

WHAT'S ON

**Photography Exhibition & Discussion**  
 Marking 91st Birth Anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmad  
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One, 751, Satmasjid Rd, Dhamondi  
 Date: Jul 23-Aug 22, Time: 12noon-8pm



**Asian Cinema Retrospective 2016**  
 Moviya Film Society & BSA  
 Venue: Int'l Digital Cultural Archive Room, Nat'l Theatre Hall, BSA  
 Date: Jul-Nov (Fri & Sat)  
 Time: 3-8pm

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 Asian Cinema Retrospective 2016

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: "Enigma" by Sayed Fida Hossain  
 Venue: EMK Centre, Midas Centre Building (9th Floor), H-5, Rd-27, Dhamondi  
 Date: July 16-28; Time: 10am-8pm



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Life We Desire; Life We Gain  
 Artist: Bipat Shavan Bachhar  
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka  
 Date: July 22- August 2  
 Time: 3-9pm



**15th Anniversary of Theatre School Prachyanat**  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: July 29  
 Time: 10am-9pm



# SABINA YASMIN to receive FEROZA BEGUM Commemorative Gold Medal



Feroza Begum

To pay tribute to legendary singer Feroza Begum, Dhaka University has launched a musical award named after her. On behalf of Dhaka University's Department of Music, Vice Chancellor Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique will give away the award, says a press release.

The ceremony will be held at 4 pm on July 28 on the birthday of the singer at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University. A press conference is to be held today, July 26 at 3pm in Dhaka University's Business Studies Faculty conference room.

The press conference will be conducted by AAMS Arefin Siddique, and will be accompanied by Feroza Begum Commemorative Gold Medal Trust fund sponsor and chairperson of ACI Foundation M. Anis Ud Dowla. Professor Begum Akhtar Kamal, Dean of Faculty of Arts; Professor Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Chairperson of Dance Department, Dr. Leena Tapashi Khan, Chairperson of Music Department, Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, Dean of Faculty of Business, singer Susmita Anis and Feroza Begum's family will also be present at the event.

# Tareen's big day



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

*Tareen is a TV actress of extraordinary talent and commitment. She's been raking in super reviews and won much goodwill in the industry. Today, July 26 is marked as the noted actress' birthday. In a conversation with The Daily Star the actress shares her birthday plans and more:*

**What are your birthday plans?**  
 Tareen: I never plan my birthdays. Every year my family plans a surprise for me. I prefer not to work on my birthdays and try to enjoy some precious time with my friends and family.

**How do you feel when your birthday comes around?**  
 Tareen: I feel great! I love the way my friends and family start wishing me at midnight. Also it often happens that people who I never expect to wish me go out of their way to do so. Phone calls, flowers, text messages and gifts pour in and make me wonder if I am worthy of so much love and blessings.

**Any childhood memories of a special birthday?**  
 Tareen: I treasure my childhood birthday memories, particularly when we were in Comilla. As the youngest of four sisters, my birthday was always celebrated in a big way. One year they planned a birthday where the dress code was white. They made me wear a white Cinderella gown with a tiara. That is one of the best birthday memories.

**Any memorable incident on your birthday after you became a celebrated actress?**  
 Tareen: I remember in 2012 my solo album "Akash Dibo Kakey" was launched by legendary singer Runa Laila. Last year too my birthday turned out to be a very special occasion, as two of my sisters who live abroad were here with me.

# NEWS bytes

## 7up MPL kicks off the second round

A CORRESPONDENT

7up Music Premier League begins the second round where "Chittagong Chimes" will go head to head against "Rangpur Rockers." The episode will be aired tonight on Channel i at 7:50pm, with ABC Radio 89.2 FM as official radio partner.

The divisional competition will present Putul Sajja as team leader of "Chittagong Chimes," which comprise members Monowar, Rumon,



Chondrima, and Jony. Putul had previously garnered recognition for her participation in CloseUp1 in 2006, where she earned the Top 10 spot. Similarly well known playback singer Dithi Anowar will head "Rangpur Rockers," followed by team members Borno, Noyon, Mehedi and Sagor. The match will be divided into three rounds, duet, a face-off round and finally a medley round. Partha Barua, Shakila Zafar and Bappa Mazumdar remain as presiding judges.

# Ustad Chakraborty and Pandit Saha sway the audience



ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

Classical music aficionados in Chittagong city enjoyed an outstanding first of its kind performance by Ustad Swarnamoy Chakraborty and Indian tabla maestro Pandit Samar Saha at Theatre Institute Chittagong on Saturday evening.

The programme was organised by Classical Music Students Forum, Chittagong, on the occasion of the 48th birthday of Ustad Swarnamoy Chakraborty, a noted classical singer and founder and general secretary of Sadarang Uchchanga Sangeet Parishad Bangladesh. Swarnamoy began his rendition with *raga*

*Behag*. He then rendered a *bandish* written by Ustad Nirad Baran Barua, a classical music maestro from India, which was followed by a *thumri* written by the latter.

Through his extraordinary performance, Pandit Samar Saha demonstrated his reputation as one of leading tabla maestros of India. Samar Saha also inaugurated the programme with lighting *mangol prodip*.

At the event, Somnath Halder, Assistant High Commissioner of Indian Assistant High Commission, Chittagong, said, "Swarnamoy Chakraborty is a noted classical singer from this country," adding, "His relentless effort to

promote his art among the lay public is not only commendable but unmatched."

Professor Mustafizur Rahman, controller of Examination of Chittagong University, thanked Swarnamoy for his contribution to promote classical music in Chittagong as well as the country.

Terming Swarnamoy a reclusive classical music artiste, Professor Tapan Jyoti Barua said he had a single minded passion for music.

Professor Rashida Khanam, president of Classical Music Students' Forum, Chittagong, presided over the programme.



# Hayat, Sharmili and Dilara: Peerless partners

A CORRESPONDENT

*Dilara Zaman and Sharmili Ahmed are no strangers to Abul Hayat's work, however, for the first time in their careers the trio will act together in a TV play directed by Abul Hayat, where he will also be their co-star. The TV play, titled "Akasher Upore Akash" will be aired on ntv.*

Sharmili and Abul Hayat are cast as a married couple whilst Dilara plays the role of Sharmili's sister. Prior to this role, the actresses have worked together in "Shesh Potro," a TV play also directed by Abul Hayat.

On working with the veteran actor and director, Ekushey Padak award winning artiste Dilara Zaman commented, "Hayat is a stellar director and has a deep understanding of the issues he portrays in his works. I feel that he is one of the few directors actors can learn many things from."

Sharmili Ahmed also remarked, "As a co-star he is a very dear person. However, as a director, he is one of the toughest

and will draw the best out of actors. This is what I admire most about him."

Abul Hayat, who has cast the actors in a good number of his works, said, "As actors they are quite helpful and understand their roles intuitively. I always construct my work in ways to bring out their best characteristics and make the most of their skills. Their performance in this TV play has been stellar."

"Akasher Upore Akash" is being aired every Monday and Tuesday at 8:15 pm on ntv. The Ekushey Padak award winning director is now busy with new projects, scheduled to be aired during Eid-ul-Azha festivals.



To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad, a roundtable on the title, "Ordho Shotabdir Adhunik Bangla Gaan: Bangladesh Prekkhith (1947-2000)" was held on 22 July, at Banani, Dhaka. Lyricist Ferdous Hossain Bhuiyan presented the keynote paper while music personality and president of the organisation Rehana Ashequr Rahman hosted the event. Among others, noted artistes and musicians Azad Rahman, Sheikh Sadi Khan, Hasina Momtaz, Shammi Akhtar, Dalia Nausheen, Akramul Islam, Munshi Wadud and Shelu Barua spoke at the event.

