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Presents



Celebrating Life 2009 is a composite competition, inviting films, photographs and lyrics entries. This year's theme is ***"Celebrating Womanhood"***. Contestants are allowed complete freedom to explore within this theme, however, we do strongly encourage contestants not to limit themselves to urban settings. So pick up your tool of choice start directing your creative energy towards showcasing women from all walks of lives in Bangladesh.

About the Photography Contest

Photography Theme : Celebrating Womanhood

Maximum Number of Entries Three photographs per participant

Awards:Tk. 40,000 for winning entry,Tk. 30,000 for 1st runner's up entry, Tk. 20,000 for 2nd runner's up entry.Crests and Certificates. Nine additional entries will receive honorable mention awards and certificates.
Selected photographs shall be feature in 12 district level festivals all around Bangladesh.

About the Film Contest

Film Theme : Celebrating Womanhood
Film Categories: Documentary and Short Fiction.
Length of Films: 20 - 45 minute.
Awards: Tk.100,000 for the two Best films from each category Tk. 50,000 for two Best Debut films from each category Crests and Certificates.Winning films will be broadcasted on Channel I and screened in a touring festival program in twelve districts across Bangladesh.

About the Lyrics Contest

Lyrics Theme :Maa (Mother)
Language: English or Bangla
Maximum Number of Entries:
Three Entries per participant
Awards: Awards shall given to winning entries from each language
Tk. 15,000 each for the winning entries
Tk. 10,000 for 1st runner's up entries,
Tk. 7,000 for 2nd runner's up entries.
The 4th and 5th entries from both language catagories will receive Tk. 3,000 each.
Opportunity to work with renowned music directors and singer. Songs shall be featured on the Celebrating Life Audio CD and 12 District Level festivals around Bangladesh.

Rules and Regulations:

1. **How to submit:** All entries must reach the Daily Star office by 30th June 2009.
No entries will be accepted after the last date of submission.
2. Write your name, address, email address and cell phone number clearly in block letters on the envelope and on the back of each submission. In case of CDs/DVDs please ensure that all contact information is written on both the CD/DVD Cover and the CD/DVD itself.
3. Please retain a copy with yourself, because no entries will be returned to the participant.
4. The results will be published in The Daily Star after the Awards Giving Ceremony.
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5. **Personal phone calls are strictly discouraged.**
Any persuasion, verbal or written, will result in immediate disqualification.
Read the website thoroughly for any queries. If you have a query, please send it to us through our website, we will reply as soon as possible.
6. The same person can take part in more than one or in all three contests.
7. There is no age limit. Any Bangladeshi citizen or any foreigner residing in Bangladesh is eligible.
8. No submission can be returned to the participant.
9. **Film Submission:** The submissions must be in DVD format for preview purposes.
Winners will be asked to provide master copies of their awarded films in DVCAM master format.
Submissions must be original and unpublished work of the filmmakers. No submission can be returned to the participant.
10. **Photography Submission:** Only digital pictures will be accepted in CD format, the minimum acceptable resolution is 1500 pixels.
Once the preliminary selection is finalized, the participants shall print out the chosen photographs and re-submit.
The organizers have the right to disqualify any entry without any prior notification due to non-adherence to technical guidelines, or unacceptable nature of the content of the images. No submission can be returned to the participant.
11. **Lyrics Submission:** Lyrics Entries should be submitted in the form of computer printed hard copies.
No submission can be returned to the participant.

Address your entries/submissions to: Rafi Hossain, Festival Director The Daily Star 19, Karwanbazar, Dhaka –1215, Bangladesh.
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Visit www.Celebratinglifebd.com for more information.

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