

WHAT'S ON



Dhaka International Folk Fest
Venue: Bangladesh Army Stadium, Banani
Date: Nov 12-14
Time: 5pm-12am



Group Exhibition
Title: Drawings
Venue: Galleri Kaya
Date: Nov 13-27
Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Exhibition
Chromatic Delusions
Artist: Makuda Iqbal Nipa
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
Date: Oct 31-Nov 21
Time: 12-8pm

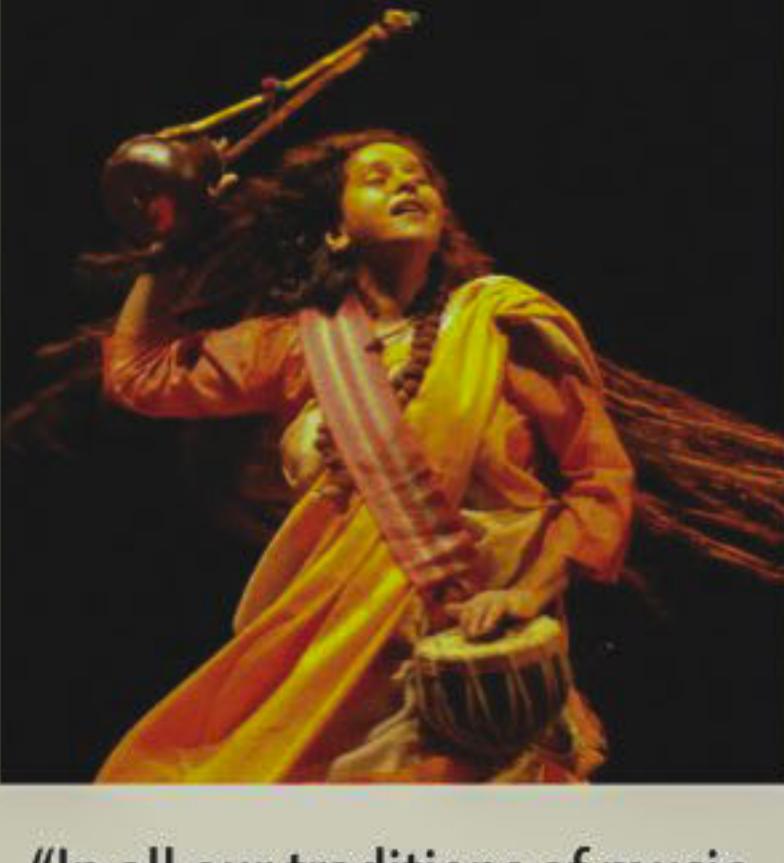


Korean Film Festival
Organiser: Embassy of The Republic of Korea
Venue: Bangladesh Motional Museum
Date: Nov 13-14
Time: 3pm onwards



Solo Oriental Painting Exhibition
Artist: Amit Nandi
Venue: Zainul Gallery, FFA, DU
Date: Nov 10-15
Time: 10am-8pm

QUOTES



"In all our traditions of music, the musicians were mostly Upasakas (spiritual practitioners), more precisely Naad (sound) Upasakas. In India, music is more than entertainment – great masters of music were not considered only as entertainers: music is believed to be a direct way to connect with the divine."

INDIAN FOLK SINGER
PARVATHY BAUL;
THE ARTISTE PERFORMS
TOMORROW AT DIFF '15.

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...Momtaz

SHAH ALAM SHAZI

Momtaz Begum, unparalleled folk singer of Bangladesh, has a staggering number of 700-plus albums to her credit, and enjoys a popularity that is unmatched. A member of the Bangladesh Parliament, she remains an avid music exponent. Momtaz will be performing on the big stage of the Dhaka International Folk Festival 2015 tonight (Friday). The artiste spoke to The Daily Star about the festival:

Your expectations of such a large scale folk festival?

Momtaz: Everyone--me included-- is excited about this great initiative. I have high expectations from the festival, and I hope the organisers can live up to them. This festival is a big boost for our folk music.

You have performed around the world, including neighboring India. How do they view our folk music there?

Momtaz: Indian audiences rank out



our folk music very high, and appreciate it greatly. Now, through this festival, people all around the subcontinent will get to know the richness of folk music.

How do you think the audience will respond?

Momtaz: I think people will flock to this festival. Bangalees are festival-lovers, and they also have a special place for folk music in their hearts. So there should be a big turnout.

What songs are you performing?

Momtaz: I will do my popular numbers, including the baul, bicchidi and love songs. Plus, I will try and bring in some new elements. Arnob will be performing with me in a few songs. I will also do parts of a pala gaan, something that I used to do long ago.

Any other words?

Momtaz: The first expectation is that the festival be held regularly. I want to make that proposal to the organisers, who I heartily congratulate and thank for this initiative.

PERFORMING TODAY

at Dhaka International Folk Festival

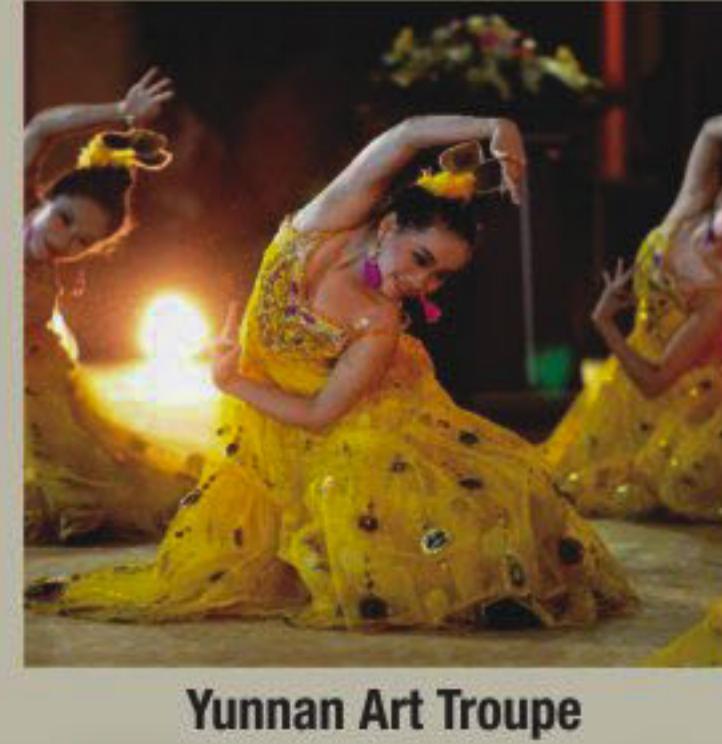
PABAN DAS BAUL (INDIA)

The rich and melodic musical tradition of India's West Bengal region is given a modern sensibility by Paban Das Baul, a master of dubki (a small tambourine) and a hypnotic vocalist. Synthesizing Tantric Buddhism, Vaishnavism and Sufism, Paban Das Baul has attracted international recognition for his outstanding performances. Paban's collaboration with British guitarist Sam Mills marked one of the first fusions of Bangla music and Western pop music.



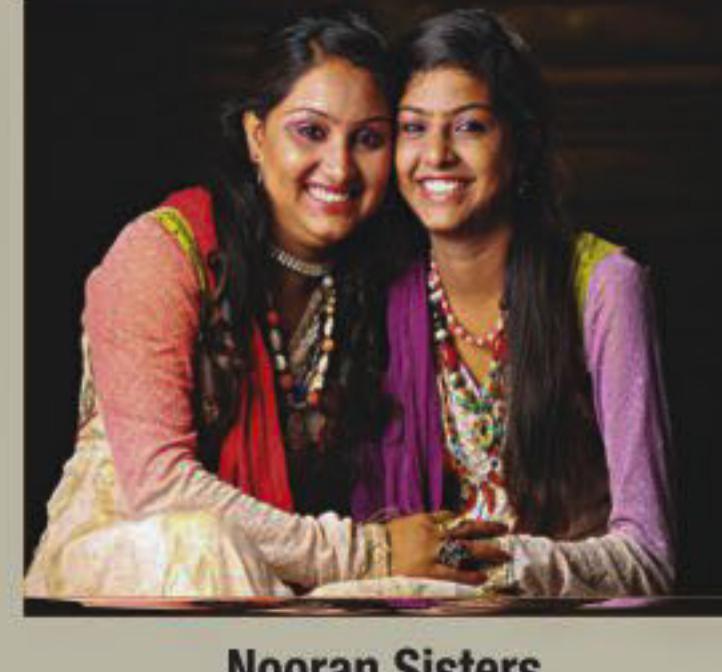
YUNNAN ART TROUPE (CHINA)

Established in 1951, Yunnan Art Troupe is famous in China and other countries because of their composition of multi-ethnic artistes. The troupe has performed at many major international festivals in France, Italy, Australia, Switzerland, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Vietnam and other countries. With unstinting efforts to develop the art of traditional opera and bring it closer to people, Yunnan Art Troupe has gradually formed a distinctive traditional artistic style which is unique in China.



NOORAN SISTERS (INDIA)

Granddaughters of famous Bibi Nooran, Jyoti and Sultana were trained in Sufi music by their father Ustad Gulshan Mir. Following the tradition of Sham Chaurasi Gharana and Mirasi, Nooran Sisters quickly catapulted into success by staying close to their roots and offering Indians all over the world a chance to hear songs that wrenched hearts to their very roots.



OTHER PERFORMERS OF THE NIGHT ARE:
BARI SIDDIQUE; AJGAR ALIM, JAHIR ALIM & NURJAHAN ALIM;
MOMTAZ WITH ARNOB & FRIENDS; NASHID KAMAL

NEWS bytes

"Dr. Strange" casts Amy Landecker

Marvel's first foray into the magical side of their cinematic universe, next year's "Doctor Strange", has put together a fantastic cast full of incredibly talented actors. And even though production has started and set videos and photos start to leak out, they're not done filling out the call sheet just yet as they've invited Amy Landecker to the superhero party.

Scott Derrickson is at the helm of Sorcer Supreme's first MCU adventure, and The Wrap reports that Landecker, who recently appeared in Emmy-winning transgender drama "Trans-



"parent", is set to join the project. There aren't any other details available at this time in regards to the character she may play, whether it is a new creation or a familiar face from the comics, or even how large the part is.

Benedict Cumberbatch plays the lead character Stephen Strange, alongside Tilda Swinton, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams and Michael Stuhlbarg.

"Doctor Strange" is currently filming in Nepal and is scheduled to hit theatres in just under a year on November 4, 2016.

Source: Cinemablend

Fifth Tone Int'l Miniature Art Biennale 2015 sets off today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tone Art Society of Bangladesh (TASB) brings the Fifth Tone International Miniature Art Biennale 2015 to Dhaka today. The opening and award-giving ceremony will take place at Gallery Chitrak at 5pm on November 13 while the second such ceremony of the grand event will be held at Gallery Athena at 5pm on November 14. The exhibition features a number of artworks in diverse media by 324 artists from 27 countries.

The Fifth Tone International Miniature Art Biennale has been dedicated to Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin. One of the artworks (depiction of a crow) by Shilpacharya will be on display at the exhibition," said Khalid Mahmood Mithu, president of TASB.

Artworks by renowned guest artists including, Kazi Abdul Baset, Mustafa Manwar,



Rafiqun Nabi, Samarjit Roy Choudhury, Hamiduzzaman Khan and Kanak Champa Chakma will also be on display at the exhibition.

The exhibition at Gallery Chitrak will be jointly inaugurated by eminent artist and media personality Mustafa Manwar, renowned Tagore singer Rezwana Choudhury Bonnya, chairperson of Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, Nilu Rowshan Mursheed and CEO and managing director of Mutual Trust Bank, Anis A. Khan. The occasion will be presided over by Md. Muniruzzaman, secretary general of TASB.

The exhibition at Athena Gallery of Fine Arts will be jointly inaugurated by renowned film personality, writer and actor Amjad Hossain, eminent artist Rafiqun Nabi and Dr. Toufiq M. Seraj, managing director, Sheltech. Chairperson of Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, Nilu Rowshan Mursheed will preside over the session.

Mehzabin in "Ghash Foring-der Bhalobashar Golpo"

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular television actress and model Mehzabin Chowdhury will be seen in single-episode television play "Ghash Foring-der Bhalobashar Golpo". Written and directed by Zubayer Ibne Bokor, the play is based on a love story.

Mehzabin said, "Nowadays pure love stories attract me. I prefer doing meaningful characters where my acting abilities face challenges. I think I am growing as an artiste. The play has an interesting story, and I hope it will go down well with the audience."

Meanwhile, Mehzabin-starrer drama serial "Superstar" is going on air on Channel i.



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