their writings.

12.15 - 1.15PM | FROM WORDS TO SCREEN | Main Stage

Rahul Bose with Amit Ashraf.

12.15 - 1.15PM | বাংলা সাহিত্য : আধুনিকতা ও আন্তর্জাতিকতা

Modernism and Internationalism in Bangla Literature | Small Stage

আলোচনায় থাকবেন : পারভেজ হোসেন, আহমেদ মোস্তফা কামাল, তপন শাহেদ, হামীম কামরুল হক। সঞ্চালনা ও সভাপতিত্ব করবেন : অভিজিৎ সেন।

1.30 - 2.30PM | BENGAL PUBLICATIONS HOUR | Main Stage

Tahmima Anam introduces new Bangladeshi writing in English, followed by conversations with Srabonti Narmeen Ali, Saad Z Hossain and Munize Manzur. Marking the Launch of BENGAL PUBLICATIONS English Fiction. Moderated by Janice Pariat.

1.30 - 2.45PM | ROAD to BANGLADESH | Small Stage

A Qayyum Khan, Afsan Chowdhury and Catherine Masud discuss narratives of the Liberation War, marking launch of A Qayyum Khan's memoirs, and featuring the Friends of '71 documentary by Catherine Masud. Moderated by Mahtab Haider.

1.30 - 2.30PM | FICTIONS: Words Apart | Imagination Tent

Aamer Hussein, Florence Noiville and Peter Pannke talk with Arunava Sinha, about different genres, places, languages, and celebrating the diversity of fiction.

3 - 4PM | JARIGAAN | Lawn

Oral epic in verse on Hassan & Hussein celebrating the Muslim festival Ashura.

3 - 4PM | THE VIOLENCE WITHIN | Main Stage

Hasan Azizul Haq's translated *Three Stories*, Kaiser Haq's collection of poems *Pariab and Other Poems*, and Ahsan Akbar's *The Devil's Thumbprint*, with Sandip Roy. Marking the Launch of BENGAL LIGHTS BOOKS.

3 - 4PM | NATURE and the LENS | Small Stage

Naturalist Enam ul Haque and photographer Ihtisham Kabir launching books on birds and flowers, discuss the stories behind the scenes. Moderated by Paul Thompson.

3 - 4PM | LIBERATION WAR FICTIONS and MEMOIRS | Imagination Tent

Niaz Zaman and Nuzhat Choudhury discuss women's narratives on '71, written in and translated into English, with Mofidul Hoque.

4.15 - 5.15PM | TWO AMERICAS | Main Stage

Writing A New Real: Mario Bellatin, Chris Heiser and David Shook, with Mahtab Haider

4.15 - 5.15PM | UPL PRESENTS WOMEN POETS | Small Stage

Tishani Doshi, Janice Pariat and Sadaf Saaz, with Nick Chapman. Marking the launch of Sadaf's debut poetry collection, *Sari Reams*, by UPL.

4.15 - 5.15PM | বড় কাগজ ছোট কাগজ : সম্পাদকের দায়

Little Magazines vs. Mainstream Magazines |

Imagination Tent

আলোচনায় থাকবেন : আবুল হাসনাত, আমিনুর রহমান সুলতান, কামরুল হাসান, জাহিদ সোহাগ, মেহেদী উল্লাহ। সঞ্চালনা : শামীমুল হক শামীম।

5.30 - 6.30PM | KOBITA PARISHAD RECITATIONS | Lawn

Recitations by: Syed Shamsul Haq, Asad Chowdhury, Belal Chowdhury, Ruby Rahman, Munir Siraj, Kamal Chowdhury, Dilara Hafiz, Anjana Saha, Aslam Sani, Tareq Sujat, Shihab Shahriar, Badrul Haider, Sadia Swatee. Moderated by Muhammad Samad

5.30 - 6.30PM | ENDLESS REVOLUTIONS | Main Stage

Tariq Ali, Ahdaf Soueif and Pankaj Mishra discuss the past and present. Moderated by Eliot Weinberger

5.30 - 6.30PM | দলিত সাহিত্য : প্রান্ত-কথা Subaltern Writing | Imagination Tent

আলোচনায় অংশগ্রহণ করবেন : হরিশংকর জলদাস, জাকির তালুকদার, পিয়াস মজিদ, মামুন-অর-রশীদ, শাহীন মমতাজ ও মনজুরা পারভীন। সঞ্চালনা : মুহম্মদ মুহসিন।

6.45 - 8PM | ADDA: Graphic Interactions | Imagination Tent

Graphic novelists Sarnath Banerjee and Karrie Fransman, anthropologist Delwar Hussain, cartoonists S J Harris and Samir Rahman, media professional Iresh Zaker and journalist Zeeshan Khan discuss urban interconnections

7 - 8PM | SMALL is BEAUTIFUL | Main Stage

Aamer Hussein, Syed Manzoorul Islam, Farah Ghuznavi and Prajwal Parajuly celebrate the beauty of the short story with Syed Badrul Ahsan. Marking the Launch of Syed Manzoorul Islam's translated short story anthology *The Merman's Prayer and Other Stories*, by DAILY STAR BOOKS.

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15

9 - 9.45AM | SPIRITUAL SONGS | Lawn

9 - 9.45AM | THE FUTURE of PUBLISHING | Main Stage  
Shahidul Alam, Rosie Boycott and William Sieghart, with Diya Kar Hazra.

9 - 9.45AM | HISTORY of the GRAPHIC NOVEL | Small Stage  
With Rimi Chatterjee

10 - 11AM | A LIFE in LETTERS | Main Stage  
Multi-faceted Tariq Ali with Khademul Islam.

11.15 - 12.15PM | সাহিত্যিকারের আলাপ  
A LITERARY CONVERSATION | Main Stage  
বাংলা সাহিত্যের প্রথিতযশা দুইজন লেখকের আলাপচারিতা। সম্বলনায় : পারভেজ হোসেন।

11.15 - 12.15PM | Have You Really Read KAFKA? | Small Stage  
Eliot Weinberger, David Shook and Kaiser Haq, with Chris Heiser.  
Marking the Launch of Dhaka Translation Centre.

12.30 - 1.15PM | DAILY STAR BOOKS | Main Stage  
Sharbari Ahmed and Farah Ghuznavi in conversation, marking the launch of their debut short story anthologies, *The Oceans of Mrs Nagai*, and *Fragments of Riversong*. Moderated by Samit Basu.

12.30 - 1.15PM | POETS in CONVERSATION | Small Stage  
David Shook with Ahsan Akbar.

1.15 - 2PM | BREAK for FRIDAY PRAYERS

1.15 - 2PM | POETRY PRESCRIPTION  
Depressed? In love? Pay a visit to William Sieghart. The creator of Forward Poetry Prize will prescribe just the right poetry for you.

1.15 - 2PM | DRINK | Small Stage  
Slideshow on *Positive Light*. Intro by Shahidul Alam.

2 - 3PM | THE MYSTIC SOUL | Main Stage  
Patrick Laude, Arundhati Subramaniam and Ana Cocchiarella, with David Burrell, discuss the spiritual path through different traditions.

2 - 3PM | THE NEW SOUTH ASIA | Small Stage  
Prajwal Parajuly, Samit Basu, Tishani Doshi, Janice Pariat and Rimi Chatterjee talk about the contemporary South Asian writing scene.

3.15 - 4.15PM | MEASURING LOSS | Main Stage  
Romesh Gunsekera, Florence Noiville and Nadeem Aslam, discuss the themes running through their works of fiction. Moderated by Sandip Roy.

3.15 - 4.15PM | ONE on ONE | Small Stage  
Ahdaf Soueif in conversation with Razia Iqbal.

4.30 - 5.30PM | EGYPT and BEYOND | Main Stage  
Ahdaf Soueif and William Sieghart on this hot topic and more. Moderated by Zafar Sobhan.

4.30 - 5.30PM | GRANTA - The Best Young Novelists | Small Stage  
Tahmima Anam and Ned Beauman talk with Allah Allfrey.

6 - 7PM | EXPLORING LANGUAGE | Small Stage  
Aamer Hussein in conversation with Firdous Azim.

6 - 7PM | PARTITIONS: A Visual Representation |  
Imagination Tent  
Launching of the book of the 3 country project *This Side, That Side*; a graphic narrative of Partition, with editor Vishwajyoti Ghosh, and Bangladeshi contributors Syeda Farhana, Khademul Islam and Kaiser Haq.

7 - 8PM | FROM FINITE TO INFINITE: Performance by  
Shadhona | Main Stage  
A presentation that takes us through the journey of one thousand years of mystical thought in performance in the deltaic region of Bengal. Conceived by Lubna Marium.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES

9 - 10AM | THE INVENTOR'S PUPPET | Imagination Tent  
Hand-made puppet show with Shuvangkar Das Shuvo, Sharmin Shangita Khanom, Shudip Das Dip, Sharmin Soheli Khanom Shoma and Abu Sayem Joy. For 6 to 12 year olds.

10 - 11AM | CHHORA and STORYTELLING |  
Imagination Tent  
Shukumar Rai and Rabindranath Tagore, by Nalonda Biddaloy. For 6 to 12 year olds.

11.15 - 12.15PM | SHISHU TOSH CHHORA | Lawn  
Recitations for children by: Rafiqul Haque, Shukumar Barua, Akhtar Hossain, Khaleque Bin Jainuddin, Amirul Islam, Faruq Nawaz, Rokeya Khatun Rubea, Mahbuba Chowdhury, M R Moju, and Irin Niazi Manna. Moderated by Aslam Sani. For 6 to 12 year olds.

11.30 - 12.30PM | STORYTELLING with SARA ZAKER |  
Imagination Tent  
For 6 to 12 year olds.

Day 2: Friday, November 15

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## 9 - 10AM | SPIRITUAL SONGS | Lawn

9 - 10AM | DEBUTANTES Your First Novel | Main Stage  
Ellah Allfrey, Ajitha G S, Prajwal Parajuly and Ned Beauman discuss how to have your first novel published.

9 - 10AM | TO THE EDGE | Small Stage  
Rahnuma Ahmed, Sarnath Banerjee and Lubna Marium discuss freedoms and expression, moderated by Shireen Huq. Marking the Launch of Rahnuma Ahmed's book *Tortured Truths* by DRIK PUBLICATIONS.

10.15 - 11.15AM | THE UGLY ASIAN | Lawn  
Bangla Academy: Launch of Syed Waliullah's English book.

10.15 - 11.15AM | COUP D'ETAT | Main Stage  
Nadeem Aslam and K Anis Ahmed talk about how power corrupts, with Sandip Roy.

10.15 - 11.15AM | স্ব-লেখন Autobiographic Forays | Small Stage  
সুজন সাধনের যন্ত্রণা- আনন্দের কথা বলবেন আনোয়ারা সৈয়দ হক, শাহীন আখতার, পাপড়ি রহমান, আফরোজা সোমা। সঞ্চালনা ও সভাপতিত্ব করবেন: সেলিনা হোসেন।

11.30 - 12.30PM | SIX SEASONS REVIEW LAUNCH | Lawn  
Launch of the English literature journal with Fakrul Alam.

11.30 - 12.30PM | GRAPHIC FICTION - More Than Words | Main Stage  
Karrie Fransman, Sarnath Banerjee, S J Harris and Samit Basu discuss this exciting genre. Moderated by Rosie Boycott.

11.30 - 12.30PM | CELLULOID BLUES | Small Stage  
The trials of screen writing: Nasiruddin Yousuff and Catherine Masud, with Lotte Hoek.

1 - 2PM | CHHORA LORAI | Lawn  
The battle of words in rhymes, with Rahim Shah, Tahmina Quraishi, Rifat Nigar Shapla, Anjir Liton, Obaidiul Gani Chandan, Sarwar Ul Islam and Jasim al Fahim. Moderated by Aslam Sani.

1 - 2PM | Translating BANGLA to ENGLISH | Main Stage  
Translators Fakrul Alam, Niaz Zaman, Arunava Sinha and Ahmede Hussein. Moderated by Jackie Kabir.

1 - 2PM | ON THE MOVE | Small Stage  
Delwar Hussain, Lotte Hoek and Safia Azim on societies in flux. With Razi Ahmed.

1 - 1.45PM | SPIRITUAL WRITING in the Modern World | Imagination Tent  
Patrick Laude and Mara Matta in conversation.

2.30 - 3.30PM | POETRY in DIALECTS | Lawn  
Recitations in our famous dialects like Chittagonian and Sylheti, to lesser known ones. Featuring Rashed Rouf, Ahmed Ali Aziz (Sylhet), Syed Nazat Hossain (Rajshahi), Tapankar Chakraborty (Barishal), Kader Babu (Rangpur), Farid Ahmed Dulal (Mymensingh), Rukhsana Parvin Rupa (Khulna), and Aslam Sani (Dhaka). Moderated by Shihab Shahriar.

2.30 - 3.30PM | ASIA RISING? | Main Stage  
Pankaj Mishra with Ahsan Akbar.

2.30 - 3.30PM | আধুনিকতা পেরিয়ে Beyond Modernism | Small Stage.  
আলোচনায় থাকবেন: সৈয়দ মনজুরুল ইসলাম, স্বপ্নময় চক্রবর্তী, আন্দালিব রাশদী ও চঞ্চল আশরাফ। সঞ্চালনায়: শামীম রেজা।

2.30 - 3.30PM | নৃ-জাতি গোষ্ঠীর ভাষা ও সাহিত্য, In Other Tongue | Imagination Tent  
A bilingual session in Bangla and English, celebrating the different languages of Bangladesh.

আলোচনায় থাকবেন: এ কে শেরাম, সঞ্জীব দ্রুং, মারা মাথা, প্রভাশু ত্রিপুরা, মৃত্তিকা চাকমা, সুজন হাজং ও নিকোলাস নরেন্দ্র কোচ। সঞ্চালনায়: শিহাব শাহরিয়ার।

3.30 - 4.45PM | Recitations in English: CROSSING CULTURES | Lawn  
With Kamal Chowdhury, Asad Choudhury, Tishani Doshi, William Sieghart, Kaiser Haq and Syed Shamsul Haq.

3.45 - 4.45PM | A Modern Approach to FOLKLORE in BANGLADESH | Main Stage  
Chaired by Shamsuzzaman Khan, with Jamil Ahmed, Shahid Alam and Firoz Mahmud.

3.45 - 4.45PM | COMMONWEALTH WRITERS CONVERSATION - The Untold Story | Small Stage  
Firdous Azim, Shuchi Karim, Faustina Pereira and Munize Manzur, with Razia Iqbal. This session will explore how creative expression can help women speak out about difficult topics.

3.45 - 4.45PM | ONE on ONE | Imagination Tent  
Romesh Guneseckera with M K Aaref.

5 - 5.45PM | KOBITA PARISHAD RECITATIONS | Lawn  
Recitations by Rafiq Azad, Rabiul Husein, Asim Saha, Nooh-ul-Alam Lenin, Makid Haider, Anwara Syed Haq, Quazi Rozy, Shihab Sarkar, Kajal Bandyopadhyay, Mohammad Sadik, Harisul Hoque, Samim Reza, Bulbul Mahalanobish, and Masud Pothik. Moderated by Habibullah Sirajee.

5 - 5.45PM | SPANISH LITERATURE | Main Stage  
Eliot Weinberger, Mario Bellatin and David Shook with Rafiq un Munir.

5 - 5.45PM | ONE on ONE | Small Stage  
Rosie Boycott with Firdous Azim.

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

**5 - 5.45PM | THE COSMIC ARK: Where Art and Words Meet | Imagination Tent**

Launch of Ronnie Ahmmed's book by Mermaid Art Foundation, with Ziauddin Pablo Khan, and Anisul Hoque Shohag.

**6 - 7PM | KOBI LORAI | Lawn**

Featuring the artist from Tariq Masud's Matir Moina, Shah Alam Dewan, performing a *Poothi Paath* about the history of Korboni. Ainul Boyati and Rozina Dewan debate men vs. women, in a spontaneous sparring of words.

**6 - 7PM | কবিতা আলাপ BANGLA POETRY over the last MILLENNIA | Main Stage**

রফিক আজাদ, বুবি রহমান, আসাদ মান্নান, খালেদ হোসাইন, কুমার চক্রবর্তী, সোহেল হাসান গালিব এর সাথে কবিতার আলাপচারিতা হবে- 'কবিতা আলাপ' মঞ্চে।  
সম্বলক ও সজাপতি : সৈয়দ শামসুল হক।

**6 - 7PM | NAZRUL and TAGORE on tolerance | Small Stage**

Relevance of Tagore and Nazrul in contemporary times, with Sonia Nishat Amin, Niaz Zaman and Kaiser Haq, moderated by Perween Hasan.

**7 - 7.30PM | LALON SONGS | Lawn**

Closing.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES

**9 - 10AM | BANGLA STORYTELLING SESSION | Imagination Tent**

With Tithi Rumana.  
For 11-18 year olds.

**10 - 11.30AM | UPCOMING MISFITS | Imagination tent**

Graphic Stories with Samir Rahman and Nuhash Humayun.  
For 11-18 year olds.

**11.45 - 1PM | WRITE A STORY with MUHAMMED ZAFAR IQBAL | Imagination Tent**

For 11-18 year olds.

## BRITISH COUNCIL ZONE

Everything Graphic *fun with the family*

The art of graphic storytelling, also known as illustrations, sequential art, and the graphic novel, has so far been a neglected genre in Bangladesh. However with iconic figures Rafiqun Nabi, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Ahsan Habib and emerging talents like Syed Rashad, Imam Tanmoy, Nuhash Humayun, Anika Mariam Ahmed, and Salzer Rahman, it's a sector that has tremendous scope to reach out to the world.

*At the British Council area on Hay ground, you will find storytelling games, caricature artists, photo opportunities with fun cartoon and gaming characters and much more.*

## WORKSHOPS

17th November | Commonwealth Writers Short Story Workshop  
Conducted by Ellah Allfrey, Chair of Commonwealth Writers Short Story competition 2014, with Arunava Sinha and Farah Ghuznavi. (Selected Participants)

## EXHIBITIONS

Running through the festival at Bangla Academy premises

The Art of the Book | Bangla Academy Third Floor  
Exhibition of German book covers of Seagull publishers.  
In collaboration with the Goethe Institut, Dhaka.

Other Histories: by Amin Rehman | Bangla Academy Third Floor  
An exhibition which examines the relationship of text and image in the context of globalization, incorporating current events and historical issues.  
The exhibition is a collaborative project with Tariq Ali.  
In collaboration with the High Commission of Canada, Dhaka.



## AROUND THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS

Participation is free, and entry is open to all. All sessions have open seating, based on a first - come - first - serve basis, so make your way to your favourite session before the seats fill up!

Stay Updated! If our published schedule ever changes due to any unavoidable circumstances, updates will be posted on the WHAZZUP@HAY board. Check out for updates for any timing or venue changes that might occur!

Book addict? Grab a copy of the latest launched books of the authors of Hay Dhaka 2013 from one of many of our publishing houses and book stores including: Daily Star Books, Bengal Light Books, Bengal Publications, Pathak Shamanesh, The Bookworm, UPL, OMNI and Bangla Academy.

Meet the Authors! Swing by the signing tent to catch up with the authors!

For the foodies! A scrumptious range of Bellissimo ice creams, delicious hot food with Dhaka Rolls and more, fresh fruit juices, tasty *desbi* snacks, the range of KK teas and gourmet coffee, will all be available for purchase all day long! Grab a snack while you buy books, soak in stimulating conversations, so that you can pick and choose your sessions all through the day!

Not Feeling Well? Make your way to our SAFE tent, where a trained medic with attend you.

Lost? Have a look at our map of the festival grounds, posted around the venue.