

WHAT'S ON



Group Art Exhibition
Title: His Dream World
Venue: Shilpangan, Dhanmondi
Date: December 27 – January 11
Time: 3 pm – 8 pm



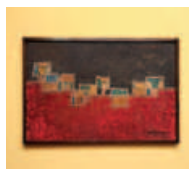
Workshop
Title: Kata Kuti - Collage Workshop by Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo
Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur
Date: January 25, 2020
Time: 11 am – 6 pm



Cultural Festival
Title: Bangladesh Shanskritik Utshab 2020
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: January 3–23, 2020
Time: 4 pm–8 pm



Musical Evening
Title: Plugged Out IV – One Night Stand
Venue: Counter Culture Club, Dhanmondi
Date: January 31, 2020
Time: 5 pm onwards
Tickets: BDT 300



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Breaking Ground: Modern Art in Transition
Venue: Subir Choudhury Exhibition Hall, Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi
Date: Dec 17 – Feb 15
Time: 1 pm – 8 pm (Except Sundays)

STARS WITH THEIR 2020 PLANS

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

As 2020 begins with good vibes, everyone bids goodbye to the year 2019, while looking back at achievements and memorable moments. Many from the entertainment industry look forward to the new year and talk about their expectations, plans and more.



PHOTOS: STAR

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-Chanchal Chowdhury



“I am hoping this year to be my year!”

-Apurba



“I wish to be associated with more promising projects”

-Siam Ahmed

“I want to immerse myself fully into films”

-Shakib Khan

Like previous years, I want to keep myself busy with projects. I believe, work is what keeps us alive. I want people to remember my films for generations to come. For 2020, I promise special surprises for my fans and well wishers! Besides acting, I also look forward to producing films and immerse myself fully into films.



I am blessed to have worked with so many talented and good people in the industry. The appreciation I got from the film critics, is one of my greatest achievements. Two of my films, *Hawa* and *Paap Punno*, will be releasing this year. As my characters in these films are completely different from my previous roles, the audience will see a new Chanchal Chowdhury in 2020.

“Receiving the National Film Award was the biggest achievement of my career”

-Nurat Imrose Tisha

Receiving the National Film Award was the biggest achievement of my career, in 2019. I have been involved in some good projects and I am hoping to work in films with good scripts this year as well. I plan to work regularly in television as well.



“I will be more conscious about the quality of the projects I take up”

-Poppy

I am taking up some exciting projects, which will telecast soon. Also, I want to be more experimental with the roles I play on screen. Being a positive person, I hope this year to be my year.

2019 was a good year for me, especially the end, as I won in the Film Club elections. I will be more conscious about the quality of the projects I take up. After completing my pending projects, I plan to do so.



My year ended with the shooting sessions for *Operation Sundarban*. The film will release this year. Last year went pretty well for me, I am hoping this year to be a good one as well. I am already involved with some meaningful stories, and wish to be associated with more promising projects.



A musical performance at the event.

PHOTOS: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Curtain rises to the second edition of ‘Bangladesh Sangskritik Utshab 2020’ at BSA

ZAHANGIR ALOM

With an aim to display the rich Bangladeshi culture, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) has, for the second time, organised the Bangladesh Sangskritik Utshab 2020 at the Nandan Mancha of its premises in Dhaka. The 21-day festival was inaugurated recently.

Planning Minister M A Mannan attended the inaugural ceremony as chief guest while State Minister for Cultural Affairs K M Khalid inaugurated the festival at the National Theatre Hall Auditorium of BSA. Cultural Affairs Secretary Dr Md Abu Hena Mostafa also attended the occasion as special guest. Director General of BSA Liaquat Ali Lucky presided over the programme and BSA Secretary Md Badrul Anam Bhuiyan delivered the welcome address.

More than 5 thousand artistes from 64 districts, along with over a hundred cultural organisations, are participating in the festival. Each day will feature artistes from 3 districts, showcasing the vivid



Artistes present a dance routine at the programme.

varieties of Bangladeshi culture. The grand festival is featuring traditional folk games, folk-drama, solo and choral rendition of songs, instrumental music, *jatrapala*, *Baul* songs, solo and group dances, acrobatic show, puppet show, recitation and more. The festival also includes performances by differently-abled children, music and dance recitals on Bangabandhu and the Liberation War, performances by indigenous artistes and innovative choreography on drama.

The first edition of the festival was held in 2016. Since this year, BSA plans to organise this festival annually, mentions Liaquat Ali Lucky. “We have tried to include all the segments of culture in this festival. We have also planned to honour one prominent artiste from each district at the ongoing festival,” he said. Artistes from Bhola, Sunamganj, and Jhenaidah are set to perform today. The festival is open for all from 3 pm to 9 pm, every day at BSA premises till January 23.



Guests at the inaugural ceremony.

TRAINWRECK bags GMA award 2019

ASHLEY SHOPTORSHI SAMADDAR

Following on the trails of Wacken Open Air in Germany, 2019, Trainwreck, ended on a rather high note, along with their Kolkata and Nepal tour. Groove thrash metal band Trainwreck added yet another accolade to their list of achievements as they won the Global Metal Apocalypse (GMA) award 2019 as the Breakthrough Asian Metal Band. Ekram Wasi, the guitarist of the band, spoke about their nomination process for the award. “The GMA body monitors online based news

on bands performing in different subcontinents and then comes up with a list of rising and promising names from each subcontinent,” he explains. “GMA award surprised us with this nomination. They monitored our activities and later sent us our voting form. Our fans had one month to vote for us!” Trainwreck, currently featuring Abir Ahmed Shuvo on vocals, A K Rahul and Ekram Wasi on guitars, Habibullah Farhan on bass, and Minhaj Ahmed Mridul on drums, is set for their Philippines tour in 2020.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Film to be made on ‘Didimoni’

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

The popular rock song ‘Didimoni’, by James, dedicated to the female garment workers had won the hearts of the audience. National Film Award winner Rezaul Rezu, inspired by the song, will be directing the film, *Didimoni*. Rezu is the youngest South Asian filmmaker to receive the National

Film Award, for his first film *Baapjaner Bioscope*. The script of *Didimoni* is also written by him.

The shooting of the film will start from February. The action movie is based on the lives of the female garment workers. “I am a huge fan of James. Mainly the song, ‘Didimoni’ inspired me to make this film,” said Rezu. The cast will be announced soon, he adds.



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James



Rezaul Rezu