

WHAT'S ON



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Calling of the Roots
Venue: Zainul Gallery, DU
Date: January 8 – 14
Time: 11 am – 8 pm



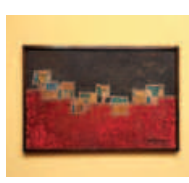
Workshop
Title: Kata Kuti - Collage Workshop by Kazi
Tahsin Agaz Apurbo
Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur
Date: January 25, 2020
Time: 11 am – 6 pm



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)



Shongshoptok



Kothau Keu Nei

Revisiting Bangladeshi television's GOLDEN ERA

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Television dramas took up a new turn during the 1980s, as the audience experienced timeless stories, including *Shongshoptok*, *Matir Kole*, *Jonaki Jole*, *Bhanganer Shobdo Shuni*, *Ayomoy* and *Bohubrihi*. Looking back on the golden era of the industry, *The Daily Star* celebrates few of these television classics.

Presented in a parrot's voice, *Bohubrihi*'s famous slogan, “Tui Rajakar!” became an everlasting echo for generations. This post-liberation war drama, written by Humayun Ahmed and produced by Newaz Ali Khan, reignited the fire of freedom, seen during the Liberation War. Through their commendable

performances, Abul Hayat (Sobhan) Asaduzzaman Noor (Anis), Afzal Hossain (Doctor) and Aly Zaker (Farid Mama), struck a chord with the viewers.

Set during the British Raj, tele-fiction *Ayomoy*, written by Humayun Ahmed and directed by Nawazish Ali Khan, was an all-time favourite. The drama narrates the tale of a declining Bengali zamindar family.

On the other hand, Imdadul Haq Milan's adaptation of Shahidullah Kaiser's *Shongshoptok*, featuring Ferdousi Mazumder as Hurmotti and Humayun Faridee as 'Kaankata' Romzan was critically acclaimed. It was produced by Abdullah Al Mamun, and directed by Humayun Ahmed.

Kothau Keu Nei, produced

by Barkatullah and directed by Humayun Ahmed, featured Baker Bhai, one of the most beloved characters, played by Asaduzzaman Noor. It marked a revolutionary trend in the industry, as the nation mourned Baker Bhai's execution.

Moreover, *Ei Shob Din Ratri*, one of Humayun Ahmed's most popular contemporary serials, created a new identity for renowned actor Dolly Johur, as people still refer to her as 'Shimu Bhabhi'.

“Chi Chi Mostaan Ra Ato Kharap”, the famous dialogue from Imdadul Haq Milan's *Rupnagar* also became a part of the audience's every-day conversations. Actor Tauquir Ahmed's performance on the show garnered immense praise. Milan's *Baaro Rokomer Manush* was

also well received by television buffs.

Shokal Shondha, another timeless show, was produced by Borkutullah and written by Momtaj Begum. *Shomoy Oshomoy*, *Kon Kanoner Phul* and *Shopner Shohor*, produced by Khalilur Abedin Dulal were also popular.

Without the mention of Kobori's performance in *Matir Kole*, produced by Musa Ahmed, Jia Ansari's *Jonaki Jole*, and Khalil Ullah Khan's portrayal of the character Sheraj Talukder in Nasir Uddin Yusuf's *Bhanganer Shobdo Shuni*, this list remains incomplete. These are a few of the many outstanding tele-fictions that entertained the Bangladeshi audience through the years.

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Manikganj District Administration organised the fair, in observance of *Mujib Barsha*. Health and Family Welfare Minister Jahid Maleaque Sawapam, MP, formally inaugurated the event.

SM Ferdous, Deputy Commissioner, Manikganj, handed over the prizes to the winners of the competitions and the top three stalls.

Team Manikganj Sadar Upazila won the first prize in team category, while Roksana Akter Liza won in the Nazrul and Rabindra Sangeet category. Shahnaj Poly received the prize for modern songs. Other prizes were given to Arobinda Mandal and Sathi Akter from Harirampur Upazila, in the patriotic and folk song categories, respectively. Mustafizur

Rahman Mamun from Manikganj Municipality won in the recitation category. The best three stalls were Department of Agriculture Extension, Department of Public Health and Manikganj Municipality, respectively. Manikganj District Council received a special prize in the stall category.

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Golpo Sheshe Gumer Deshe

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Marking their 10th season, Duronto Television will introduce three new programmes and four new cartoon serials today.

The channel, along with Save the Children, produced *Shwapnoghuri*, a new series, which will air every Friday and Saturday at 2 pm and 9:30 pm from January 17. The series tells the story of a group of teachers called 'Shwapnoghuri'. It is produced by Monirul Hossain Shipon and written by Rantik Bipu.

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look and new tales. Focused on bedtime stories, this series features a star-studded cast, including Asaduzzaman Noor, Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Sarker Apu, Dr Ezaz, Tropa Mazumder, Aparna Ghosh, Manoj Pramanik, Ahsan Habib Nasim, Shatabdi Wadud, Moutushi Biswas, Kazi Nawshaba Ahmed and Momena Chowdhury. Produced by Fahima Ahmed Chaiti, with a screenplay by Alok Basu, the series will air every day at 9 pm.

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Shwapnoghuri

Entries open for 27th International Radio Playwriting Competition

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The script submission for the 27th International Radio Playwriting Competition has begun. The global competition, hosted by BBC World Service and the British Council, offers the unique opportunity for playwrights to use the medium of radio drama to reach an international audience.

Writers around the world, including Bangladesh, are encouraged to submit their scripts. The plays need to be 53 minutes long and can be on any subject. This year, the first two prizes can come from either the English as a first language or the English as a second language category. Both winners will attend an award ceremony in

London and see their plays recorded for broadcast on BBC World Service.

A special commendation for the script with the most outstanding potential from the competition's shortlist will be made in honour of the BBC World Service journalist and writer Georgi Markov (1929-1978).

The shortlisted scripts and judging panel will be announced in due course. The submission lines will close on January 31, 2020. Further details on the competition, including rules and how to enter, are online at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0043kb2>. Social media users can keep up to date with the competition on Facebook and join the conversation on Twitter using the hashtag #BBCPlay.



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Duronto Television's 10th season kicks off today



The Magic Roundabout



The Garfield Show

show will air every day at 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm, starting from today.

The Garfield Show, a cartoon series about a lazy cat, will air from Sunday to Thursday at 9 am, 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm. *Conni*, another cartoon series, focuses on the five-year-old girl, Conni, and her adventures. It will be televised every Friday and Saturday, from January 17, at 9 am, 1:30 pm, and 7:30 pm.

The new cartoon series, *The Magic Roundabout*, tells the story of Florence and her friends on a quest to find three magic diamonds. It will air from Sunday to Thursday

at 8:30 am and 2:30 pm, starting from today. The adventures of some ninjas will be presented in *Mini Ninjas* from January 17, every Friday and Saturday at 8:30 am and 2:30 pm.

Mastermind Family Bangladesh, *Nacher Ishkul*, *Khatta Miitha*, *Duronto Shomoy*, *Ma Babai Shera*, *Moner Jadukor* and *Shonar Kathi Rupar Kathi* are few of the returning programmes. Moreover, *Sweet Little Monsters*, *Heidi*, *Dragon Hunters*, *Eena Meena Deeka*, *The Jungle Book*, *Crafty Kids Club*, *Guess What*, *Lucas & Emily*, *Ozie Boo!* *Save The Planet* and *Tree Fu Tom* will continue this season.



Mini Ninjas