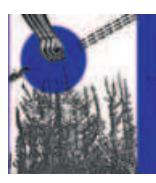


WHAT'S ON



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



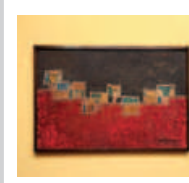
Workshop
Title: Kata Kuti - Collage Workshop by Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo
Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur
Date: January 25, 2020
Time: 11 am - 6 pm



Cultural Festival
Title: Bangladesh Shanskritik Utsab 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)

Keeping up with Apurba

SHAH ALAM SHAZI

Popular actor Apurba has added significant milestones to his career over the years. Currently, he is keeping busy with a handful of television projects. In an interview with The Daily Star, he speaks about his latest ventures and more.

What are you currently busy with?
Recently, I took up three TV serials and a one-hour tele-fiction. I enjoy working in the television industry.

Could you elaborate a bit more on your current projects?
Ghore Baire, a serial on Maasranga Television, is directed by Nazrul Islam Babu. *Priyo Protibeshi*, televised on Channel i, is directed by Abu Hayat Mahmud. I am working on two shows for BanglaVision. These include *Jaygir Master*, directed by S A Haque Olike and *Tomar Golpe Ami*, directed by Jakaria Showkhin.

Out of the four TV serials, which one did you like working on the most?
Each of the stories are different from one another. I am glad that the audience are appreciating the serials. So, it is tough to pick one. However, if I had to choose, I would say *Ghore Baire*, as the story and my character really resonated with me. My character on the show works for underprivileged children. The story revolves around a shelter home.

You have been working in the industry for 12 years, and you have experimented with various roles. What would be your dream role?
I would love to play Amit from *Shesher Kobita* by Rabindranath Tagore. It is one of my dream roles.

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'Selim Al Deen Memorial Festival 2020' kicks off

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Commemorating renowned playwright and theatre artiste Selim Al Deen on his 12th death anniversary, theatre troupe Swapnadal has organised the 'Selim Al Deen Memorial Festival 2020', which will take place on January 14, 15 and 17 at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). This is the twenty-first edition of the festival.

The programme will feature a memorial procession, seminars on theatre and Swapnadal's productions, *Horgoj* and *Tringsho Shotabdi*, among other arrangements.

The festival will conclude on January 17, with the seminar, *Oitijhyobahi Bangla Nattiyoriti Doitadotitibadi Shilpototyo O Selim Al Deen er Nattiyorshon*, at National Theatre Hall, BSA. The Inaugural speech will be delivered by Zahid Repon, while Mancho Sharothi Ataur Rahman will preside over the programme. Dr Lutfor Rahman, Professor, Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University, along with theatre personalities Dr Shoma Mumtaz, Mannan Hira, Masum Reza, and Secretary of Theatre Group Federation, Kamal Bayezid, will be present at the event, among others.

Gandaria Kisholoy Kochi-Kachar Mela hosts their 17th annual art exhibition



ASHLEY SHOPTORSHI SAMADDAR

Providing young artists with a platform to exhibit their artworks, Gandaria Kisholoy Kochi-Kachar Mela's Kisholoy Charukola Kendra organised their 17th annual art exhibition at its auditorium at Dinanath Road, Old Dhaka, recently. The three-day event was inaugurated on January 11.

Eminent artist Syed Abul Barak Alvi, Professor, Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka (DU), was present at the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest. Artist Kamal Uddin, Lecturer, FFA, DU, also attended the programme special guest.

The second day of the event featured a prize-giving ceremony, where 142 young artists were awarded with crests and certificates. The award ceremony was presided over by M A Shañur Rahman Dulu, Director of Gandaria Kisholoy Kochi-Kachar Mela. Artist Aynal Haque Munna and Jalal Uddin, along with Shirajul Islam Abed, Assistant Editor of Samakal were also present, among others.

Around 312 artworks, by 240 students (aged 3-18), 20 teachers and special guests were on exhibit at the event. The programme concluded with a cultural programme yesterday.

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Open Call for 'Art Festival 2020, Nilphamari' underway

The four-day event, 'Art Festival 2020, Nilphamari' will take place from February 26 to 29. The prime purpose of the arrangement is to introduce a healthy culture against the backdrop of poor taste, from cities to the remote countryside of Bangladesh.

ZAHANGIR ALOM

The art festival aims to inspire artists to create innovative artworks, in a quiet place beyond the chaotic city life. Renowned artists from home and abroad, will share their experiences and views on art with school students during the event.

Set in a natural environment, the festival hopes to become a true reunion for the participating artists, students and local inhabitants. The theme for this year's festival is 'Nature is Life, Art for Brighter Life'. Artists will paint as they like, while the organisers will provide them with art supplies, food and accommodation.

The festival will feature an international art camp by eminent artists from

Bangladesh and beyond, art exhibitions, cultural programmes, a traditional folk art and craft-fair, and sightseeing tours.

Eminent artist Professor Mohammad Eunus is the convener of the festival organising committee. Multi-award winning artist Md Harun-Ar-Rashid Tutul, an Assistant Professor of the Department of Graphic Design, Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka is the curator of the festival.

An open call for applications from artists and art organisations to participate is currently underway. A total of 60 artists and organisations will be selected to take part in the festival. The deadline for submitting applications is January 20, 2020. For more details, visit: www.artbangla.org



WORLD HINDI DAY 2020

World Hindi Day was celebrated by High Commission of India, Dhaka, recently. High Commissioner Smt Riva Ganguly Das presented the awards to winners of Hindi poem recitation, elocution and speech competitions. Deputy High Commissioner Shri Biswadip Dey read the Prime Minister's message to the audience.

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'Poush Mela' kicks off in Barishal

SUSHANTA GHOSH, from Barishal

Poush Mela, a three-day winter event organised by Jatiya Robindra Sangeet Sammilon Parishad (JRSSP), Barisal branch, began at Jagadish Saraswat Girl's school and college, Barishal, recently.

Professor Dr Sadequl Arefin, Vice Chancellor of Barishal University, inaugurated the fair. Semiabad Sadik

Abdulla, Mayor, Barishal City Corporation, attended the programme as the chief guest and Kajol Ghosh, President of JRSSP was present at the event, among others.

The fest features *Pitha*, toys, and handicraft stalls. A Nagordola is also organised for children to enjoy during the fair. Discussions on traditional and folk life, and cultural programme are currently underway at the fair.



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