

# Hay Festival Dhaka 2011

## Programme

Monday, 21 November, 2011

[1] 9:00 AM | On the Lawn

### INAUGURATION

Welcoming festival-goers, with opening addresses by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, Professor A.A.M.S. Arefin Siddique, British Council Country Director Rosemary Arnott, Hay Festival Director Peter Florence, Editor of *The Daily Star* Mahfuz Anam, The British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, His Excellency Mr Robert Gibson and Advisor to the Prime Minister Dr. Gowher Rizvi. Chaired by Festival Counsellor Tahmima Anam.

Followed by tea on the lawn with the Festival writers and the Producers, 9.30–10.30am.

[2] 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM | In the Auditorium

### THE PLEASURES AND TRIALS OF TRANSLATION

Dialogue with Selina Hossain, Jon Gower and Fakrul Alam. Chaired by Syed Manzoorul Islam.

[3] 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | On the lawn | *Red Shift Open Mic*

### ODE ON THE LUNGI AND OTHER FAVORITES

Readings by Kaiser Haq, Sajjad Sharif, Anwara Syed Haq, Shaheen Akhtar, Auditi Falguni, Razia Sultana Khan, Rebecca Haque, Samsad Mortuza, Nuzhat Amin and Rumana Siddique.

[4] 11:30 AM - 12:05 PM | Auditorium

### VIOLENT REVOLUTIONS

Andrew Miller talks with Tahmima Anam about his latest novel *Pure*.

[5] 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | On the lawn | *Red Shift Open Mic*

### THE HAY FESTIVAL DHAKA COMPETITION

Winners will read out their entries of poetry & flash fiction that were selected.

[6] 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM | Auditorium

CONTEMPORARY VOICES AND TRENDS IN BANGLADESHI FICTION Discussion with writers Kaiser Haq, Farah Ghuznavi, Sadaf Saaz Siddiqi and writer and publisher Niaz Zaman. Chaired by Firdous Azim.

[7] 1:00 PM | On the lawn | *Red Shift Open Mic*

### LITERARY HEIRLOOMS: PAST THROUGH POETRY

Presented by Shampa Reza and Harold Rashid.

[8] 1:15 PM - 2:15PM | LUNCH | On the lawn

Pre-registered guests will be able to pick up their lunch boxes using lunch coupons which can be collected at the venue. Snacks and beverages will also be available for purchase throughout the day.

[9] 1:30 PM - 1:45PM | Auditorium

DANCE RECITAL OF TAGORE'S *FIREFLIES* by Shadhona

[10] 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Auditorium

### MAN, WOMAN, LIFE, LOVE:

### STORIES FROM AFRICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Storytelling by Jan Blake. Followed by a Q&A session with Naila Azad.

[11] 2:00 PM | On the lawn

### LAUNCH OF THE WRITERS BLOCK ANTHOLOGY

Featuring a medley of readings by the Dhaka-based collective Writers Block.

[12] 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM | Auditorium

### DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

Tiffany Murray and Shazia Omar talk about their novels.

Chaired by Anis Ahmed.

[13] 3:00 PM | On the lawn

### THE LITERARY PAGES

Lorna Bradbury (*The Telegraph*), Khademul Islam and Badrul Ahsan (*The Daily Star*) talk about the challenges of editing literary pages.

[14] 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Auditorium

SKYFUL OF LIES: THE HIGH-SPEED FUTURE OF JOURNALISM with BBC World anchor Nik Gowing.

[15] 4:00 PM | On the lawn

### A BRINE PICKLES PERFORMANCE

with Theotenus Gomes, Munasir Kamal and others.

[16] 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM | Auditorium

### CONCLUDING SESSION: A WRITERS QUESTION TIME

with Fakrul Alam, Selina Hossain, Tiffany Murray and Andrew Miller. Chaired by Jon Gower.

[17] 5:30PM | On the lawn

### CLOSING MUSICAL EVENT

Enchanting renditions of Lalou songs from Rob Fakir's new album.

[18] Day long Exhibition

Sunbeams school will showcase their winning student works for the Commonwealth Essay Competition.