



Friendship in May

"The poor can't afford poor solutions"

Runa Khan - Founder of Friendship

Conferences, exhibitions, concert

Galerie Clairefontaine
Galerie Marchande de la Belle Etoile
Fondation de l'Architecture
Carré Rotondes
Banque de Luxembourg



2-24 May 2014

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION
GALERIE CLAIREFONTAINE

AN ALTERNATIVE LOOK AT BANGLADESH

16 May at 6pm: MEETING WITH THE ARTISTS

Friendship launched its first hospital ship in Bangladesh in 2002. Since then, it has attracted many photographers from all over the world, who have documented the NGO's initiatives, and shared the environment and the landscape of the Brahmaputra Valley. The **high quality of the photographers** participating in this exhibition reflects the excellence towards which the NGO strives in its work and its commitment to the fundamental values of dignity, self-respect, compassion and solidarity.

Exhibition of works by *Yann Arthus-Bertand, Hélène Binet, Eric Chenal, Kashef Chowdhury, Wasama Doja, Jenny Fischbach, Paolo Pelizzari, Wendell Phillips and Gregory Wait.*

All proceeds from sales at the exhibition will be donated to Friendship.

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9-17 May 2014

EXHIBITION - **BELLE ETOILE SHOPPING CENTRE**

**COLOURS OF THE CHARS,
CRAFTSMANSHIP OF BANGLADESH**



Following its place of honour at the Musée de la Marine in Paris, the 'Ancient sails of Bangladesh' exhibition in 2010 at Neumünster Abbey revealed a wide public interest in the cultural heritage and the splendour of the boats meticulously recreated by Friendship's teams.

Now you can rediscover the models and the artists at La Belle Etoile shopping centre from 9th to 17th May.

Also on sale are the scarves and bags from the 'Colours of the Chars' collection. These are produced in the Friendship weaving and sewing centres in the Brahmaputra islands, which provide training and a source of income to hundreds of women.

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13-31 May 2014

EXHIBITION - **FONDATION DE L'ARCHITECTURE**

KASHEF MAHBOOB CHOWDHURY
"RESPONSES TO RESTRAINTS:
ARCHITECTURE OF THE ESSENTIAL."

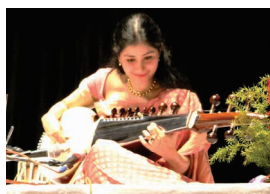
13 May 2014 at 6.30pm – free admission

CONFERENCE - **CARRÉ ROTONDES**

Kashev Mahboob Chowdhury is part of a rising generation of architects. He has received numerous international awards and was the subject of a special supplement in the Architectural Review in December 2013. Heavily involved in Friendship's activities, he designed the Friendship Centre near Gaibandha in Bangladesh. **13 of his most exquisite models** will be exhibited at the Fondation de l'Architecture from 13th to 31st May. On the 13th of May, Kashev will also host a **conference** entitled "Responses to restraints: architecture of the essential." Kashev is the designer of the Cyclone Shelter, for which we hope to secure funding through our activities in May. www.fondarch.lu

Register for this conference at info@friendship.lu

BANQUE
DE LUXEMBOURG



15 May 2014 at 6.30pm

AUDITORIUM DE LA **BANQUE DE LUXEMBOURG**

RAJRUPA CHOWDUHRY
CONCERT OF INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC

Born in Calcutta and now living in Dhaka, Rajrupa Chowdhury is an international musician and **one of the few female players of the Sarod**, a traditional Indian instrument. Her concert in the Banque de Luxembourg auditorium will be preceded by a **presentation of the training and emancipation opportunities** created by Friendship through its sewing and weaving centres. Scarves produced in the weaving centres will be on sale at the event. All proceeds will go to Friendship. www.femmesetpatrimoine.lu

Register for this event by calling 499 24 -3979

Visit www.friendship.lu for practical details of these events.



Friendship has been operating in Bangladesh since 2002, bringing an ever wider range of services to the poorest communities in the most remote areas of the country – the alluvial islands of Brahmaputra in the North and the Bay of Bengal in the South.

In 2002 Friendship began its activities in the field of **HEALTH** by setting up the country's first hospital ship.

Today the organisation has three hospital ships and a primary healthcare network that provides health services to more than 150,000 people per month.

In 2004 Friendship embarked on an **EDUCATION** programme which now comprises 74 primary schools and adult literacy centres.

In order to promote economic independence, an innovative saving and **MICRO-FINANCE** scheme has been established in a growing number of communities. Operating in an environment which is particularly exposed to climatic fluctuations, emergency aid and even more importantly **NATURAL DISASTER PREPARATION** are essential to the work of Friendship.

As well as this, Friendship's **CULTURAL PROJECT** to preserve the traditional river way of life has drawn attention to the disappearance of Bangladesh's wooden boat-building industry and raised awareness of the need to preserve this heritage.

In November 2007, Hurricane Sidr struck The Bay of Bengal, killing almost 10,000 inhabitants. Devastating as the death toll was, this was only the second most powerful cyclone to hit the Bay since 1877. In 1970 a less powerful cyclone caused 300,000 deaths.

The relatively less devastating death toll in 2007 was largely due to the construction of several cyclone shelters to protect the population after the 1991 disaster. However, these shelters are still insufficient in number and remain far from meeting the needs of the inhabitants.

Friendship is working to improve disaster preparation for coastal communities particularly exposed to natural disasters, by setting up what is intended to be an exemplary cyclone shelter. Crucially, it will include livestock accommodation, without which the population is reluctant to use a shelter for fear of losing what can amount to a family's livelihood. The shelter will be used on an everyday basis as a school and community centre.

Friendship needs your support for this project!

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