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DHAKA LIT FEST 2015

EVENT PROGRAMME

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

[101] 10:00 – 10:45 AM | MUSIC: GHAASHPHORING CHOIR | Main Stage

Led by singer-songwriter Armeen Musa, the choir ensemble performs a medley of classics and original compositions.

[102] 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | INAUGURAL | Main Stage

Welcome By DLF Directors Sadaf Saaz, Ahsan Akbar and K Anis Ahmed.

Address by Syed Manzoorul Islam and Kaiser Haq.

Keynote speech by Nayantra Sahgal.

Opening address by Minister of Cultural Affairs Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor.

Declaration of opening of Dhaka Lit Fest 2015 by Honourable Minister of Finance Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith.

[103] 12:15 – 1:30 PM | OPENING PLENARY: THE WORLD IS ROUND | Main Stage

The opening plenary takes stock of the world as we find it with journalist Jon Snow, academic Ramachandra Guha, and founder of WOW – Women of the World Festival Movement Jude Kelly. Moderated by novelist and DLF director K Anis Ahmed.

[104] 1:30 - 2:15 PM | THE BANGLADESH PARADOX | Lawn

Panel discussion and launch of Himal Southasian's special issue on Bangladesh with contributors Afsan Chowdhury, Prashanta Tripura, Kasia Paprocki and Garga Chatterjee. Moderated by Himal editor Aunohita Mojumdar.

[105] 2:15 – 3:15 PM | A LIFE IN THEATRE | Main Stage

Two veteran actors discuss a life in the cultural space. Asaduzzaman Noor in conversation with Aly Zaker.

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[106] 2:15 – 3:15 PM | BOMBAY DUCK AND ALL THE MADE UP WORDS | Bhasha Stage

Renowned author, screenwriter and playwright Farrukh Dhondy discusses an ersatz journey into the hodge-podge that is Indian English. Where exactly do expressions like Bombay Duck and Gone Doolally come from? And is a language's ability to invent endless nonsense a sign, too, of its health and vitality? In conversation with Khademul Islam.

[107] 2:15 – 3:15 PM | WORLD ENGLISH POETRY | Lawn

Launch of the contemporary *World English Poetry* anthology, published by Bengal Foundation, with poet and editor Sudeep Sen and literary critic Fakrul Alam.

[108] 3:30 – 4:45 PM | রবীন্দ্র নৃত্যধারা | Main Stage

A journey in the creation of Tagore's dance forms, presented by Nriya Nandan.

[109] 3:30 – 4:45 PM | সমগ্রের কবিতা সমাপ্তির কবিতা | LAWN

বাংলাদেশের বিভিন্ন প্রজন্মের কবিদের কবিতা পাঠ।

Recitations by Bangladeshi poets from a cross-section of generations. Featuring Ruby Rahman, Asad Mannan, Nasir Ahmed, Jharna Rahman, Mohammad Sadique, Muhammad Samad, Farid Kabir, Shihab Shahriar, Kabir Humayun, Altaf Shahnewaz, Pias Majid, Quazi Rosy, Shamimul Haque Shamim, Mustafiz Shafi, Shihab Sarkar and Sajjad Arefin. Moderated by Habibullah Sirajee.

[110] 4:00 – 5:00 PM | UNPLUGGED | Bardhaman House

Presented by singer-songwriter Moon.

[111] 5:00 – 6:00 PM | THE PURPOSE, POTENTIAL, AND POLITICS OF SCIENCE | Main Stage

Nobel Prize-winning scientist Harold Varmus gives a wide-ranging talk covering the excitement of basic science research, government and science policy, and the future of global healthcare.

[112] 5:00 – 6:00 PM | BLAME | Bhasha Stage

Bangladeshi-Swedish novelist Dilruba Z Ara in conversation with Shamsad Mortuza, marking the launch of her novel *Blame*, published by University Press Limited and set against the backdrop of Bangladesh's War of Independence.

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[113] 6:15 – 7:15 PM | A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE SEXES | Main Stage

WOW founder Jude Kelly and veteran journalist Jon Snow, on being a woman in a man's world, and a man in a woman's world. A WOW - Women of the World festival talk.

[114] 6:15 – 7:15 PM | FIRE IN THE UNNAMEABLE COUNTRY | Bhasha Stage

The launch of Canadian-Bangladeshi writer Ghalib Islam's debut novel exploring existential themes in a post-apocalyptic setting, which has garnered international buzz for originality.

[115] 6:15 – 7:15 PM | MAKING THE OBSCURE COMPELLING | KK Tea Stage

Launch of the translation of a collection of Nasreen Jahan's short stories by University Press Limited, which reflect upon the enigma of the human condition, trapped within fragile mortal limits.

[116] 6:15 – 7:15 PM | শিশু সাহিত্য ও আবৃত্তি | Lawn

পাঁচজন শিশুসাহিত্যিক কবিতা পড়বেন।

Rhymes in Bangla featuring Rafiqul Haque Dadu Bhai, Mahamudullah, Faruk Nawaz, Anjir Liton, Raju Alim. Alam Talukdar and Jahanara Jaani. Moderated by Aslam Sani.

[117] 6:15 – 7:15 PM | COMEDY: WHAT CAN'T IT SAY? | Cosmic Tent

Comedians Naveed Mahbub and Asif Baul in conversation, mark the launch of Mahbub's book *Humorously Yours and Counting* by Daily Star Books.

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