

WHAT'S ON

17th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 1-31
Time: 11am-8pm

Int'l Group Art Exhibit
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: Nov 27-Dec 26
Time: 12noon-8pm

Int'l Short & Independent Film Fest
Venue: Public Library, National Museum, BSA, Bishwo Shahitto Kendro, Jagannath University
Date: Dec 03-10
Time: 12noon-8pm

Solo Print exhibition
Title: Deep Print
Artist: Wakilur Rahman
Venue: Gallery Twenty One, 751 Satmasjid Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: Nov 29-Dec 16
Time: 12noon-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: An Untimely Story
Artist: Manjurul Shibly
Venue: La Galerie, AFD
Date: Dec 02-10
Time: 3-9pm (Mon-Thurs), 9am-12noon and 5-8pm (Fri-Sat)



Harun-ar-Rashid Tutul (top) and Kamruzzaman Shadhin receive grand awards from finance minister.
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Suspense reigned supreme among the participating artists when eminent artist Rafiqun Nabi, the Chairman of the Jury Board, declared the names of award winners at the 17th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh 2016 at National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on December 1.

The Grand Prize winners are Kamruzzaman Shadhin (Bangladesh), Dagmara Wyskiel (Chile) and Md. Harun-ar-Rashid Tutul (Bangladesh). They all received Taka five lakh, medal, crest, and a certificate each.

Six Bangladeshi artists – Kuntal Barai, Bipasha Hayat, Rajib Kumar Roy, Zihan Karim, Shyamal Chandra Sarker and Dilip Kumar Karmakar -- received Honourable Mention Awards. They received Taka three lakh, medal, crest, and a certificate each.

Md. Harun-ar-Rashid Tutul (Bangladesh) received the grand award for his fantastic installation work, "The Restless Wave of Time".

We are streaming through a restless wave of time and now our familiar land seems alien. From the pastoral to the urban, the whole territory is changing rapidly. The conflicting realities all around are expressed in new and unfamiliar ways within the helpless urban scenario.

In the midst of religious fundamentalism, militancy and anarchies, no life is secure. The unrest and reciprocal faithlessness keep on mounting. We see, the reckless run of self-centred materialism, decaying cultural values, unplanned urbanisation and dying environment. Though technology and communication networks are bringing people closer, the tendency of alienation and self-centred culture are increasing.

Harun-ar-Rashid Tutul has tried to portray an image of the present time in his work.

Kamruzzaman Shadhin (Bangladesh) has bagged the grand award for his gigantic instal-

THE WINNERS TAKE IT ALL...

The awardees of the 17th AABB at a glance

the story of the hunter and the hunted that Kamruzzaman Shadhin has superbly depicted.

Dagmara Anna Wyskiel (Chile) has received another grand award for his site specific installation (video and sound) "Joint Game".

Among the Honourable Mention Awardees, Kuntal Barai for his mixed media installation work "Dhaka Road-4"; Bipasha Hayat for her artwork "Memento 2016-2" (Acrylic and Plastic Paint on cardboard); Rajib Kumar Roy for his mixed media installation artwork "Globalisation of Politics-Politics of Globalisation"; Zihan Karim for his video installation "7 Senses"; Shyamal Chandra Sarker for his installation "Me Philosophy Endangered and Dream" and Dilip Kumar Karmakar for his mixed media work "Prokrete-3" received awards.

Eminent Artist Rafiqun Nabi (Bangladesh), Ms. Dolorosa Sinaga (Indonesia), Yuko Hasegawa (Japan) Zygmunt Rafal Strent (Poland) and Jinsub Yoon (Republic of Korea) were the jury members who selected the awards.

Bidya Sinha Mim: The new Brand Ambassador of Lux

A CORRESPONDENT

Leading model and actress Bidya Sinha Mim is on top of the world after her selection as the new brand ambassador for Lux.

The signing ceremony took place on the November 29 at the corporate office of Unilever Bangladesh Limited, Dhaka. On behalf of Unilever Bangladesh Limited, Zahidul Islam Malita, finance director, Naheyan Hye, senior brand manager of Lux, and Adiba Tasmeem, brand manager of Lux, were present at the event.

"We are delighted to welcome Mim as the brand ambassador of Lux. We hope that the journey of Lux and Mim will bring many more success stories for us to share," said Zahidul Islam Malita.

The Lux Channel i Super Star of 2007, Bidya Sinha Mim won the Best Actress award for her lead role in "Amar Achhe Jol", a film directed by the noted writer and director Humayun Ahmed. From then there's been no stopping Mim who went on to star in a number of movies, dramas and commercials, showcasing her amazing talent.

Expressing excitement over her latest coup, Bidya Sinha Mim said, "Each and every brand ambassador of Lux has been a role model in my life. I am extremely proud to be following their footsteps. As I took the first steps of my career with Lux Channel i Super Star, I am thrilled to be a part of Lux once again, and I hope this brings more success in my career ahead."



National Gambhira Festival ends at Charukala

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day (December 2-3) National Gambhira Festival concluded at the premises of the Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka. Socio-cultural organisation "Diar" organised the festival that featured the performance of popular folk songs of Chapai Nawabganj.

Two characters -- a grandfather and his grandson -- usually perform the Gambhira songs that focus on social concerns in a satirical manner. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor inaugurated the festival as chief guest while Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu attended the concluding day's event as chief guest.

Apart from musical performances by 10 troupes, the festival also offered traditional cuisine of Chapai Nawabganj.



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