

ACTIVITIES

For the past couple of years, November has been, and still is, one of the most awaited months of the year. Not only is the time of perfect weather- the first touches of the chilly winter breeze, cooler nights, a little mist here and there – it is also the month that some of the most awaited events of the year take place. This November, Dhaka has an array of functions, celebrations, and festivals for you to indulge in.

Dhaka International Folk Music Festival, 2015

The first international folk music festival in the country was announced earlier this year, and it is all we've been waiting for! With folk renowned folk singers from home- Farida Parveen, Momtaz Begum, Bari Siddiqui, Rab Fakir, Kiron Chandra Ray, Chandona Majumdar, and more- and abroad- Pakistani singer Abida Parveen and Saieen Zahoor will perform at the event, along with Indian musicians and bands: Papon, Indian Ocean, Nooran Sisters, Rajasthan Folk Group, Arko Mukherjee, Paban Das Baul, to name a few- the folk music fest is anticipated to be just as big and exciting as the annual classical music fest.

November 12, 4:30pm – November 13, 12:00am, Bangladesh Army Stadium.



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THE MONTH OF MUSIC AND LITERATURE

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Dhaka Literary Festival, 2015

Known previously as Dhaka Hay Festival, Dhaka Lit Fest (DLF) marks the resurrection of the Bangladeshi literary culture, while vigorously engaging other cultures far beyond our borders. This year, the speakers at DLF will include Mohammad Zafar Iqbal, Kaiser Huq, Fakrul Alam, Rehman Sobhan, Ruby Rahman and more from home, and from abroad Ghassan Zaqtan, Avantika Sujan, Jayati Ghosh, Yoss, Victor Mallet, and more.

November 19 to 21, 10 am – 8 am, Bangla Academy.

Bengal Classical Music Festival

Every year, since 2013, this particular event is the one everyone anxiously waits for. The Bengal Classical Music Festival, the biggest of its kind, brings in the most popular, globally renowned Indian Classical musicians from home and abroad. Every year people are expectant to see which musical genius will make their first appearance in the festival. Bidushi Girija Devi, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Ustad Rashid Khan, Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty, Ustad Rajan Misra and Sajan Misra, Sandeep Banerji, Pandit Samar Saha, and many more will be attending the festival this year.

November 27 – December 1, 6:00 pm - 5:00 am, Bangladesh Army Stadium.

With so many amazing occasions, celebrations and festivals coming up, there is no reason for you to sit idly at home, wondering what to do. Start registering for the events now, and we'll guarantee – you won't regret attending any of them!



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HERITAGE



THE OLD BAKER'S TALE

APURBA JAHANGIR

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For over 160 years, the Prince of Wales bakery has been serving mouth-watering pastries and cakes to thousands of customers. Located in Lakshmi Bazaar, near the famous St. Gregory church, this bakery is claimed to be a pioneer in Bangladesh. It is known for its famous fruit cake, cheese cake, and the popular flavours titled love letters, jam tacks and many sweet goodies. The bakery is also one of the firsts to have baked wedding and Christmas cakes in Dhaka.

Established by a British gentleman from Wales, the bakery had been passed down to Sheikh Buddha Mia before the partition. "My Father, Sheikh Buddha Mia, used to work for the British gentleman who owned the bakery. After the man left, he bought the establishment from the landlord and our family has owned this bakery since,"



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Publisher: Parragon Inc
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says Nuruddin Ahmed, the current owner. It was in Buddha Mia's time when baked goods were becoming popular in our country, and at that time he was one of the first to bring the mouth watering delicacy which we know as Cheese Cake. "I remember the store throbbing with people placing orders. My father used to hire extra people during winter and we would be sold out in two hours after opening," says Nuruddin.

Most of their exclusive bakery items such as jam tacks, love letters and cheese cakes are seasonal and made solely in the winter, around December. "To tell you the truth, we still bake in the old

way, the way my father or the proprietor used to. There are equipment back in the kitchen which are a 100 years old," says Nuruddin. He also adds, "The old way might not be so sufficient in this time and age, but it has a personal touch to it which makes customers return. It makes everything a little more familiar and homely."

The bakery is now jointly run by Nuruddin and his son, Atif Ahmed. For three generations, the Prince of Wales Bakery has held its head high on the streets of Old Dhaka and is considered one of the best baking establishments in town. One true example to the saying, "Old is gold".