

## FACTS OF A FESTIVE

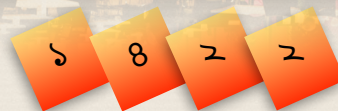
The Bangla calendar was promulgated by Mughal Emperor Akbar the Great. The Bengali New Year begins at dawn. In urban areas the day opens with cultural programme – combining singing, recitation, performance of classical music. The **Shova Jatra** has the appearance of a Mardi Gras parade embellished with motifs whose roots lie in the local customs of this alluvial plains. **Boishakhi mela** or the traditional fair is a fun fare of food, fun and frolic – one enjoys various local snacks, Pithas (traditional cakes), puppetry, circus, handicrafts etc. Probably the oldest and most symbolic custom is opening of new ledger (Haalkhata) by businesses, clearing out the old. Women adorn themselves with traditional Saree and flowers, men put on their best Punjabi and Pajama. Pitha, Panta Bhaat, Bhortas (mashed preparation of various vegetables/fishes) and fried Hilsa fish are some of the delicacies which are enjoyed on this day. BAG aspires to showcase all this elements of this special day to the Scottish population of Glasgow on 30th May 2015.



## BURRELL COLLECTION



Pollok Country Park, 2060 Pollokshaws Rd  
Glasgow G43 1AT



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Celebrate  
Bengali New Year



30 May 2015  
6.30 pm  
Burrell Collection

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Bangladesh Association Glasgow

## Bangladesh Association Glasgow

United we stand  
Humanity, equality and solidarity

Established in 1971 BAG manifests itself as a common platform of union of Bangladeshi people in Glasgow. The major objectives of BAG are to uphold and promote Bangladeshi culture & heritage, encourage and promote social cohesion among the main stream Scottish population and various ethnic communities living in Scotland. BAG also organises charity activities to help the people in need in all over the world.

### Ticket price

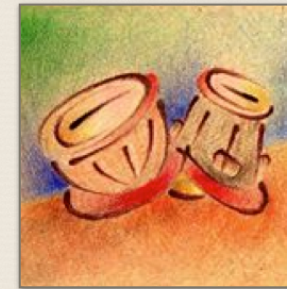
Adult member – 10 pounds  
Adult non-member – 20 pounds  
Children – Free with creche facilities

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## BENGALI NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



### INVITED GUESTS OF HONOUR

#### Nicola Sturgeon

First Minister of Scotland

#### HE Md. Abdul Hannan

High Commissioner of Bangladesh

#### Humza Yousaf MSP

Minister for Europe & International  
Development

#### Rt. Hon Jim Murphy MP

Leader, Scottish Labour

#### Anas Sarwar MP

Member of Westminster Parliament

#### Cllr Martin Rhodes

Executive Member for Communities of  
Glasgow City Council

#### Cllr Charlie Gilbert

Councillor, East Renfrewshire

#### Cllr Malcolm Green

Ex-councillor, Glasgow City Council

#### Janet Archer

CEO, Creative Scotland

### DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 18.30

Guests will enjoy traditional Bangladeshi cuisine while listening to distinguished guests' speech.

### CULTURAL SHOW WILL START AT 20.00

Display of Bangladeshi culture of sophistication with poetry, puppetry, musical audio drama, songs and dance performed by UNMESH – a Glasgow based Bangladeshi cultural group.

### FLAVOUR OF A FESTIVE

There will be a new year parade with traditional Bangladeshi costumes. Stalls with colourful decoration will display Bangladeshi handicrafts and food items.

