

**WHAT'S ON**

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
No One Home  
Artist: Teyeba Begum Lipi  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge  
Date: Dec 6-Jan 9  
Time: 12-8pm



**Zainul Utshab 2015**  
Organiser: Faculty of Fine Art, DU  
Venue: FFA Premises, DU  
Date: December 29-31  
Time: 10 am onwards



**Solo Exhibition**  
Microtears  
Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly  
Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct  
Date: Dec 12-Jan 9; Time: 12-7pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
World Press Photo 15  
Organiser: Drik  
Venue: Drik Gallery  
Date: Dec 27-Jan 8  
Time: 3-8pm



**Theatre**  
Bondokjuddho / Gadhar Haat  
Troupe: Natyakendra  
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: January 1; Time: 7pm




# ZAINUL UTSHAB 2015

## Charukala wears a festive look



(R-L) Recipients of Zainul Sammanona -- Abdul Matin Sarker and Bulbon Osman seen with AAMS Arefin Siddique, Jahanara Abedin, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury and Nisar Hossain (top); a dhuli playing rhythmic beats next to a stall displaying art pieces at Zainul fair (bottom).

**ZAHANGIR ALOM**

Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA) of University of Dhaka wears a festive look during Zainul Utshab 2015. Chief guest AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of University of Dhaka, with Jahanara Abedin, wife of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, jointly inaugurated the three day (December 29-31) festival at FFA premises. Professor Samarjit Roy Chowdhury attended the event as special guest while Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean of FFA, DU presided over the programme. As previous years, the FFA authority honoured two eminent professors-- Professor Abdul Matin Sarker and Professor Bulbon Osman (both from the Department of History of Art, FAA, DU) with Zainul Sammanona on the pioneer painter's birth anniversary.

The family of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, especially his wife Jahanara Abedin and Mainul Abedin, youngest son of Shilpacharya, always support FFA in organising the festival. This year the Shilpacharya Family honoured Sushanta Ghosh, The Daily Star's staff correspondent of Barisal, for his initiative to promote local folk artists and artisans like idol makers and potters with his objective reports, inspiration and financial support. In celebration of the occasion, a weeklong doll exhibition from the collection of Shilpacharya is on display at Zainul Gallery. The exhibition draws many new dimensions and surprises as many craft items, traditional boats and folk elements are on display at the exhibit. The exhibition, planned by two FFA teachers -- Md. Faruk Ahmed Molla and Md. Rabiul Islam --

was inaugurated by Jahanara Abedin. The Dhaka University Vice Chancellor inaugurated Zainul Mela (fair) where all the departments of FFA are showcasing and selling art pieces by the students and teachers. Several installations are placed beside the small pond of FFA. There are also several stalls by the local artisans who are displaying and selling their art products. The price of the artworks is relatively low at the fair. Traditional dhul and folk artists kept the Charukala premises vibrant and rhythmic with their pulsating beats and music. The opening day was marked by a cultural programme, held at Bakultala, where students and a music band called "Gaan Pagol" gave performances. Some folk and cultural troupes will perform at Bakultala everyday during the fair.



## Mysterious GNR trailer fuels reunion speculation

It's looking more and more likely that Guns N' Roses' classic lineup could be gearing up for a reunion announcement. GNR's website was recently updated with the rock band's old logo of two silver revolvers wrapped with red roses. The Axl Rose-fronted group's Facebook page has also been updated with a new profile photo of a live crowd, which some fans believe is a hint about an upcoming reunion tour. Adding even more fuel to the fire, reports have surfaced that a mysterious trailer of crowd shots soundtracked by classic GNR tunes played during showings of "Star Wars: The

Force Awakens" over the holiday weekend. As previously reported, Slash and Rose are now on good terms after years of bad blood. Slash, who left GNR in 1996, delivered the update on their relationship in an interview with Sweden's Aftonbladet. "It was probably way overdue, you know," the guitarist said, declining to discuss potential reunion plans. "But it's, you know, it's very cool at this point. You know, let some of that, sort of, negative ... dispel some of that negative stuff that was going on for so long."

Source: **Billboard**

## Nadia in four TV serial

**A CORRESPONDENT**

Popular actress and dancer Nadia Ahmed had a busy year as she took on many television plays, serials and dance shows. She is currently busy with four new television serials. Nadia will be seen in Sakal Ahmed's "Babui Pakhir Basha", Anjan Aich's "Megher Porey Megh Jomechhe", "Farid's "Pagla Haoar Din", and SA Haq Ali's "Aynaghar". She will perform in a number of dance shows in January. Nadia said, "I like both acting and dance. But I love dance more than anything else as I started as a dancer and it's my first identity. When I work as an actress I try my best to be one with the character I am portraying." A number of Nadia-starrer serials are going on air on different satellite channels.



## A buzzing year in theatre

**SAURAV DEY**

The cultural scenario in Bangladesh, particularly theatre was vibrant in the year. With an overwhelming number of plays and festivals, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) was abuzz throughout 2015. The first major event was the 2nd Dhaka International Theatre Festival. Organised jointly by International Theatre Institute, Bangladesh and BSA, the 10-day festival hosted five international troupes from India, China and England alongside leading local troupes. However, the Dhaka audience must wait two years for the return of the biennial event. Leading troupe Nagarik Natyangan celebrated its 20th anniversary in May. With the theme "Chitto Amar Bhoysunno, Ucco Amar Sheer", Nagarik's international theatre festival saw staging of eight productions by seven troupes from Bangladesh and India. In July, theatre-goers in Dhaka witnessed something special, as William Shakespeare's Globe Theatre travelled to Bangladesh as part of their world tour. Globe's "Hamlet" spellbound the Dhaka audience with its ingenuity. The joy of watching Globe Theatre in our own Shilpakala Academy is something theatre aficionados will cherish for a long time. BSA arranged a mega-scale theatre festival featuring literature-based plays by repertory troupes from all 64 districts in August. The event was a major leap forward in giving theatre an organised shape in all districts of Bangladesh. Another vibrant event was the Ganga-

Jamuna Theatre and Cultural Festival. The nine-day festival is the biggest theatre festival jointly arranged by Bangladesh and India. At the September event, celebrated Indian actor Soumitra Chatterjee came to Dhaka with his play "Chhariganga". In October, theatre troupe Batighar hosted 'Batighar Natya Mela 2015' at BSA. Throughout the four days, the festival attracted a good number of people with acclaimed theatrical productions like "Dewan Gazir Kissa", which reunited theatre legends Abul Hayat, AlyZaker and Sara Zaker on stage. The first edition of International Indigenous Theatre Festival was a major event in the theatre calendar. For the first time, such an event was arranged on a large scale, featuring 16 indigenous troupes from Bangladesh and the eastern part of India. Troupes from Chakma, Marma, Manipuri, Tripura, Santal, Garo and Orao communities displayed their culture to Dhaka'ites, and they also got to see plays from the Indian states of Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram and Jharkhand. Moreover, there were cultural programmes at the open premises of Shilpakala every evening throughout the eight November evenings. Theatre and Performance Studies Department of Dhaka University hosted a weeklong annual DU Central Theatre Festival at TSC in December. All plays staged at the festival were directed and enacted by students of the department. Leading troupe Theatre celebrated its 44th anniversary through Theatre Week-2015. The festival featured several classic plays by the troupe, and an award giving ceremony.



A vibrant year for theatre.

PHOTO: STAR

## 'Dilwale' on a roll

Shah Rukh Khan's latest release "Dilwale" continues to be on a roll and the film has collected Rs. 273.5 crore gross worldwide. "Dilwale" has crossed the collections of Aamir Khan's "PK", Salman Khan's "Prem Ratan Dhan Payo" and his own film "Happy New Year" in UAE. It has also become the highest grosser in Malaysia in 10 days, with a collection of \$400,000; and the second highest grosser

of this year in UK. The overall overseas collection of "Dilwale" is \$16.75 million. Directed by Rohit Shetty, the film features Kajol and Shah Rukh Khan. One of the most liked on screen couples, SRK and Kajol have spread their magic again after five long years. Source: **Indian Express**



**Bengal Publications has launched artist Mubinul Azim's memorial book "Mubinul Azim: Colours and Dreams". The book launching ceremony was held at Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi on December 28. Finance Minister AMA Muhit attended the event as chief guest while Luvu Nahid Choudhury, DG, Bengal Foundation gave the welcome speech. Among others, Mubinul Azim's wife Momota Azim, noted artist Syed Jahangir, and Bengal Publications executive director Abul Hasnat spoke at the programme.**

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**QUIZ - 04**

1. What is the running time of STAR WARS?
2. Who is the creator of STAR WARS?

**Winners list of QUIZ-03**

1. Marzouka Mahreen, Gulshan 1
2. Meer Farhan Shahriar, Green Road
3. Samrin Saiyara, Pallabi
4. Nazran Kabir, Adabor
5. Sumaya Mashrufa, Dhanmondi
6. Mukul Rahman, Mirpur
7. Nabila Shahmeen, Baridhara DOHS
8. Sameeha Mahreen, Baridhara
9. Parisa Zareen, Banani
10. Fazlur Rahman Sifat, Badda

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