

Privacy Settings

We use cookies to optimize our website and our service.

- ☒ Functional
- ☒ Statistics
- ☒ Marketing

Save

Functional only

Accept all

WEBSITE
[HTTPS://WWW.SAMDANI.COM.BD/](https://www.samdani.com.bd/)

COUNTRY
[BANGLADESH](#)

THEME
[ARTS EDUCATION](#)

DISCIPLINE
[VISUAL ARTS](#)



The Samdani Art Foundation (SAF) is a private arts trust based in Dhaka, Bangladesh founded in 2011 by collector couple Nadia and Rajeeb Samdani to support the work of the country's contemporary artists and architects.

SAF seeks to expand the audience engaging with **contemporary art across Bangladesh and increase international exposure for the country's artists and architects**. Its programmes support Bangladeshi artists and architects in broadening their creative horizons through **production grants, residencies, education programmes, and exhibitions**. To achieve this, SAF collaborates with the Bangladeshi government through official partnerships with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, People's Republic of Bangladesh, and the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

SAF's motivations are articulated through a variety of initiatives, the largest being the bi-annual Dhaka Art Summit (DAS), which it founded in 2012. A non-commercial research and exhibition platform for art and architecture related to South Asia, DAS rejects the traditional biennale format to create a more generative space for art and exchange that re-examines how

we think about these art forms in a regional and wider context. In an effort to **encourage international arts professionals to travel to Bangladesh for research and to develop exhibitions** which include the work of South Asian artists, SAF has supported travel for curators from institutions

SAF launched the DAS Research Fellows programme to formalise this effort and to support and **facilitate artistic research in Bangladesh throughout the year**. SAF also supports the exhibition of Bangladeshi artists in the cases where institutions have meaningfully engaged with Bangladesh in their research about South Asia.


The bi-annual Samdani Art Award, organised in partnership with the Delfina Foundation, has created an internationally recognised platform to showcase the work of young Bangladeshi artists to an international audience at the Dhaka Art Summit.

Powered by [Froala Editor](#)

Similar content


POSTED ON
23 JAN 2023

Dhaka Art Summit 2023




POSTED ON
10 AUG 2015

Dhaka Art Summit 2016




POSTED ON
21 JAN 2016

Dhaka Art Summit 2016




POSTED ON
08 JAN 2014

Bangladesh | Dhaka Art Summit 2014



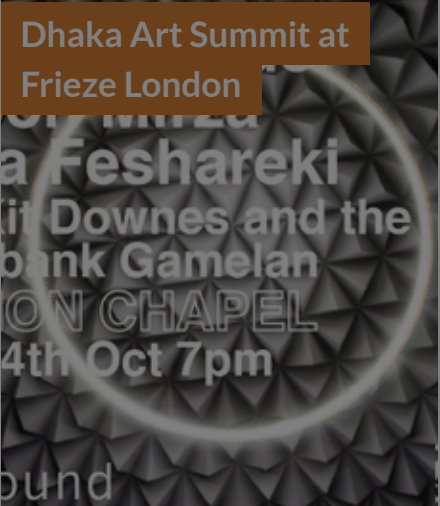
POSTED ON
30 MAY 2017

Srihatta-Samdani Art Centre takes shape in Bangladesh



POSTED ON
28 SEP 2015

Dhaka Art Summit at Frieze London



ABOUT ASEF CULTURE360

culture360.asef.org brings Asia and Europe closer by providing information, facilitating dialogue and stimulating reflection on the arts and culture of the two regions.

[MORE ABOUT ASEF CULTURE360](#) | [FAQ](#)

