



THE OCEAN DANCE FESTIVAL OF BANGLADESH 2023

EVENT ORGANIZERS:



ABOUT THE OCEAN DANCE FESTIVAL 2023



The Second [Ocean Dance Festival](#) (ODF) being organized at Cox's Bazaar, a breath-takingly beautiful beach city, in Southern Bangladesh, by Nriyajog, a conglomeration of forty dance organizations of Bangladesh under the umbrella of the [World Dance Alliance – Asia Pacific](#) (WDA-AP), from November 22 to 24, 2023, is envisioned as a showcasing of mainly Bangladeshi dance interspersed by performances from South Asia and the Asia Pacific. The organizers hope to make this a yearly event combining exciting tourism with dance. The Ministries of Cultural Affairs and Civil Aviation & Tourism, of Bangladesh, are the co-hosts.

The Second ODF will be combined with the yearly event of WDA – AP, which includes Key-note speeches, Academic seminars, Workshops, Performances and Lecture demonstrations, on a 'theme topic' by participants from all over the Asia Pacific, concluding with the Annual General Meeting of WDA - AP.

Theme of the event

This year the theme is '[My dance, my choice](#)', referring to the artistic freedom to imagine, create and distribute diverse cultural expressions free of censorship, political interference or the pressures of non-state actors.

Registration

Category	Facilities	Amount
Full registration (non-WDA member)	including breakfast, full access to all events, priority seating, transportation to the venues, kitbag, gala dinner.	USD 170
Only for WDA Members	same as above facilities	USD 150
South Asian WDA Members only	same as above facilities	USD 120
Early Bird (Till 15th July)		
Full registration (non-WDA member)	same as above facilities	USD 150
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South Asian WDA Members	same as above facilities	USD 100



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Bangladeshi scholarship-holders and Performing Artistes		
Full registration	Full Access to the 4-Day event, including Gala dinner, excluding Kit Bag	BDT 2000/USD 20.-
One-day access		
Non-WDA members	Full access to a particular day only	USD 80
WDA member & Students	Full access to a particular day only	USD 50
Students/South Asian WDA Members	Full access to a particular day only	USD 25



Registered participants will be entitled to hotel discounts and discounted airfare for Dhaka – Cox's Bazaar – Dhaka.

On-line payment gateway

This will be up shortly.

Travel

All information is available on the website.

Proposal for performances

Performances: can be one to 15 performers. Duration of each performance will be 10 mins.

Digital Screening: can be two or three dimensional, interactive installations, a speaker's corner etc.

Please describe your idea and technical requirements in the abstract. Timeslots for presentations will be allocated in the program.

Twinning Dance Projects: Performances created by dancers from two or more countries. Can be one to 15 performers. Duration of each performance will be 10 mins.

Site-specific performance: Nrityajog will provide logistic support team, including videography, so that the performance can later be viewed during our Digital Dance Session



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The Performance Program committee will consider all proposals. Performers should anticipate technical limitations associated with the very tight technical and spacing schedules of the congress.



Sea-beach at Teknaf with rows of colorful fishing boats



Himchori Waterfall



Buddhist Temple at Ramu



Sand sculpture (made to specification) at Cox's Bazar Beach



Beach-side

This program is aimed at individuals or groups of adults from all ages, professional independent artists or amateur/non-professional. Minimum number of dancers x 1, maximum x 15. Maximum length of performance piece is 10 minutes.

Key dates

- Open call for submission: 6th June
- Submission Close: 30th July
- Notification of Acceptance: 30th August
- Deadline for submission of revised proposal: 30th September
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Scholarly Gatherings

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Choreolab: A 2 week Dance Residency for 25 young dancers from South Asia, under a senior choreographer. This is scheduled for a month ahead of the WDA-AP AGM, in Bangladesh. For out of station dancers, Nrityajog will provide home-stay.

Key-note speeches

The Key-note speech will be delivered on all four days of the event.

Lastly, the ODF also plans to show-case folk dances of South Asia.

Hotel Accommodation

Complimentary hospitality for only 10 WDA Executive Committee members will be provided. For the rest, please find information on the ODF Website.

Dance has always been a vibrant cultural practice of Bangladesh. ODF will facilitate skill transfer, networking, collaboration and innovation.

- Link to Electronic Media Coverage of our event:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FYzjeRXgsd8YQF14bNMCC_gzToH4cKy9/view?usp=sharing
- Link to a power-point presentation of our event:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1kt9SeLk9TmUUG31MoQnyEF3rArZdSvOE/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114957468840492633208&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Link to an audio-visual review of ODF 2019:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IclgvR_liYg&t=866s



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Glimpses of ODF 2019

