

BSK London in collaboration with Drishtipat Creative presents: Wise Words of Bengali Women

Sunday 9 March | 6.30pm | RichMix Cafe | FREE

Alternative Arts, in conjunction with Rich Mix, are celebrating International Women's Day on Saturday 8 March 2008 with a week-long event called Wise Words, celebrating the talents of a range of female writers, comediennes and musicians. As part of this week, BSK London presents in collaboration with Drishtipat Creative: Wise Words by Bengali Women



PART ONE Shamim Azad

Shamim Azad, a poet and a storyteller, has published eight books. She works in the education sector and also is a freelance journalist. She is widely known in and outside the community for her social work. Shamim will be sharing some of her poems and performing her stories for Wise Words.



PART TWO Tahmima Anam

Tahmima Anam, published her first novel 'A Golden Age' in 2007 to great acclaim. The novel, which is set in Bangladesh during the war of independence, follows a widowed mother of two and her struggle to survive, and it has been translated and published world wide.



PART THREE Leesa Gazi

Leesa Gazi is an accomplished group theatre performer who has worked as a producer and consultant for various TV channels and advertising firms. Currently, she is the creative director of Drishtipat Creative, an organisation dedicated towards raising social awareness using media and arts.

Drishtipat Creative (DPC) will be presenting an abbreviated version of their dramatic reading of **A Golden Age** and also a colourful dance drama **Behula-Lakhinder** as the grand finale! To celebrate International Women's Day, DPC will showcase the power and strength of women in both Bengali folklore and modern literature through songs, dances, poetry and storytelling. The performers are Leesa Gazi, Rubaiat Sharmin Jhara, Eeshita Azad, Sohini Alam, Nobonita Chowdhury, Soumik Dutta (Baithak), Dia Chakravarty, Ahsan Akbar, Faisal Gazi, Tulip Kabir, Aneire Khan, Anon H. Siddiqua.