

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Theatre Play: Siraj Jakhon Nawaab Sirajuddaula Troupe: Bangladesh Theatre Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: September 6, Time: 7pm</p>	<p>Theatre Play: Konjus Troupe: Loko Natyadal, (Banani) Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: September 5, Time: 7pm</p>	<p>Theatre Play: Pronoy Jamuna Troupe: Subachan Natya Sangsad Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: September 2 & 3 Time: 7:15pm</p>	<p>Theatre Play: Mayur Singhasan Troupe: Aranyak Natyadal Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: September 3, Time: 7pm</p>	<p>Theatre Play: Aurangzeb Troupe: Prangane Mor Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: September 8, Time: 7pm</p>
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ZAHANGIR ALOM

It was an evening of celebration of life of Mustafa Monwar. The artist extraordinaire poetically portrayed numerous watercolours and artworks, aesthetically developed the standard of TV programmes in Bangladesh, pioneered the art of puppetry, taught a number of students with not only art but also other forms of performing arts as a teacher at the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka and mentored many creative minds with his unique artistic ways.

September 1 was the 81st birth anniversary of this eminent artist. Director's Guild, an organisation of Television Drama Directors, befittingly paid homage to the living legend in celebration of this birth anniversary through a programme at the National Theatre Hall auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Artists of Nrityanchal, led by Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad, set off of the celebration programme displaying a medley dance pieces set on Tagore songs. The dancers fascinated the audience with the grace of Kathak and at the end of their presentation; they brought Mustafa Monwar on stage and welcomed the artist.

Renowned TV personality Ali Imam hosted the event, speaking highly of Mustafa Monwar. He went down memory lane and shared many unknown stories of the artist. Saidul Anam Tutul, the convener of the birthday celebration committee, delivered welcome address. Among others, eminent artist Rafiqun Nabi, renowned thespian Mamunur Rashid, filmmaker Amjad Hossain, photographer Nawazish Ali Khan, directors Animesh Aich, Chayanika Chowdhury and dancer Shamim Ara Nipa spoke at the event.

"Mustafa Monwar's timeless visuals, especially 'Raktakarabi' and 'Mukhora Romoni Boshikoron' will continue to inspire us all the time," said Maunur Rashid.

CELEBRATING MUSTAFA MONWAR, ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE

Director's Guild holds programme at Shilpakala

"Sir (Mustafa Monwar) was a different art teacher, who apart from teaching art, baptized us in other performing arts like music, dance, drama and more to become a truly cultured person," said Rafiqun Nabi.

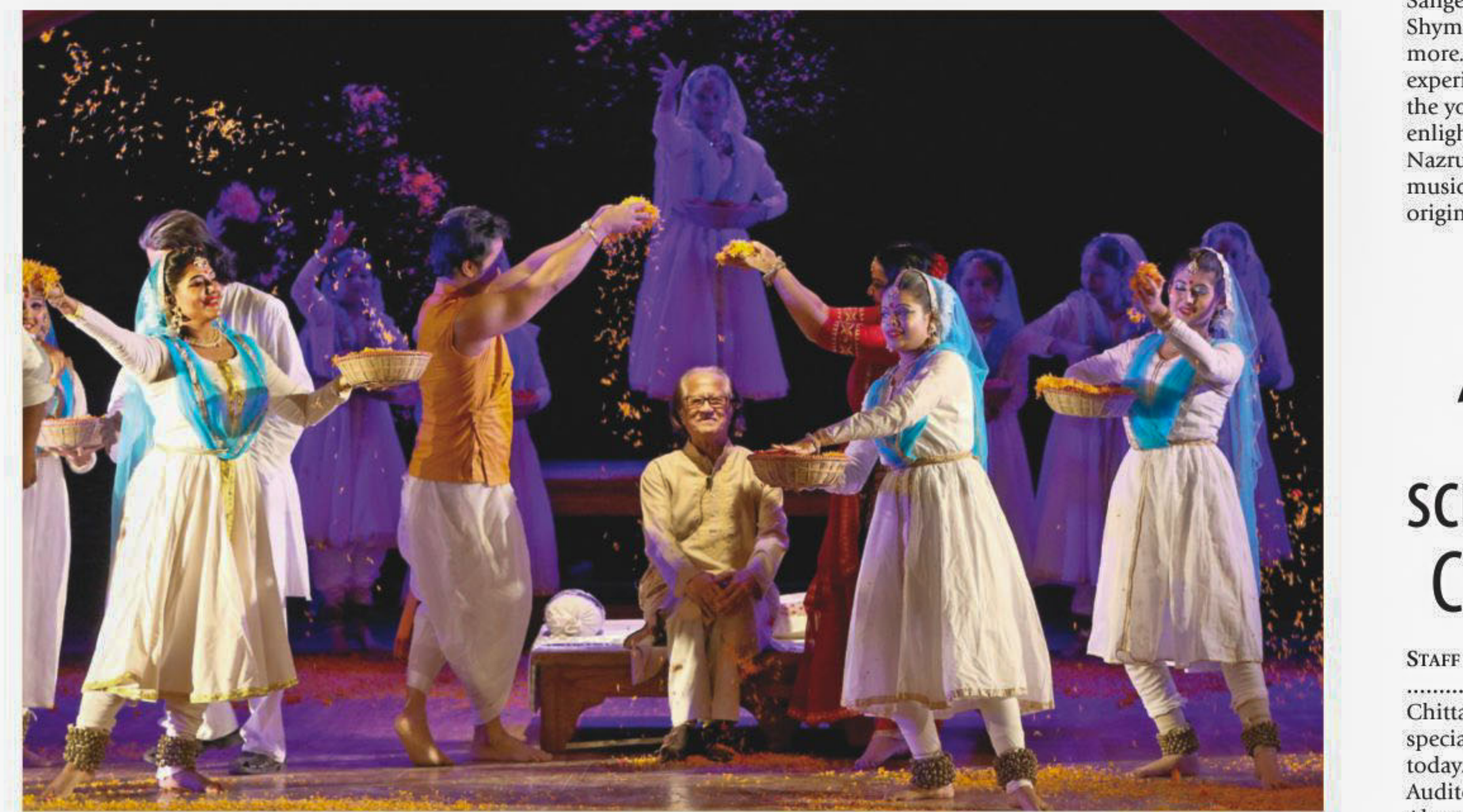
"I visualize the images of Mustafa Monwar as the songs of Rabindranath

Parishad, Drishtipat Natya Sangsad, Charneedam Theatre, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy wished him with floral bouquets.

Merry Monwar, wife of Mustafa Monwar, also expressed her gratitude to

Elocutionist Hasan Arif recited two poems and a song of Tagore, while paying his homage to the artist.

"I would like to thank Director's Guild for arranging such a beautiful event. We have Nazrul, Lalon and above all, Tagore. Which country has such a vast literary, cultural and artistic legacy that we have?"



Nrityanchal artistes greet Mustafa Monwar on stage.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSEED

and paintings of Abanindranath," said Amjad Hossain.

Ahsan Habib paid his tribute to the artist playing flute at the event.

Many individuals and organisations, including newly-elected members of Director's Guild, Bangladesh Pothonatok

the organisers for such a beautiful event.

Noted Tagore artiste Laisa Ahmed Lisa rendered songs like "Shudhu Tomar Bani Noy Go", "Kanna Hashir Dol Dolano" and "Alo Amar Alo Ogo". Mustaf Monwar also rendered the song "Kanna Hashir Dol Dolano" in chorus.

We have to nurture this mesmerising cultural heritage with our artistic practice," said Monwar. He quoted Tagore in expressing the essence of his feelings on the birthday – that he is not ready to check and balance his accomplishments and regrets, but just feels the love for this world.

Murshid Jahan releases "Meghdoot"

ZAIMA ZAHRA

Noted Nazrul Sangeet artiste and the vice president of Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad Murshid Jahan's latest album "Meghdoot" was launched at Chhayanaut on Thursday. The album launching ceremony also featured projection of several music videos.

Veteran singer Ferdausi Rahman unveiled the album as chief guest. Regarding this, Murshid also added, "I am very happy and thankful to all my fellow artistes for being persent and specially Ferdausi Rahman for launching the album."

Directed by Sheikh Jashim, the album consists of various genres of Nazrul Sangeet: Raga-based songs, Shyma Sangeet, adhunik and more. Talking about the album, Murshid said, "It is an experimental project and I have specially prepared it for the youngsters. My purpose is to introduce, inspire and enlighten them with the versatile musical legacy of Kazi Nazrul Islam. I have recorded the songs with modern musical instruments, without violating the structure of original melody and swaralipi."



Special "Hidimba" screening in Chittagong

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Chittagong's group theatre Natyadhar is set to hold a special screening of their new production "Hidimba" today. The screening will take place at the Art Gallery Auditorium at 7pm. The play is written by Rubayet Ahmed, based on the demon Hidimba, a minor character of the Mahabharata. Mustafa Kamal Jatra has directed the play, and it will be staged marking the eighth death anniversary of eminent thespian Zia Haider.

Before the screening, chairman of the Chittagong University's theatre department, Asim Das will discuss on Zia Haider's contribution to the flourish of theatre education in Bangladesh.

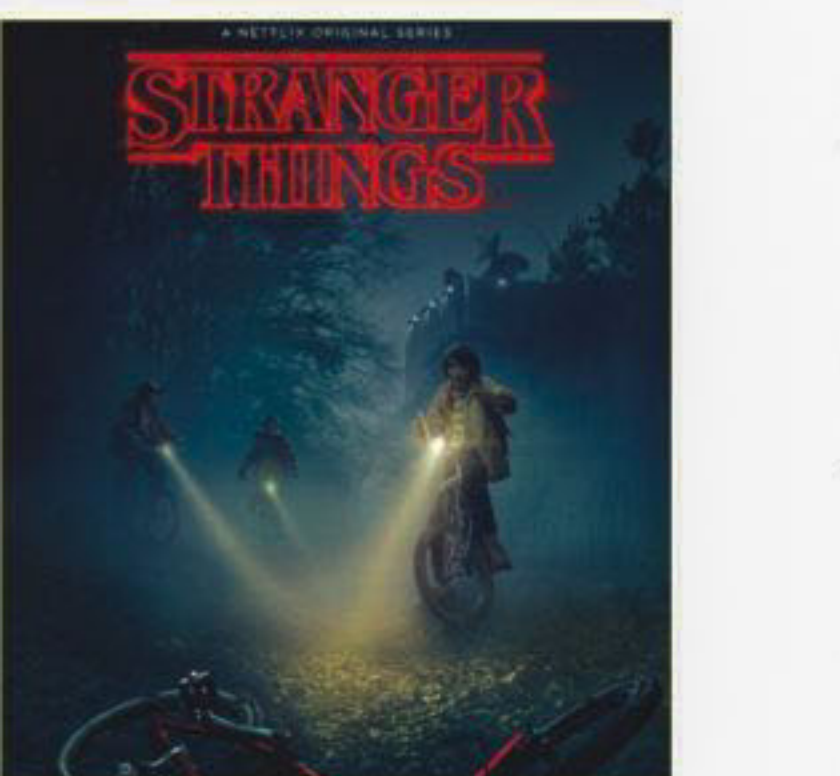
The programme is open for all.

NEWS bytes

"Stranger Things" Season 2 details revealed

"Stranger Things" lost a couple cast members in its first season, but it's going to replenish its ranks for season two. The second season was officially announced with creators The Duffer Brothers saying they were influenced by the works of James Cameron and sequels like "Aliens", "Terminator 2", and "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom".

So where do the new characters fit into the reference-fest that is "Stranger Things"?



According to THR, the show is looking to add three new characters. The first two, Max and Roman, will be series regulars with the third, Billy, listed as a potential series regular.

Max is a tough and confident 13-year-old female whose appearance, behavior and pursuits are more typical of boys than of girls in the era. She has a complicated history and has a difficult relationship with her step-brother Billy that's made her protective of her past and generally suspicious of those around her. She's also good on a skateboard, which she uses to get around pretty much everywhere.

"Stranger Things" Season 2 premieres in 2017.

Source: Collider

Nazrul commemorated in Barisal

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

The observance of 40 death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam ended on Sunday night.

Participants of the programme paid heartfelt tributes to the rebel poet for his revolutionary role in life, literature and culture of the nation.

To mark the day, Nazrul Sangskritik Jote (NSJ) Barisal organised a discussion on life and works of the poet, and staged cultural functions with songs, recitations and dance based on his works at Ashwini Kumar Hall.

Barisal Deputy Commissioner Dr. Gazi Md. Saifuzzaman was present at the programme as a chief guest. Shanti Das, NSJ president presided over the meeting. Among others Poet Asma Chowdhury, Papia Jesmin, Suvongkar Chakrabarty and Gopal Krishna Guha Ripon addressed the programme.

"Tobu Amare Debona Bhulite", a Nazrul Sangeet programme, was held after discussion.



TV WATCH

Purnima and dancer-choreographer Anisul Islam Hero are tonight's guests on celebrity talk show "Amar Ami", to be aired on Banglavision. Rumana Malik Munim will host the programme, set to begin at 9pm.

Lindsey Stirling's "Brave Enough" tops album charts

'Hip-hop violinist' Lindsey Stirling has scored her third consecutive No. 1 on Billboard's Top Dance/Electronic Albums chart, as her latest release, "Brave Enough", started atop the list dated Sept. 10.

The album launched on the sales chart with 45,000 copies sold in the week ending Aug. 25, according to Nielsen Music – the largest sales week for a dance/electronic album since Stirling's last album, "Shatter Me", bowed at No. 1 with 56,000 more than two years ago.

"Shatter Me" spent 19 weeks atop the list, and finished 2014 as the year's top-selling dance/electronic album. Stirling also led the Top Dance/Electronic Albums chart with her 2012 self-titled album, which ruled for two weeks.

The violinist also hits No. 1 on both the Classical Albums and Classical Crossover Albums charts with "Brave Enough" – she also topped both tallies with her two earlier releases.

Behind Stirling on the new Top Dance/Electronic Albums chart is Crystal Castles, entering at No. 2 with "Amnesty" (2,000 sold).

Stirling, a violinist-dancer-composer



and performing artiste, has a range of genres in her repertoire – from classical to rock and pop, and EDM, and has been known for her covers of famous songs alongside her original work. She came to prominence through her YouTube channel, and has made the

successful transition into a full mainstream musician and performer, largely thanks to her quarterfinal finish on the fifth season of talent show America's Got Talent (2010).

Source: Billboard

Kazi Wahidul Alam, Editor of The Bangladesh Monitor formally launched the Meizan-Malaysian Palm Oil Shera Rondhonshilpi 2016 competition at a press conference in Dhaka on Thursday. AKM Fakrul Alam, Regional Manager of Malaysian Palm Oil Council, Shob Md. Asaduzzaman, Head of Sales and Marketing of Bangladesh Edible Oil Limited, Nawazish Ali Khan, Advisor (Programme) and M Shamsul Huda, Advisor Sales and Marketing of ATN were also present on the occasion.

