


WHAT'S ON
Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: An Urban Treat in Rural Maneuver
Artist: Anukul Chandra Majumdar
Venue: Shilpangan, Dhanmondi
Date: Sep 12-25
Time: 12pm-8pm



Solo Exhibition
Artist: Manir Mrittik
Title: Rupture of the earth
Venue: Bay's Bellavista, Banani
Date: Sept 19-24
Time: 2pm-8pm



500px Global Photowalk
Organiser: BDCP
Venue: Botanical Garden
Date: September 26
Time: 7:30am



Group Art Exhibition
Title: The Anonymous
Venue: Kalakendra
Date: Sep 8-Oct 1
Time: 5pm-9pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Gods and Beasts
Artist: Ronni Ahmed
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
Date: Sep 12-Oct 7
Time: 12pm-8pm



NEWSbytes

UDICHI
remembers
Tagore-Nazrul-Sukanta

AMINUL ISLAM, *Mymensingh*
In memory of Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam and Sukanta Bhattacharya, the three great bards of Bangla literature, a cultural function was held at Udichi auditorium recently.
Udichi Shilpi Goshti Mymensingh and Alokmoj Naha Sangeet Bidhayatan (ANSB) jointly organised the evening.
The artistes of ANSB rendered popular songs of Tagore and Nazrul for a capacity packed audience.
Earlier, a discussion was held on the life and work of the bards.
Professor Motindra Sarker, Professor Nazrul Hayet and Professor Dilruba Sultana took part in the discussion.
The speakers pointed out that the three bards were very vocal in their opposition to all forms of oppression, repression and deprivation.
They enriched Bengali literature through their varied writings, said the speakers.
Shampa Dutta anchored the event.



PHOTO: RIDWAN ADDI RUPON

ZAHANGIR ALOM
Eminent art connoisseur and Chairman of Bengal Foundation Abul Khair is an avid art collector who started his collection in 1974. An exhibition from his art collection, showcasing masterpieces by pioneer painters of Bangladesh and India, was on display at Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi in the capital until earlier this week. This writer recently caught up with Abul Khair, who spoke about his passion for collecting and promoting art. Excerpts:

"I don't exactly know when I developed a passion for the arts, but I remember my childhood days. My uncle, Professor Abdur Razzaque, father Abdur Khalek and mother Momtaz Khalek were great readers. My mother loved to sing and paint. While in the eighth or ninth grade at school, with permission from our headmaster I organised a solo art exhibition with my mother's artworks at the teachers' room of Armanitola Government High School."
"Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin lived just opposite my grandfather's residence. I would accompany my grandfather to visit him almost every morning, have breakfast and discuss everything under the sun. To carry on their conversation without interruption from me, Abedin Chacha (Zainul Abedin) would draw something on a white paper, make a boat with it and ask me to let the paper boat float in a nearby pond. The Shilpacharya would do the same thing a few times to keep me busy for another 15-20 minutes. If I had known the value of his drawings at that time, I would have amassed a huge collection of the master (laughs)."

"Prior to 1974 -- when I started collecting paintings, the paintings that I did have were the priceless legacy of Professor Abdur Razzaque who had 10,000 books and several paintings gifted to him by eminent artist Safiuddin Ahmed and Zainul Abedin. One of his notable works, which the movement of a cow, was part of those gifts and belongs to me now."

"In 1971, when the Liberation War began,

Professor Razzaque asked me to take all the paintings that he had collected to our village. 'It will bear fruit for you,' he said."
"I collect paintings on Bengal Art from Rabindranath Tagore to present day artists. I have so far collected works by artists of 20 countries, through organising art camps every now and then. I am not much interested in Picasso, Rembrandt and others. Rather, I am interested in Bengal Art; because I want the world to know the rich art history

Abul Khair
The heart
of an art
collector

buyers are not from abroad; they are all Bangladeshi. As a visionary, I just convey the thoughts and ideas and they complement them with their own. The art museum that we are thinking of opening in 2017 at Savar, Dhaka will have exclusive sites for fine arts, architecture, crafts and more. We have kept positions for the craftspeople so that they can sell their products there. We, together with another organisation called 'Friendship' have also constructed a boat museum on the



The art connoisseur at his residence (top); an artwork by Arpana Caur at the exhibition.

of Bengal."
"I collect every Bengali master of Bangladesh and India. Say for example, 'Figuration', the recent exhibition, showcased my collection of masterpieces by the likes of Murtaja Baseer and Aminul Islam."
"The painting that was sold at Taka 10,000 in the year 2000 is now worth Taka 10,00,000. It has happened because of efforts of the likes of Subir Chowdhury and Luva Nahid Choudhury. It is interesting that the

bank of the river Bangshi."
"To curate and preserve the artworks I have collected so far is a gigantic task. Artist Nitun Kundu designed the best way to archive the paintings and artworks. You will get everything related to art in Bengal Foundation's archive. I am not blowing my own trumpet; but it's true that we have the best and the richest archiving system in Bangladesh. My passion and Luva's intellect have joined hands to complete the mammoth job."



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Maznun Mizan:
All set for Eid

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
Maznun Mizan set off as a theatre artiste. Soon the small screen beckoned. Today he is much in demand as TV actor and has ventured into cinema too. A number of his TV plays will be telecast this Eid-ul-Azha. In a recent conversation with The Daily Star, the celebrity spoke about what he has up in sleeves and Eid plans.
How many plays did you do this Eid?
Mizan: The audience will see me in eight plays this time. Of them, shooting for six is complete. I will appear in "Rubi Roy", "The Briefcase" and "Mou Rani" to be aired on ntv while "Chocolate Boy" goes on Boishakhi TV, "Jamai Nayak" on Channel i and "Creative Man" on Banglavisian.
What's on your schedule on Eid day?
Mizan: I will ready to sacrifice a cow after returning from Eidgah. This vacation, I plan to visit Cox's Bazar with my family.
Is there any particular custom you follow during Eid?
Mizan: Usually I extend financial support to orphans and poor people to make them happy that day.
Where do you hang out during the Eid holidays?
Mizan: My home or friends' homes. We have a great time feasting on delicious delicacies.
How did you celebrate Eid as a child?
Mizan: Those days were really blissful. We used to wait for our elder brother's arrival in our hometown Manikganj. I would give him my Eid list earlier and he unfailingly came from Dhaka laden with the gifts.
Tell us about your upcoming film.
Mizan: "Modhu" is based on a story by Rabindranath. I've played the title role in the movie that is about children. Sumona Siddique is director of the film.



ABC Radio ready with Eid entertainment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
During the Eid festivities, ABC Radio FM 89.2 will provide its listeners with pure entertainment. The tremendously popular radio station will air special programmes from the first to the third day of Eid (September 25 to 27).
The day's programmes will begin with "On the Run Eid special" with RJ Kaynat and Setu. "Huts Off" from 11am to 1pm will host a number of top celebrities including Sporshia, Ruma, Turja, Miles, Safa Kabir and Sabila; RJ Nilanjona will host the show.
From 1pm to 3pm "Music Mutton" will keep the listeners entertained with hit up-tempo music. In the afternoon from 3pm to 5pm, RJ Rehan will present "Shahi Adda" where guests will talk about shahi food items, Eid special cooking along with live acoustic music. Every night there will be a studio live show with RJ Samannoy and RJ Setu where bands like Vikings, Tanjib & Friends and Echoes will sing live.



FAHMIM FERDOUS
As anticipation builds up for Srijit Mukherji's upcoming film "Rajkahini" that stars Jaya Ahsan among a formidable cast of Indian cinema, a new song from the film was released on Youtube this week, starring some of the biggest names in popular Bangla music across the border from Bangladesh.
"Bharot Bhagyo Bidhata", the Bangla version of Rabindranath Tagore's classic song

that eventually became India's national anthem, comes to life in the song -- that opens with the sombre voice of Kabir Suman and then to the sweet melody of Kaushiki Chakraborty, on to the signature vocal styles of Rupankar Bagchi, Lopamudra Mitra, Rupam Islam, Babul Supriyo, Sraboni Sen, Siddharta Sankar Roy, Srikanto Acharya, Anupam Roy, Annwesha and Indraadip Das Gupta.
The video shows cuts of studio footage where the singers are performing, supervised

Multi-starrer
song from
Rajkahini
released

by an involved Srijit himself, with some striking scenes from the film. Some of the scenes are from the already-released trailer, while glimpses of some new sequences strengthen the promise of an intense, emotional and moving film.
The film, also starring Rituporna Sengupta, Jisshu Sengupta, Saswata Chatterjee, Sayani Ghosh, Kaushik Sen and Abir Chatterjee, among others, is set for release on the festive Puja season, on October 16.



I am nervous for Jazbaa
... Aishwarya

Set for her Bollywood comeback after a gap of five long years, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan said she is "nervous" ahead of the release of Sanjay Gupta's "Jazbaa" where she will be seen alongside Irrfan Khan.
"I guess I'm feeling nervous now as everyone is looking forward to the film. October is not far away. Not much time is left for release," Aishwarya said at the wrap-up party of the film.
Aishwarya plays an advocate in "Jazbaa" while Irrfan Khan essays the role of a tough policeman. The promos promise to offer edge-of-the-seat thrilling experience in "Jazbaa".
Talking of her experience of working with Sanjay and Irrfan, the former beauty queen said, "We had a good time making 'Jazbaa'. I haven't seen the final movie yet... So let's see, we are looking forward to it."
Source: **Hindustan Times**



Ami Villain Hotey Chai on Rtv

A CORRESPONDENT
Eid special play "Ami Villain Hotey Chai" will air on Rtv on the fourth day of Eid at 9:20pm. Written and directed by RB Pritom, the play centres on Raju who dreams of becoming a film villain. He comes to the capital in search of a role and comes across a popular villain called Don. He gets a chance to realise his dream but his hopes are dashed when he is asked to do an objectionable role. He runs off the set and the story takes a new turn.
The play casts Mosharrar Karim in the lead role.

Music Fest on Gtv

A CORRESPONDENT
As part of its seven-day long Eid programmes, Gtv will air break free musical show "Banglalink Music Fest" from the third to the seventh day of Eid at 11:30pm.
The show will feature a large array of music, comprising of folk, rock, classical and others genres.
Popular bands and singers including Nagarbaul, Bappa and Friends, Shunno, Parthibo, Nishita and Kornia will take part in the show. Aside from presenting their popular tracks, guest artistes will engage in casual conversations with the host and recount interesting anecdotes.



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3. Sharmin Pritom, Donia
4. Nazmul Hasan, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
5. Md Foysool Hasan Bhuyian, Banani
6. Tarek Hasan, Merul Badda
7. Zuayria Tahsin Feroz Fariha, New Paltan
8. Jakir Hossain, Uttara
9. Md. Faruq Hossain, Badda
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QUIZ-05
01. EVEREST is based on which event?
02. Which movie theater brings EVEREST in Bangladesh?