

## WHAT'S ON

**Children's Art Exhibition**  
Bangabandhu and the Liberation War  
Organiser: Bangladesh National Museum  
Venue: BNM lobby  
Date: March 17-21; Time: 2pm

**Solo painting exhibition**  
Living in Inferno  
Artists: Krishna Chattopadhyay  
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery  
Date: March 14-28

**5th Oriental Painting Exhibition**  
Organiser: Oriental Painting Study Group  
Venue: Zainul Gallery-1&2, FFA, DU  
Date: March 17-23  
Time: 11am-8pm

**Dhaka Comedy Festival**  
Organiser: Naveed's Comedy Club  
Venue: Baridhara DOHS Convention Centre  
Date: March 20  
Time: 4pm - 10pm

**ITI Theatre Fest**  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: March 13-21  
Time: 7pm

**2nd South Asian Music Festival**  
Organiser: South Asian Music Institute  
Venue: Shishu Academy Auditorium  
Date: March 20; Time: 3pm

# "Felt like I was home"

## Swajeeb's musical evening in Perth



A CORRESPONDENT

"Leading a simple life is what I believe in, but singing songs for people makes me feel special," Tanveer Alam Swajeeb said in a recent interview with the correspondent. Swajeeb, a popular musician, composer, music-director, and a lyricist recently went to Perth for a solo music concert.

"The show was initiated by Tasnimul Habib, and three other Bangladeshis who live in Perth. It was for their interest in music that I was able to perform there," said Swajeeb.

"The audience was superb and so was the scenic beauty. I held my breath and soaked up the view, and started snapping great shots of the city. The spotless environs filled my heart with gladness. I have travelled far and wide, met people who love the way I sing and have come across many who love music just as a form of entertainment. But in Perth, I experienced the warmth of the audience which made me feel that I was home."

"The promotion was that I would sing songs on audience request, and I had to sing a wide variety -- beginning from Manna Dey songs, semi-classical, SD Burman, Nazrul songs, Hemanto Mukhopadhyay to Ajoy Chakrabarty and many more. Performing in each of the songs, I felt that I was in a different dimension of melodies."

Swajeeb has a diploma in music from BAFA, mainly focusing on Nazrul Sangeet but now he sings Lalon Sangeet and classical songs as well. He did his higher studies in sound engineering from Toronto School. So far he has released two albums and his songs have stirred many hearts.

# Nayeem and Nadia in Labonno

A CORRESPONDENT

Nayeem and Nadia Afreen will be seen as Amit and Labonno in telefilm "Labonno".

The telefilm is directed and adapted by Barua Pronojit Imon from Rabindranath Tagore's classic novel "Shesher Kobita".

"I read the novel and it was my dream to play Amit. I have tried my best to play the character well and I hope the audience will be appreciative," said Nayeem.

"It is my first project with Nayeem bhai, and that too in a Tagore adaptation. I am new to acting, so I learned a lot from my co-star and the director."

Wasek has played Shobhon in the telefilm. "Labonno" will air today at 2:40pm on Channel i.



# Photography against communalism

## AMRA's exhibition opens today at AFD

The Alliance for Mitigating Racism Altogether (AMRA) is holding a weeklong photography exhibition to mark its second anniversary, and to celebrate the International Day for Elimination of Racism on March 21. The exhibition, titled 'in the name of...' opens today at the La Galerie of Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD)

and runs till March 28. The photographs at the exhibition are taken by the members of AMRA. Sanjida Khatun (chairperson and founder member, Chhayanaut), Sultana Kamal (executive director, Ain o Salish Kendra) and Akku Choudhury (trustee and founder director, Liberation War Museum) will inaugurate the exhibition, says a press

release.

AMRA started its journey as a volunteer social organisation to combat communalism on March 3, 2013. Since then, its volunteers have gone to the furthest corners of the country to stand beside the victims of communal violence and extend financial, mental and ethical support.



## NEWS bytes



# Kanye West to headline Glastonbury

Kanye West will headline Saturday night at this year's Glastonbury in June.

The festival's organiser Emily Eavis tweeted: "We are thrilled to let you know we have the one and only Kanye West headlining Saturday night on the Pyramid stage!"

The Foo Fighters had already been confirmed as Friday night's headliners, while the main act for the Sunday night has yet to be announced.

Tickets for Glastonbury 2015 sold out in less than 30 minutes last October. Music fans paid £225 for a ticket to the festival held at Worthy Farm in Somerset.

Back in 2008, Noel Gallagher claimed it was 'wrong' to have a hip-hop headliner when Jay-Z performed on the Saturday.

The announcement seemed to have passed Kanye by at first, as he spent much of it tweeting pictures of his wife. The 37-year-old has since acknowledged the announcement though, claiming to be "excited".

Source: BBC



# Poetry and Ghazals at IGCC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) is organising back to back evenings of poetry recitation and ghazals at its Gulshan premises today and tomorrow.

Dr. Ranjit Kumar Biswas, ndc, Secretary, Cultural Affairs Ministry, will recite poems today, while Sheikh Jasim Uddin Kabir at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Gulshan-1, Dhaka at 6:30 pm on March 21.

Biswas is an ardent lover of art and culture. A short story writer, columnist, satirist and a cricket analyst of country-wide repute, he contributes to national and regional dailies. He is also a connoisseur of music and recitation, and has earned appreciation, laurels and awards for literary acumen.

Kabir of Brahmanbaria started his formal education in music in the late 1970s and has trained under prominent Ustads -- Ustad Mafiqul Islam, Jagatanand Barua, Syed Zakir Hussain from Bangladesh and from late Ustad Sagir Uddin Khan of India. A talented singer, Kabir won "Sangeet Mukul" in classical music. The acclaimed music composer has composed songs for renowned singers like Kumar Biswajit, Tapan Chowdhury, Samina Chowdhury, Andrew Kishor, Mamtaz, Baby Naznin and others.



## BIRTHDAY UNCUT ON SHADHIN 92.4

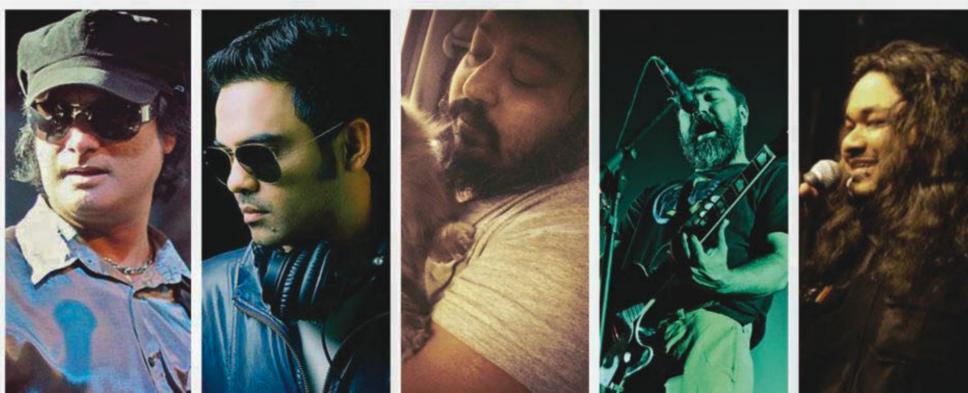
# SHAFIN-HABIB-BUNO

to perform tonight on radio together

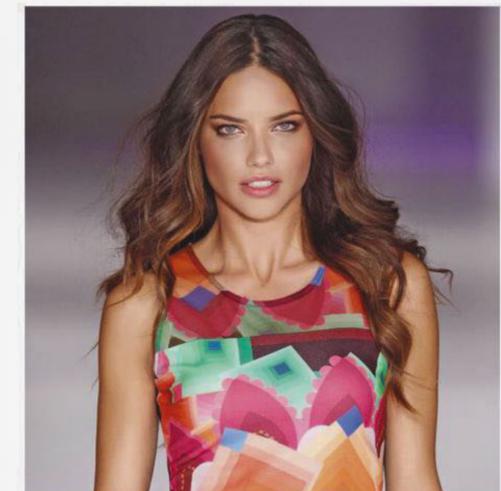
A CORRESPONDENT

To mark its second anniversary today, popular private radio station Radio Shadhin 92.4 FM is hosting a special musical show for its listeners. The show, titled "Birthday Uncut", will feature Shafin Ahmed (Miles), Habib Wahid and folk-fusion guitarist Bunno (Ajob, Bangla), while two other vastly popular musicians, Jon Kabir and Fuad Al-Muqtadir will host the show.

"Birthday Uncut" begins at 11pm, and aside from FM radios, can be streamed online at radioshadhin.fm.



## IT'S TRUE!



Brazilian actress-model Adriana Lima does charitable work helping with an orphanage, "Caminhos da Luz" (Ways of Light), located in Salvador, Brazil. She helps with construction to expand the orphanage, and buys clothes for poor children in Salvador, Bahia. She appeared on "Var misin? Yok musun?" the Turkish version of TV game show "Deal or No Deal", where her prize money went to a hospital in Istanbul for children fighting leukemia.