

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Dhaka Lit Fest Venue: Bangla Academy Date: November 17-19 Time: 9am-7:30pm</p> 	<p>Duet Art Exhibition Title: Into the Valley of Beauty Artists: Suman Sarkar & Zahangir Alam Venue: Zainul Gallery-2, FFA, DU Date: Nov 18-24 Time: 11am-8pm</p> 	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Title: Sands of Time by Jamal Ahmed Venue: Edge Gallery, Bay-2 Edgewater, Gulshan-2 Date: Nov 12-25 Time: 10am-8pm</p> 	<p>Exhibition Next Dhaka - New Visions of the City Venue: Bengal Art Lounge Date: November 1-20 Time: 3pm-8pm</p> 	<p>National Dance Drama Fest 2016 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: Nov 14-22 Time: 6pm daily</p> 
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NEWSbytes

Bruno Mars announces world tour

Bruno Mars will take his "24K Magic" act on the road in 2017 with a massive, 85-date world tour. The world tour kicks off in Antwerp, Belgium on March 28 and jets around Europe before opening its North American leg July 15 in Las Vegas. The 24K Magic Tour will crisscross the country before concluding with a four-night stand in Los Angeles November 7th, 8th, 10th and



11th. The singer has yet to announce specific venues for each show.

Mars previously gave fans a sampling of his energetic live show when he served as musical guest on Saturday Night Live, where he performed his single "24K Magic" alongside the new album's "Chunky".

In Mars' recent Rolling Stone cover story, the singer admitted he sometimes feels out of place in a music world filled with streaming exclusives.

Source: Rolling Stone

International Weavers Festival opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Weavers Festival 2016 opens today in the capital's Army Museum field, to celebrate, showcase and promote the distinguished weaving arts of the different regions of the country. Along with that, the Festival will showcase weaving heritage of the different countries like India, Sri Lanka, and Nepal.

Through combining various initiatives and cultural events, this three-day festival aims at manifesting the flagship craftsmanship and traditional weaving arts of Bangladesh, and the latent entrepreneurial spirit of the grassroots women weavers. TS Events is organising the festival.

The festival will open at 3pm today, with the first day's theme being "Khadi and Jamdani". It will include a mock village, a fireworks display, a lifetime achievement award, sessions titled "Reviving Khadi" and "Featuring Jamdani: The Legacy of Heritage", a dance performance to Tagore songs by Sadia Islam Mou and her troupe, a "Showcasing India" section



where Indian designers will display their work, a theatrical production on Jamdani by Tootli Rahman and Samuel Hoque, and award ceremony. The day's programmes will come to a close with a concert by British-Bangladeshi singer Shireen, Chirkutt and India's Monali Thakur.

The second day's theme is "Gamchha and Muslin, and proceed with a similar schedule. The cultural performances will be songs by Mehreen, dance performance by Pallavi Dance Centre and a closing concert by Joler Gaan and India's Annwsha Dutta Gupta. The second day's foreign showcase will be by Sri Lankan designers.

The third day's theme is "Indigenous and Mirpuri Benarashi". Aside from the mock village, sessions on indigenous designs and Benarashi, Lifetime Achievement Awards and a showcase of Nepalese designs, the evening will feature Kathak fusion dance by Shadhona, a theatrical play on Benarashi, and a power-packed closing concert featuring Arko Mukherjee (India), Mila and James.

The event is free but subject to online registration. It is being organised with assistance from the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. Other sponsors are Reela's Fashion Boutique, Mutual Trust Bank, Dhaka Bank and Green Delta Insurance.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO RUNA LAILA
Looking back with nostalgia

A CORRESPONDENT

Today is internationally renowned singer Runa Laila's birthday. The diva recalls that when she was a young girl, birthdays meant new clothes, especially sewn for her by her mother and older sister Deena Laila. Looking back on those years with nostalgic sadness, she says, "My childhood birthdays were memorable, carefree times. My friends used to visit, and we would cut the cake together and enjoy ourselves. Those days are gone forever, but I am still grateful to God for keeping me in good health, and for giving me the ability to sing to this day. Now I enjoy my birthday celebrations intimately with my family.



However, each year on my birthday I miss my mother greatly, as her birthday is on December 1. I miss my grandchild as well, whose birthday is on November 24."

Last year the artiste celebrated her birthday with her oldest grandchild. She credits her mother, father, and older sister for her successes today, as well as the support of her fans. Her playback singing in films - particularly "Jadur BaNshi," "Accident," "Ontore Ontore," "Tumi Ashbe Bole," "Devdas," "Priya Tumi Shukhi Hou," - have earned her six National Film Awards. "Jadur BaNshi," filmed in 1977 and directed by Abdul Latif Bachchu was the first playback that had earned the singer her first award.

Her prolific career also marks her as the first singer to have sung Bangla songs on Karachi's radio station. Under the musical composition of Debu Bhattacharyay, the songs performed were "Notun Notun Payraguli," and "Ami Nodir Moto Koto Poth Churey." She began playback singing in national films since 1970, her first film being "Swaralipi," directed by Nazrul Islam, recorded in Lahore with Subol Das behind musical compositions.

Since then, the singer has lent her melodious voice to over 10,000 recordings, in 18 languages. Recently the artiste was honoured for her musical contributions on November 5, at a programme organised by Citibank N.A.

NOBANNO FESTIVAL observed in port city

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

Residents of Chittagong joyously celebrated the traditional harvesting festival of Nobanno Utsab that is held in the Bangla month Agrahayan of the season Hemanta (Autumn).

Shishumela, a children's cultural organization, held the programme at DC Hill premises in the city on Monday.

Guests, along with three farmers from Satkania upazila, inaugurated the festival.

To the strains of Nobanno song "Dhan Banga Ei Anginate Jegechhe Chand", the farmers inaugurated the festival by releasing balloons.

The programme started with a violin recital by the artistes of Violinists' Chittagong. Later, children from the Nishpap Autism School took the stage and gave a dance performance.

Later, a discussion was held where writer-activist Begum Mushtari Shafi, principal Rita Dutta and Dr AQM Sirajul Islam spoke among others.

In her speech, Mushtari Shafi said, "The traditional

festivals are fading away while political and religious programmes are on the rise in the country. The communal forces will be active if traditional cultural festivals are not observed on a large scale," she remarked.

Terming the Nobanno festival as a celebration of life, she said every progressive person and organisation should come forward to spread the rural culture among the people of the city.

Dr AQM Sirajul Islam, who chaired the programme said, "Adolescents and children in the city are unaware that Nobanno is a rural people's festival to celebrate the harvest of a new crop. They do not know how many varied folk operas (Jatra) and narrative operas (Pala) were held during the festival of farmers. We should introduce our kids to the rich heritage of our country."

Councilor Shoibal Das Suman and organsier Rubel Das Prince also addressed the gathering.

After the discussion, artistes from cultural organisations Torsha and Kamal, Khelaghor Chittagong city unit, School of Oriental Dance and Nrityam Academy rendered choral songs and presented dance



Young dancers perform at the cultural programme marking the festival.

PHOTO: STAR

Nobanno Utsab in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISALM, Mymensingh

In observance of Nobanno Utsab, Mymensingh district administration organised a day-long programme at Baishakhi Moncha of Zainul Abedin Park on Tuesday evening.

The day's programme included a discussion, pitha festival, cultural programmes.

Artistes of Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy, Mymensingh Shishu Academy and Sandipon Sanskritik Sangstha took part in the cultural shows.

Indigenous artistes of Mymensingh Mohila College took part in dance sequences attired in their traditional costumes.

The celebration also witnessed ghetu gaan and baul songs that entertained the huge audience gathered at the venue.

Poetry recitation was the other attraction of the festival

Earlier, a discussion was held.

Mymensingh Divisional Commissioner GM Saleh Uddin, Deputy Commissioner Md Khalilur Rahman, Mymensingh Police Superintendent Syed Nurul Islam addressed the opening ceremony, among others.

Poet Anwara Sultana anchored the event.

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