July 28, 2023

RE: MUJIB’S BANGLADESH OCEAN DANCE FESTIVAL (MBODF) 2023

Dear All,

Mujib’s Bangladesh Ocean Dance Festival (MBODF) 2023 being organized at Cox’s Bazaar, a breath-takingly beautiful beach city, in Southern Bangladesh, by Nrityajog, a conglomeration of forty dance organizations of Bangladesh under the umbrella of the World Dance Alliance – Asia Pacific (WDA-AP), from November 22 to 25, 2023, is envisioned as a showcasing of 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

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<td>Full registration (non-WDA member)</td>
<td>including breakfast, full access to all events, priority seating, transportation to the venues, kitbag, gala dinner.</td>
<td>USD 170</td>
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<td>Only for WDA Members</td>
<td>same as above facilities</td>
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**Early Bird (Till 15th August)**

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**Bangladeshi scholarship-holders and Performing Artistes**

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<td>Full registration</td>
<td>Full Access to the 4-Day event, including Gala dinner, <strong>excluding Kit Bag</strong></td>
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**One-day access**

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<td>Non-WDA members</td>
<td>Full access to a particular day only</td>
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<td>Full access to a particular day only</td>
<td>USD 25</td>
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Registered participants will be entitled to hotel discounts and discounted airfare for Dhaka – Cox’s Bazaar – Dhaka.

On-line payment gateway

Travel
All information is available on the website. Participants could try applying for mobility grants Indian participants can apply for Mobility Grants to

ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION (ASEF)
- 31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace Singapore 119595
- +65 6874 9700
- +65 6872 1135
- info@asef.org

ON THE MOVE
- mobility@on-themove.org

ASIAN CULTURAL COUNCIL
- acc hong kong
2001 Shiu Fung Hong Building
239–241 Wing Lok Street, Hong Kong
Tel: +852 2895 0407
Fax: +852 2576 7206
E-mail: acc@acc.org.hk

Additionally Indian participants can apply to the India-Bangladesh Foundation (https://www.hcidhaka.gov.in/IB_Foundation).


**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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Sea-beach at Teknaf with rows of colorful fishing boats

Buddhist Temple at Ramu

Sand sculpture (made to specification) at Cox’s Bazaar Beach

Beach-side
Himchori Waterfall

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.

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: 10th August
- Notification of Acceptance: 12th August
- Deadline for submission of revised proposal: 30th September
- Final notification of acceptance by email: 30th October

PROPOSALS FOR SCHOLARLY GATHERINGS (https://oceandancefestival.com/scholarly-gatherings.php)
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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.

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

Sincerely

Lubna Marium
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Glimpses of ODF 2019