

Dear Leon Kuhn,

Thank you for your patience in waiting for the results of our selection process. However, we have now been able to obtain ALL the prestige venues in Dhaka for the festival. This will not only allow us to stage the event at the scale in which we wanted. It also allows us to include work that we would otherwise have had to reject because of the shortage of space.

Despite this, the very large number of high quality entries, means that we will still need to be sparing with space. Some bodies of work might require to be edited down, and the size of prints might also need to be scaled down in some cases. We will of course not compromise on quality and whenever possible will try and show work in the best way possible.

We would like to congratulate you on being selected for Chobi Mela V. Considering the quality of the submissions, the inclusion reflects the very high quality of your work. We will soon be contacting you to determine the specifics of showing the images. At this stage we would like you to select a minimum of five images that are representative of your work. We will need high resolution images of this selection (a minimum of 3000 pixels in the longer side) for promotional purposes. We will also need an artist's statement, or a curator's statement in case of group shows, of about 300 words (in English). We will need this by the 15th October 2008. Please email this (jpeg, quality 8) to office@drik.net.

Many of you have expressed your wish to attend the festival. While we are not in a position to pay for you to visit us, we would be happy to provide letters of invitation which you might use for obtaining sponsorship or visas. Please include your full name (as in your passport), your date of birth and nationality, and the number of your passport, so we can include these in our letter of invitation.

We would like to remind you that accommodation during the festival period is already being booked, so you should make your bookings as soon as possible. The grand opening will be on the 30th January 2009 at the Bangladesh National Museum. There will be an all night party after the opening. While Bangladesh is a warm country, it can get nippy on winter nights (especially if we go to the river), so please bring light winter clothing if you intend to join the party.

Thank you again for your support of our festival. It is your participation that is at the heart of our event.

Warmest regards,

Shahidul Alam
Festival Director