

WHAT'S ON



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



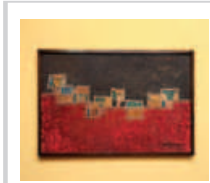
Workshop
Title: Kata Kutli - Collage Workshop by Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo
Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur
Date: January 25, 2020
Time: 11 am – 6 pm



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 Shilpalya, Dhanmondi
Date: Dec 17 – Feb 15
Time: 1 pm – 8 pm (Except Sundays)



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“I want to play versatile roles”

– YASH ROHAN

Yash Rohan's journey in the Bangladeshi film industry began with Gias Uddin Selim's *Swapnajaal* (2017), where the newcomer was appreciated for his performance as Apu. His recent release *Mayaboti*, written and directed by Arun Chowdhuri, was well received by the audience as well. In a chat with *The Daily Star*, the actor talks about his busy schedules, upcoming ventures, and more.

SHAH ALAM SHAZI

What are your plans for 2020?

I am excited to work in new projects this year. I want to play versatile roles. Acting is my passion, and I feel privileged to be in this profession. I just want to keep growing as an actor, with every passing year.

Your new film 'Poran' is set to release soon. Have you decided on any release date for the film yet?

Poran is mainly a tragic story and I have worked very hard for the film. I hope it manages to strike a chord with the audience. We are hoping to release the film this Valentine's Day.

'Poran' is your first film with Bidya Sinha Mim. How was the experience of working with her?

Mim is a wonderful person and an amazing actor. We have become very good friends. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her and hope to work with her again soon.

What else are you currently busy with?

At the moment, I am busy shooting for the film *Adom*. The film, directed by Abu Towhid Hiron, is based on the story of two brothers and their dreams. The shooting for the first lot took place in Mymensingh. The shooting for the second lot will begin from January 11.

Group exhibition 'Frame 74' underway at Gallery Chittrak

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Gallery Chittrak has organised a group art exhibition, *Frame 74*, featuring paintings of several senior artists of the 1974 batch of Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka. Eminent artist Mustafa Monwar inaugurated the 10-day exhibition as the chief guest on January 3. Renowned artist Shahid Kabir and Professor Syed Azizul Haque attended the opening ceremony as special guests.

The featured artists at the exhibition are Sakina Hossain, Parveen Zaman Shammu, Rahat Nilofer, Shamina Sharmin, Wahid Zaman Tokon, Mahmudur Rahman Apu, G M Khalilur Rahman and Md Farid Hossain Siddiqui.

Freedom fighter G M Khalilur

Rahman features geometric forms together with a feminine visage in one of his works, while Mahmudur Rahman Apu's door series represents some abandoned houses. Md Farid Hossain Siddiqui depicts pigeons, a symbol of peace, against the background of an old wall and dark window. Parveen Zaman Shammu portrays abstract imagery of nature, while Sakina Hossain depicts the face that uncannily evokes the Tagorean style.

The artworks showcase the idiosyncratic styles of the participating artists. Visitors of the exhibition can enjoy a diverse assortment of works, comprised of landscape, figurative, portrait, semi-abstract and abstract genres. *Frame 74*, open for all from 10 am to 8 pm every day, will continue till January 12.



Artworks on exhibit at the event.



TV WATCH

The 40th episode of the television serial 'Shohorali' will be aired on NTV at 8:15 pm tonight. Written and directed by Ejaj Munna, the serial stars Chanchal Chowdhury, Shaju Khadem, Nadia Ahmed, Shahnaz Khushi and Moutushi Biswas, among others.

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Deepika Padukone visits JNU, where students were attacked

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, from New Delhi

Superstar Deepika Padukone stopped by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), which has been embroiled in chaos and protests for the past few days, in order to show her solidarity with the students who were subjected to violence.

Clad in a black turtleneck, Deepika, who was in the city to promote her forthcoming film *Chhapaak*, attended a public meeting held by the JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) and Teachers' Association, against the attack on students by masked men and women armed with sticks and iron rods. The attack resulted in more than twenty people getting injured and hospitalised. Deepika, however, did not address the crowd. She stood by as former JNUSU president, Kanhaiya Kumar, raised slogans and left just as current President Aishe Ghosh, who too was injured in the attack, began to speak.

PHOTO: COLLECTED
Deepika Padukone with the students of JNU.

"When you are in a powerful position, you should speak up," commented Ghosh. "There are many people in Bollywood who do not put forth their views. They are considered role models. I appeal to them: Make inspiring films after something has happened, but when you are in that position, talk about the story that is

currently happening."

Recently, Deepika told a news channel that she feels proud that people have come out and raised their voice without fear, in reference to the protests against the amended Citizenship Act, the National Register of Citizens and the violence in JNU.

"I feel proud to see that people are coming out -- be it on the streets or wherever they are -- they are raising their voices and expressing themselves, as it is important. If we want to see changes in our lives and the society, it is important to put our points of view forward," she said.

Several other artistes from the Indian film industry, including directors Vishal Bhardwaj, Sudhir Mishra, Rahul Dholakia, Anurag Kashyap and Zoya Akhtar, and actors Diya Mirza, Ali Faisal, Swara Bhasker, Tapsee Pannu and Richa Chadha, took to the streets in Mumbai to protest the violence in JNU.

In remembrance of BASUDEB GHOSE



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Peers and colleagues attended a programme, in remembrance of renowned music director, singer, lyricist, musician and composer Basudeb Ghose, who passed away recently. Laser Vision arranged the memorial seminar at Bishwo Sahitto Kendro.

At the event, artistes promised to preserve the work and publish the unfinished ones of Basudeb, who took a great initiative to compose an album with 1,000 Bengali patriotic songs.

"We didn't consider our relation as a business one. In reality, he was our friend. He introduced so many artistes to Laser Vision and our music industry is indebted to him," said

Laser Vision's Chairman Arifur Rahman.

"Music was his priority and love. He was passionate about his dream project of composing 1,000 patriotic songs. About 250 songs have been recorded so far," said Basudeb's wife Nabonita Ghose.

Bangla Tribune editor and lyricist Zulfqar Russell announced that his online news portal will provide all the assistance for preserving Basudeb's creations.

Basudeb's brother Ajay Ghose, son Komo Ghose, Sitar artiste Reenat Fauzia, singer Sandipan, singer-composer Sumon Kalyan and singer Hasan Abidur Reza Jewel, among others, were also in attendance.

Duronto TV's 10th season to air soon

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A press conference, announcing Duronto Television's 10th season, was held at their office premises in Banani, yesterday. The new season will be on air from January 12.

Mohammad Ali Haider, Programme Head of Duronto, was the main speaker at the event. Monwar Shahadat Dorpon, Executive Producer and Shahadat Hossain, producer of foreign programmes at Duronto TV, directors Monirul Hossain Shipon (*Shopnoghuri*) and Fahima Ahmed Chaiti (*Golpo Sheshe Ghumer Deshe*), along with Rifat Bin Sattar, Programme Director, Save the Children, Bangladesh (SCinBD), Shararat Islam, Senior Manager of SCinBD, and Mohammad Shah Alam, Executive Director of Sisimpur, were present at the event, among others.

Shopnoghuri and *Shopno Sheshe Ghumer Deshe* are their new additions in this season. The present guests and speakers spoke about their expectations from the upcoming ventures of the channel.



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