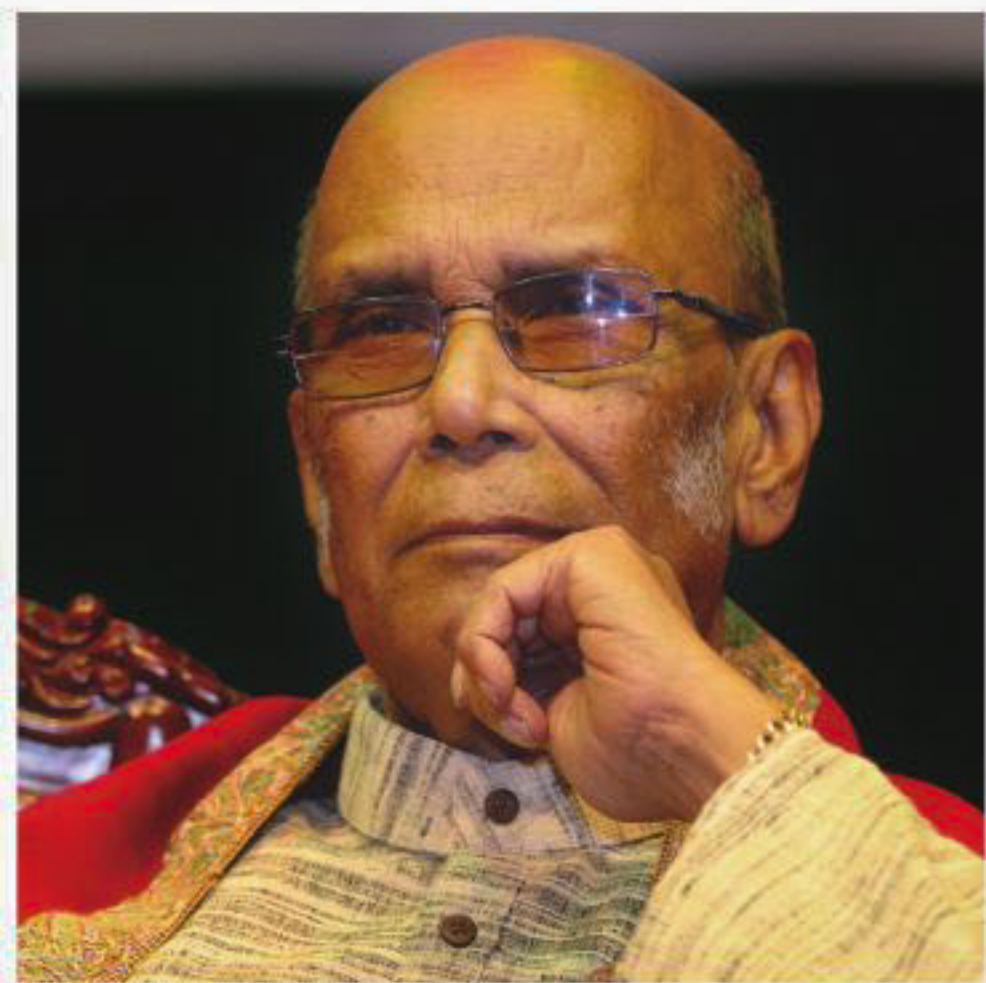


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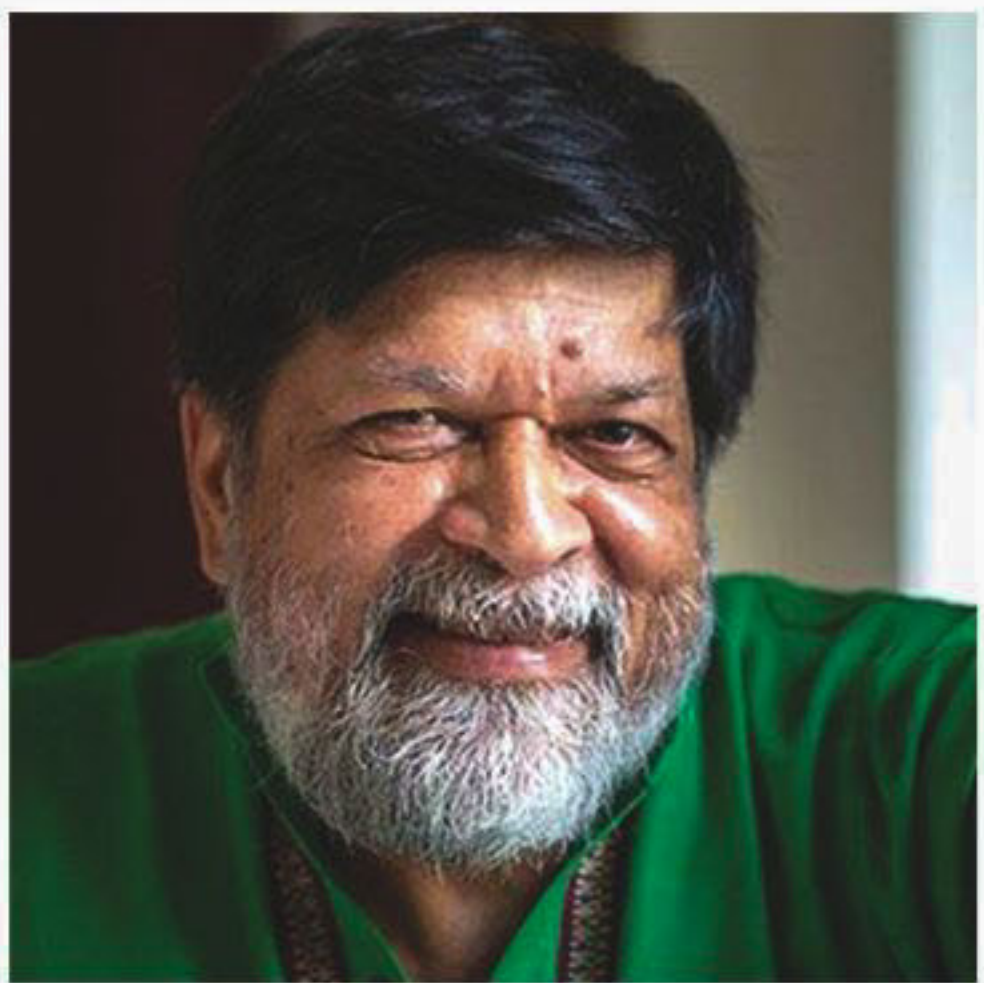
As The Daily Star celebrates its glorious Silver Jubilee, the Arts & Entertainment section looks ahead to reaching new heights in serving the thriving arts, heritage, culture and entertainment scene of Bangladesh. We asked 25 personalities from the sphere of arts and entertainment what their expectations are from the Star Arts & Entertainment page. Here's what they had to say:

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Syed Shamsul Haq, poet-playwright

As a regular reader of The Daily Star, I'd like the Arts & Entertainment to put emphasis on literature, writing trends and publishers in addition to writing on performing arts.



Shahidul Alam, photography exponent

I'd like the Daily Star's Arts & Entertainment section to be provoking, fresh, and constantly evolving. I want to see the vibrancy of the contemporary art movement in Bangladesh to be represented.



Aly Zaker, thespian

I think the page should include creative writing. There should be critical reviews of theatre, visual art and film. It should also focus on theatre individuals.



Monirul Islam, visual artist

I expect the page to continue its work in covering all types of local and global arts: be it fine, performing, digital and popular ones, and promote fine or visual art. I hope it'll continue to support classical and contemporary art.



Faizul Latif Chowdhury, DG, Bangladesh National Museum

The page can help us as an entertainment guide, while on the other hand, publishing review articles. News on past events are not as important, unless they are critical reviews written by experts.



Sarah Begum Kobori, actor

I hope Arts and Entertainment will continue to excel its contents with properly evaluating the artistes of Bangladesh. I also want The Daily Star to speak for the marginalised people, and hold the conscience of Liberation War in contributing to country's democracy and overall progress.



Mamunur Rashid, theatre personality

The Daily Star and its Arts & Entertainment page always live up to my expectation. We get what we expect, and when we expect more we get more.



Luva Nahid Chowdhury, DG, Bengal Foundation

We are grateful to The Daily Star that it publishes Arts and Entertainment daily. I think the page should keep a balance between arts and entertainment. There should be more insightful and in-depth coverage on art and culture on regular basis.



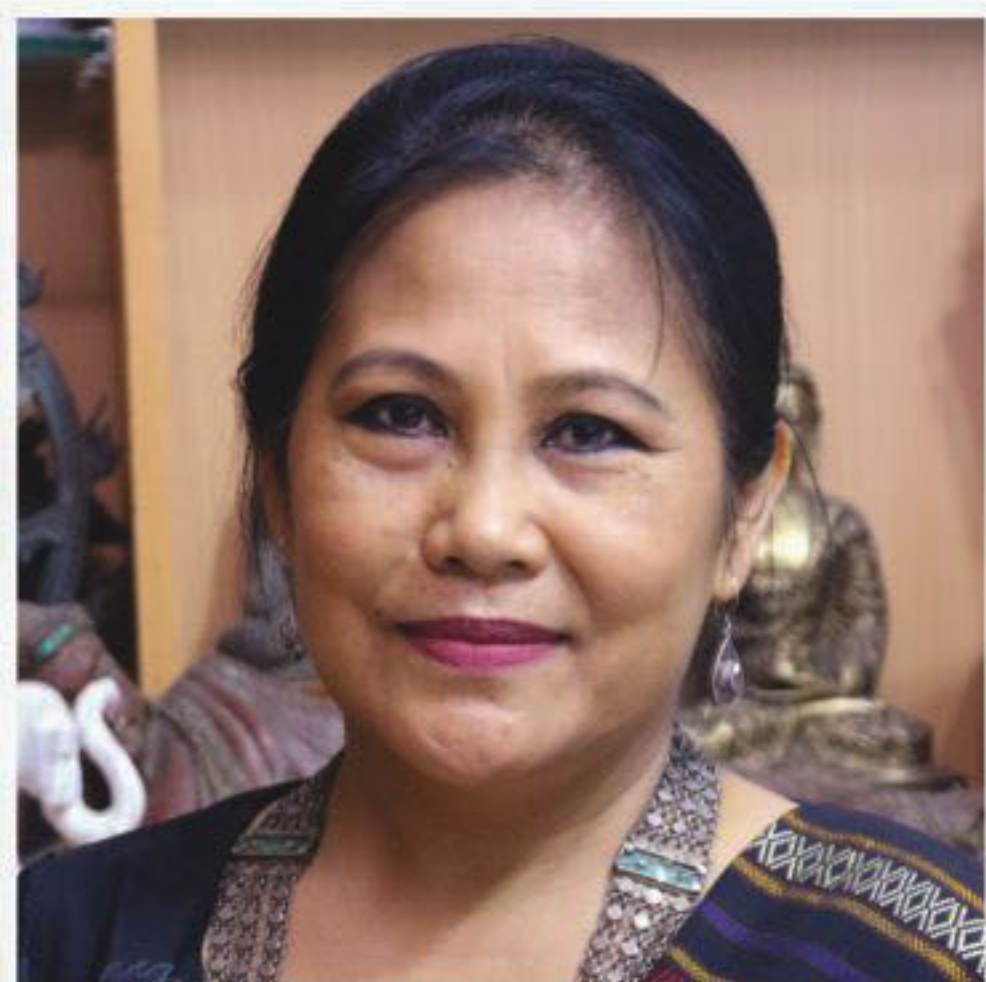
Shakib Khan, actor

The Daily Star upholds us in front of the world. This page gives very positive coverage of our industry. It's a clean page and I expect it'll continue the trend.



Jaya Ahsan, actor

I wish The Daily Star will continue to develop in the future. The paper always supports artistes and helps them when they need it the most. I hope A&E will continue to support us and become richer.



Kanak Chanpa Chakma, visual artist

I hope the page will allocate more space for visual artists as their artworks and faces are unknown to many art lovers. It would be great if The Daily Star allocates more space for this page.



Lubna Marium, dance exponent

I think the page can play a crucial role in documenting and promoting practice of arts. As an artiste, I would also like to see constructive feedback, and recognition and appreciation of good work.



Rajeab Samdani, art collector-organiser

I would like to see more focus on emerging artists and art scene, so more people can learn about them. It can also be a source of great support for young and talented artists.



Sabina Yasmin, singer

Through publishing news and reviews on music, art, dance and more, the page is contributing a lot to flourish our cultural heritage. I hope and expect the page will continue to do so with new ideas, approaches and presentations in the days to come.



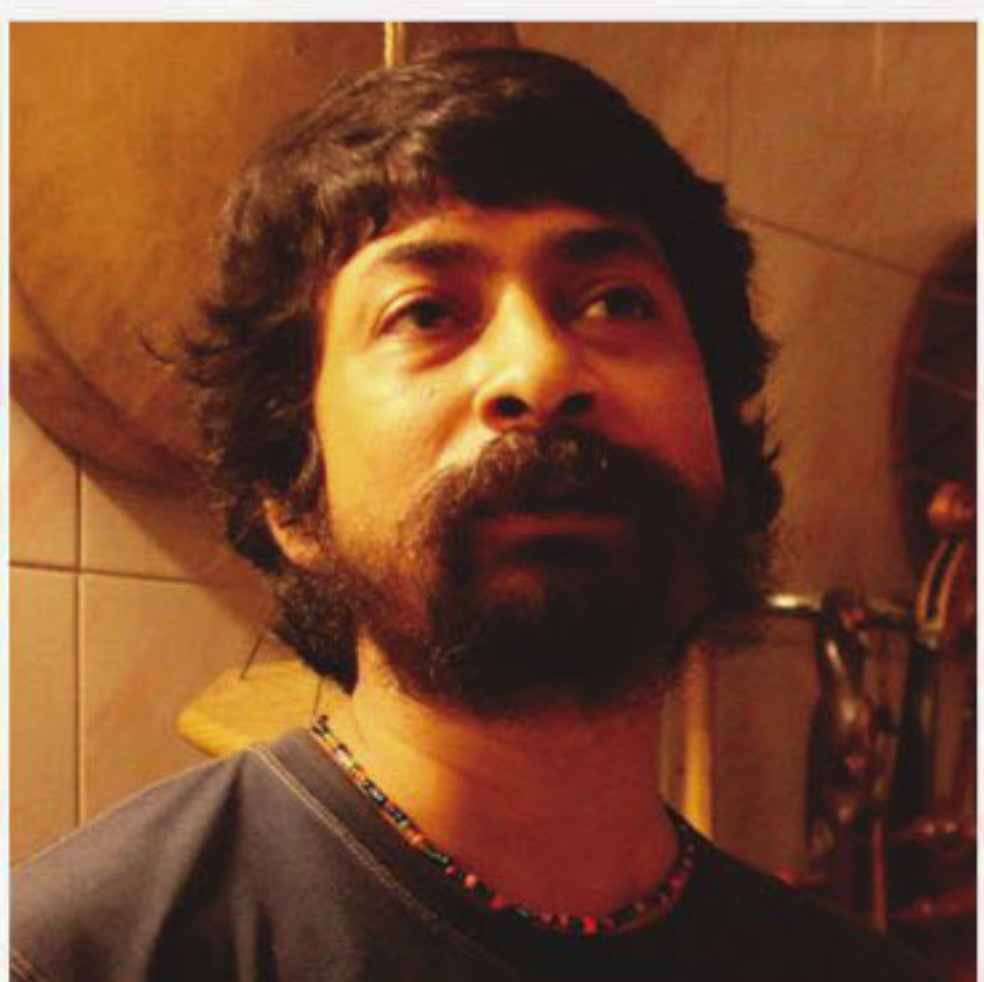
Riaz, actor

The Daily Star is a courageous newspaper, and a world-class one. I am a regular reader, and the page fulfils my expectations in terms of promoting our culture and arts scene.



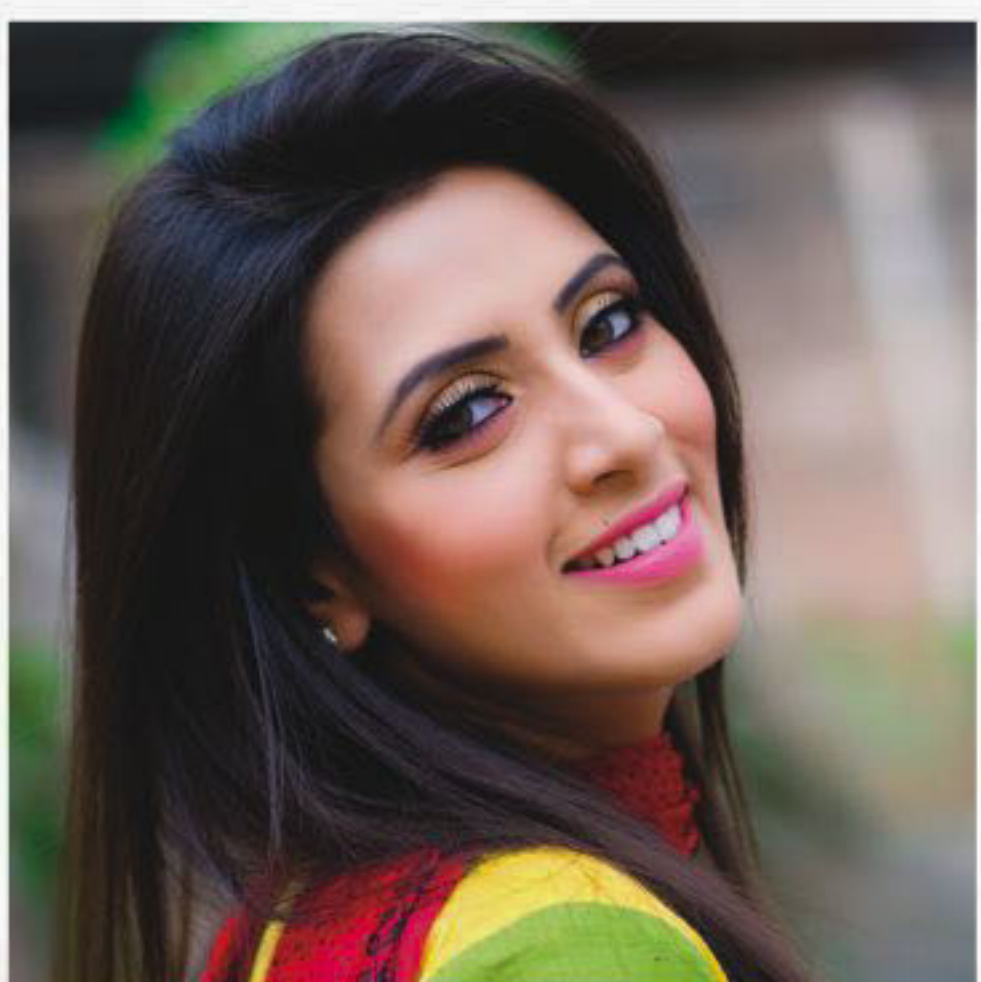
Sudip Chakraborty, theatre director

I expect the page will give more coverage of upcoming events so that readers can go there. It should put a one-liner on what's happening in Dhaka on the next day.



Rahul Anand, singer-musician

I expect Arts and Entertainment to continue to give space for precise and deserving artists, and never allocate a single space for any undeserving one. I would suggest The Daily Star arranges interactive musical programmes to bridge the gap between performer and audience.



Bidya Sinha Mim, actor

I think A&E it has scope for giving more coverage to emerging film and television actors, and contribute more to the industry.



Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, filmmaker

I expect Star Arts & Entertainment to help create and nurture potential local icons. I also expect the page not only to follow trends but to identify new trends and streams.



Dr. Samina Luthfa, playwright-actor

I think the page to give elaborate coverage of theatre. It can feature leading and emerging theatre personalities once a week or once in two week so that young readers get to know about them.



Mosharraf Karim, actor

Arts & Entertainment enlightens the readers on what's happening in showbiz. I expect it will continue to shine.



Aupee Karim, actor

From this page, I would like to get the news of the regular activities that goes on in the cultural sphere. If the page publishes more about upcoming events, it will help readers join those events and experience them.



Chanchal Chowdhury, actor

I love DS Café segment of Arts & Entertainment. It gives us opportunities to talk to our audience. I expect A&E will bring more sections and help spread our culture.



Warda Rihab, dancer-choreographer

I would love to see wide coverage of dance, both local and international, on a regular basis. A weekly or fortnightly page focusing on dance would be amazing.



Konal, singer

Arts & Entertainment maintains impartial, high-standard coverage of the country arts and entertainment scene. My expectations are that the page will give more space to young, upcoming musicians.