

**QUOTES**



"I love everything about the stage. I write, direct and act. I have done numerous television and stage plays. Theatre is a lifestyle. Once you embrace it, you cannot stay away from it."

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# Syed Iqbal's 17th art show to open in Toronto

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Syed Iqbal is a self-taught painter who has been living and working in Canada since 2002. He is also a writer and has published a number of novels and several books of short stories. Iqbal has illustrated many children's books.

Iqbal loves to work on different themes simultaneously. The artist's 17th solo art exhibition will open at Cedar Ridge Gallery in Toronto, Canada. Starting from October 4, the exhibition will continue till October 15.

Earlier, he showcased his 12th solo show at the same gallery. Colour mixing, forms and compositions were the key features of the exhibit. Most of his works delineated pure abstract forms where layers of colours mingled with vague forms.

Darkness seems to be Iqbal's favourite subject. His use of darkness in paintings is quite distinct. Depicting light on a certain space makes the paintings more alluring. His canvas is a space where rich texture and thick colours join one another. His works feature a soothing blend of yellow, black, ash and azure.

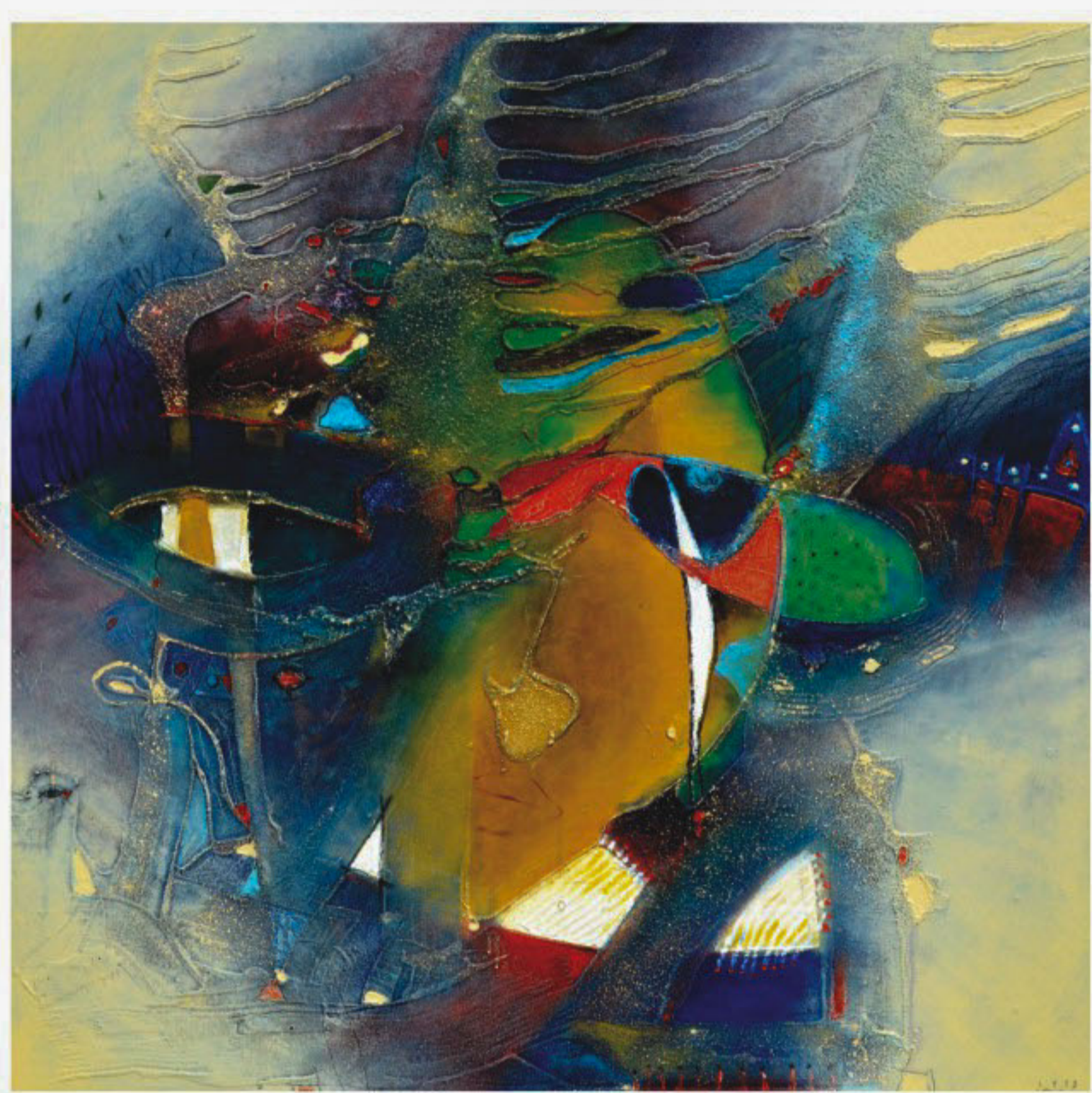
"Memory of Laguna Beach" is a notable series by the artist. Iqbal had been at the Laguna Beach, USA for two years with famous artists and models of the world. The show will also display another series "Urban Trap" by the artist. Iqbal upheld the unplanned urbanisation and its ramifications in an abstract way. Experiment with colours especially Prussian Blue and Red along with compositional variations are two prominent features of the current exhibition.

"Tears of Nature" is another series by the artist where he sheds light on the adverse effects due to global warming. "Mindscape", one of his series works, deals with the various sensitive and complex aspects of human mind.

In recent times, Iqbal has concentrated on a series titled "You, 1971", delving into the subject of women and their untold sufferings during the Liberation War. Highlights are blurred, gloomy female forms.

The artist has very distinct styles and preferences on themes, like nature, nostalgia and his beloved; the themes emerge in his works symbolically and at times according to his paintings' characters.

The acrylic paintings carry his individual signs like smooth ground, imposing colours and sensual lines but some changes from his previous works are clearly noticeable.



## Shama Rahman to perform at IGCC today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) has organised an evening of Rabindra Sangeet by Shama Rahman, at the IGCC Gulshan-1 premises at 6:30pm today (October 1).

As autumn is in the air, the artiste has selected songs from Prokriti and Prem parjaye to perform at the event that is open to all. Shama Rahman's repertoire will include "Bajilo Kahar Veena", "Hela Phela Sara Bela", "Sakorun Benu Bajaye Ke Jaye", "Tomra Ja Bolo Ta Bolo" and "Modhuro Roop-e Birajo".

"I have specially selected a few uncommon songs for my audience," says Shama Rahman.



Shama Rahman is one of the leading contemporary Rabindra Sangeet singers of Bangladesh. So far, she has 14 albums of Rabindra Sangeet to her credit. Besides concerts in Bangladesh, Shama frequently performs in cities across India, Canada, USA, and many countries in Europe.



# Dhaka Folk Fest to commence on Nov 12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Folk Fest-2015, the first international folk music festival in the country, will take place from November 12-14 at the Army Stadium in the capital.

Sun Events and Maasranga Television is jointly organising the programme with a view to introducing the world to the thousand-year-old folk music of the country.

The event was announced at a press conference held yesterday at hotel "Amari" in the capital. Anjan Chowdhury, managing director of Maasranga Television and Sun Events; Professor Anisuzzaman; Mahmoud Ezzat, Ambassador of Egypt to Bangladesh; Farida Parveen, well-known folk singer; Golam Sarwar, editor of The Daily Samakal; Alan Tweedie, Founder of Arts Interactions; and Tootli Rahman, business advisor of Sun Events attended the press meet.

The event will host a pool of local musicians like Farida Parveen, Momtaz Begum, Bari Siddiqui, Rab

Fakir, Kiron Chandra Ray, Chandona Majumdar, Shafi Mondol, Nashid Kamal, Sadananda Sarkar, Nishikanto Sarkar, Kajol Dewan, Minu Billah, Lubna Marium, Labik Kamal Gaurob and Magic Bauliana among others.

International musicians like renowned Pakistani singer Abida Parveen and Saieen Zahoor will perform at the event, along with Indian musicians and bands: Papon, Indian Ocean, Nooran Sisters, Rajasthan Folk Group, Arko Mukherjee, Paban Das Baul, Parvathy Baul. Also, there will be Niamh Ní Charra from Ireland, Yunnan Art Troupe from China, and Alexandria Dance Troupe from Egypt to perform at the folk festival.

The festival will run every day from 6pm to 1am from November 12 to 14. The event is open for all; however the audience needs to register online at [www.dhakafolkfest.com](http://www.dhakafolkfest.com) for entry passes. Any updates regarding the event will be posted on the event's Facebook page, "Dhaka Folk Fest".



## Channel i steps into 17 today

A CORRESPONDENT

Channel i, one of the leading satellite television channels in the country, steps into 17 today. Marking its 17th anniversary, Channel i will air special programmes on October 1. The day will begin with a special episode of "Gaaney Gaaney Sokal Shuru". Aside from airing daylong programmes, the channel will host a live programme at its premises from 10:30am to 6pm. The event will feature music, dance, dance-drama and recitations. Special television play, Humayun Ahmed's "Ayomoy" will air tonight at 7:50pm followed by the third episode of "Prokriti O Jibon".



# Queen, ABBA and Bon Jovi make scientifically 'Feel-Good' playlist

If hearing "Livin' on a Prayer" gives you an uncontrollable urge to fist-pump and sing along, it's not because of nostalgia or your New Jersey roots. A new scientific study has assembled the most "feel-good" songs in music, and artists such as Bon Jovi, Queen, ABBA, Billy Joel, and more made the cut.

Dutch neuroscientist Dr. Jacob Jolij was commissioned by British electronics brand Alba to find a pattern in songs that people described in a survey as "feel-good".

Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now" was the top track, followed by ABBA's "Dancing Queen", Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations", Billy Joel's "Uptown Girl" and Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger". "Livin' on a Prayer" came 7th on the list.

And while personal preference is a varying factor, Dr. Jolij found that the most uplifting songs shared a high average tempo. He wrote: "Where the average tempo of pop songs is around 118 beats per minute, the list of feel-good songs had an average tempo of around 140 to 150

beats per minute."

Other contributing factors include if the song is in a major key, and if it includes lyrics about a positive experience - "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" by Cyndi Lauper for example. Dr. Jolij also took into account the season in which the song was released and its genre.

While he may have helped design a formula for picking out "feel-good" songs, Dr. Jolij didn't actually pick the songs himself. Using their survey, Alba simply chose the most often mentioned song per decade which fit his formula and put together a list. And since it was a paid private commission, the data will not be released to the public.

Regardless, the list is made up of expected mainstream hits, like "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor, "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor, and "Walking On Sunshine" by Katrina & the Waves.

Source: Yahoo! Music



## "Obak Bhalobashay" on Gtv

A CORRESPONDENT

Single episode television play "Obak Bhalobashay" will air tonight at 9:30pm on Gtv. Written and directed by Ashfaque Nipun, the play encircles Bappi and Orsha, a couple living a happy conjugal life. They go through several problems, but promise that they will remain happy, or pretend to be happy despite all the odds.

"Obak Bhalobashay" casts Aupee Karim and Partha Barua in the lead roles.



## Indian Idol's POORVI KOUTISH live on Rtv

A CORRESPONDENT

Indian Idol's singer Poorvi Koutish will perform live on Rtv tonight at 11pm. The singer is currently in Bangladesh to perform in Rtv's Eid special studio live musical programme. Poorvi Koutish was a finalist in the season six of India's most popular musical reality show "Indian Idol".