


**WHAT'S ON**

**Theatre**  
 Play: Gohonjatra  
 Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, BSA  
 Date: March 24  
 Time: 7pm



**Contemporary Art Exhibition**  
 Title: An Abstract Affair  
 Artist: Mohammad Eunus  
 Venue: EDGE Gallery  
 Date: Mar 18-31  
 Time: 10am-8pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
 Title: London 1971: Unsung Heroes of the Bangladesh Liberation War  
 Venue: British Council  
 Date: March 3-31



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Journey & Images  
 Artist: Ranjit Das  
 Venue: Galleri Kaya  
 Date: March 12-25  
 Time: 11am-8pm



**Duet Print Exhibition**  
 Title: Diversity in Duality by Ajit Seal & Uttam Kumar Basak  
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi  
 Date: Mar 12-24  
 Time: 3-8pm



# My art expresses how I feel about life

... Bipasha Hayat

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

There are few artistes in this country who have been able to achieve success in multiple domains of art. Bipasha Hayat is one of them. Her acting career spans television, theatre and film, screenwriting, and the artiste is also an accomplished painter whose works have been exhibited worldwide. Today marks the artiste's birthday and in a recent conversation, Hayat opens up to The Daily Star about what this special day means to her, and more.



"I never have big plans on this day other than spending as much time as I can with my family. However, this year will be quite special - I will be spending the day at home, before flying to Bangkok with my mother and I look forward to the bonding experiences we will share.  
 "Despite the irregularity of acting projects these days, I am quite busy with my own family, and my paintings. It fills me with happiness that I was able to chalk out some time for my mother to go on this trip.  
 "I am also looking forward an exhibition there. The Bangladesh Embassy in Bangkok is arranging a group art exhibition on March 26, which I hope to attend with my mother.

"Every day is special to me, and I don't believe in singling out my birthdays. Life is a beautiful gift, despite the many obstacles that you may come across. My art expresses how I feel about life. Another thing that gives me much happiness is when my work fills others with joy. All my gratitude is towards my Maker, who has made all this possible.  
 "Many people wish me on this day. My family comes first, and this time Tauquir asked me, 'Is there something you want?' I told him his smile and happiness is all I could ever want. He kept pressing on, and in the end I said I'd like a canvas, and some paint.  
 "All my marital bliss is because of

Tauquir, and without his support I would not have been able to achieve all my successes. Girls in Bangladesh don't have much independence when it comes to working outside, and Tauquir has made sure nothing stood in my way. He showers me with gifts not only on my birthdays, but what I love most is his smile and his companionship, with whom I can talk about all matters under the sun. Life is grim and hopeless without having such a companion by your side.  
 "My family continues to give all they can to this day, even though I have a family of my own. I feel they are perfect examples all parents should strive to be."

# "Bangladesh in Frames 8" begins tomorrow

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The eighth edition of "Bangladesh in Frames", the annual photography exhibit of photographic community Through The Lens: Bangladesh (TTLBD) begins tomorrow at the capital's Drik Gallery.  
 A total of 110 photographs will be on display at the three-day exhibition, by 105 photographers. Alongside amateur creative photographers, a number of internationally-recognised photographers including Shehzad Noorani, Abir Abdullah, Saud Al Faisal, Vineet Vohra, Rohit Vohra, KM Asad, Rahul Talukdar, Pronov Ghosh and Ata Adnan will exhibit their photos.  
 Pioneering portrait photographer of the country Nasir Ali Mamun will inaugurate the exhibition, which will remain open from 3pm-8pm until March 26.  
 TTLBD was formed on web-based photographers' social network Flickr in 2007, by a group of



enthusiastic amateur photographers. The community grew in size and scope, as members started to meet to share skills and experiences, and eventually the group also organised workshops and trainings.  
 TTLBD now organises monthly photowalks and 'safari', where members travel to various places of the country together to take photos. It has become a formidable platform for photographers to explore and showcase their artistry with the camera. TTL organises an annual photography competition titled "out of the Box", which is followed by handing out of awards and an exhibition.

# Robert Downey Jr. to star in "The Voyage of Doctor Dolittle"

Robert Downey Jr. will star in "The Voyage of Doctor Dolittle", based on the character from the 1920s series of children's books by Hugh Lofting. Stephen Gaghan will direct the film based on a script he wrote, with an earlier draft by Tom Shepherd.  
 In a competitive situation, Universal won the rights to the hot package after it hit town and garnered multiple bids from studios last week.  
 Joe Roth and Jeff Kirschenbaum will produce for their Roth/Kirschenbaum Films alongside Susan Downey for Team Downey.  
 Doctor Dolittle first hit the big screen in the 1967 movie "Doctor Dolittle", directed by Richard Fleischer and written by Leslie Bricusse based on the Lofting novels "The Story of Doctor Dolittle", "The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle" and "Doctor Dolittle's Circus". The story follows the eccentric Doctor John Dolittle, a former physician who lives with and treats animals, claiming that he can communicate with them.  
 The film, which starred Rex Harrison and was a musical, was not well received at the time, but was nominated for an Oscar for best picture and won for best original song and visual effects. Another Dr. Dolittle film was released in 1998 and starred Eddie Murphy in the titular role. The Fox film was a success and resulted in four sequels, although several went direct-to-video.  
 Downey was most recently seen as Tony Stark in "Captain America: Civil War" and "Avengers: Age of Ultron". He will reprise the role in the upcoming "Spider-Man: Homecoming" and "Avengers: Infinity War".  
 Gaghan won an Oscar for writing Steven Soderbergh's "Traffic". He also wrote and directed "Syriana", and most recently penned and helmed "Gold", starring Matthew McConaughey.

Source: Hollywood Reporter



# Five plays staged at Bogra Natya Utshab

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

Five plays were staged at Shaheed Titu Millenayatan in Bogra on Monday evening. The inter-school and inter-district theatre festival was arranged by Bogra Theatre, Little Theatre and Bhor Holo.

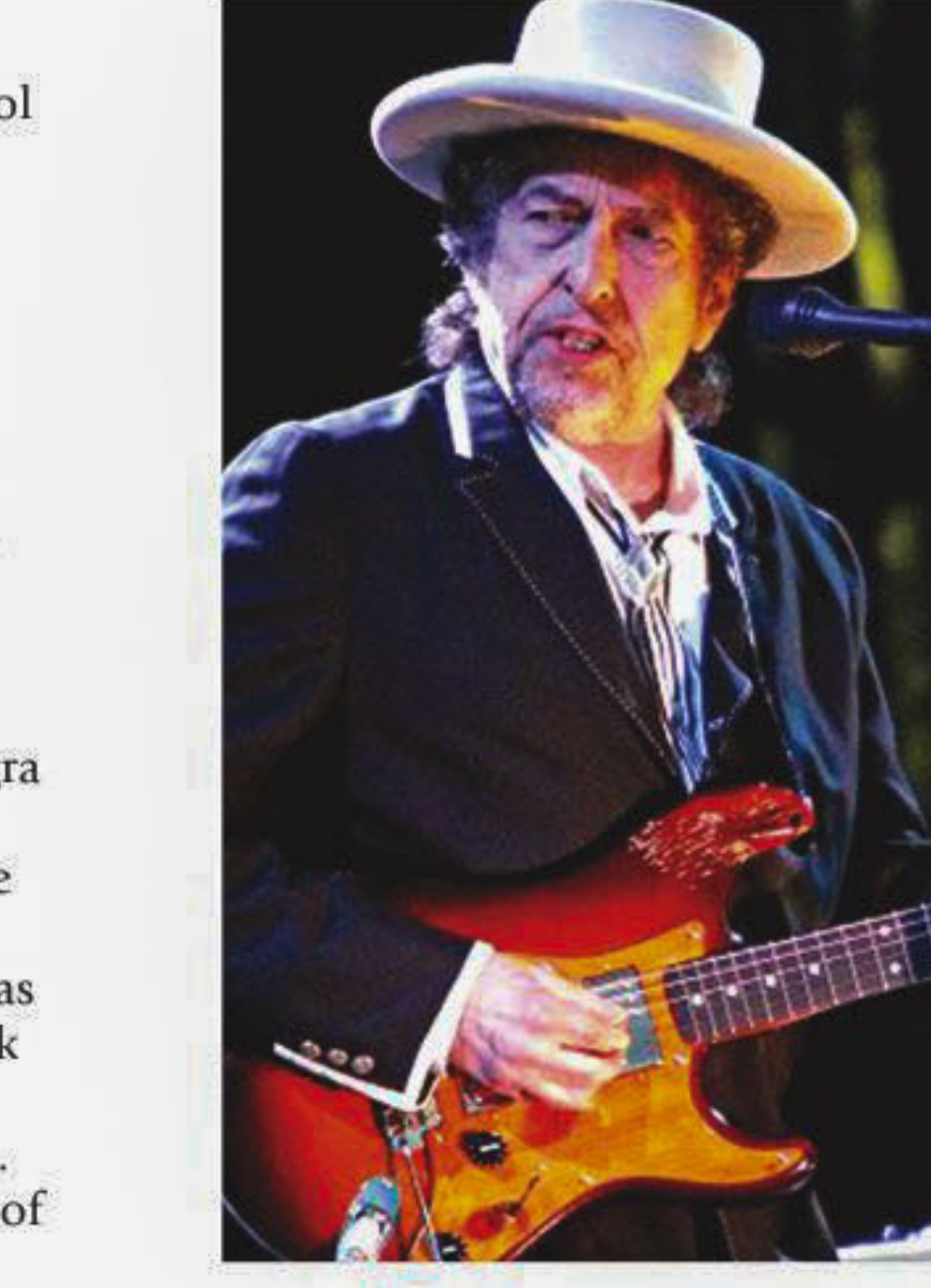


A scene from "Obhijan" staged by BIAM Laboratory School students. PHOTO: STAR

At the school level, students of Nongola Government Primary School staged "Roger Chikitsa" written by Rabindranath Tagore, students of BIAM Laboratory School staged "Obhijan" written by Shukanto Bhattacharjaya, and the students from Foyjullah School staged "Shokoler Jonno Bhalobasha" written by Rehena Amin Shilpi and Sardar Hamid.  
 At the inter-district level, artistes of Rangpur Nattaya Kendra staged "Shikhandi Kotha" written by ANM Zaman.  
 The artistes of Uchcharan Academy staged "Dakghor" written by Rabindranath Tagore.  
 A short discussion was also held, presided over by vice-president of Bogra Theatre Din Mohammad Dinu.  
 The chief speaker was theatre artiste and educationist Shymol Bhattacharjaya, while special guest vice-president of Sammillito Sanskritik Jote Atiqur Rahman Mithu and GS of Bogra Theatre Toufique Hasan Moyna.  
 ATN Bangla was the media partner of the event.

# NEWS bytes

# Dylan plots North American tour



Bob Dylan's "Never Ending Tour" will continue on for at least another North American leg as the Nobel laureate has announced a series of summer dates. The tour will continue through the summer USA and Canada, following the release of Dylan's new triple-LP Triplicate on March 31st.  
 In spring, Dylan will play through Europe, including two April shows in Stockholm, Sweden, where he will hopefully deliver the Nobel Prize lecture he owes the Swedish Academy. The singer-songwriter then returns to the United States on June 13 for the first of three shows at Port Chester, New York's Capitol Theatre.  
 After four more shows in the Northeast, including a stop at Dover, Delaware's Firefly Festival, Dylan and his band will travel north to Canada for a month-long string of 18 gigs that travel from Kingston, Ontario on June 27 to Victoria, British Columbia on July 27.

Source: Rolling Stone

# AYUB BACHHU'S GUITAR CONCERT TOMORROW

Ayub Bachchu, one of the most prominent guitarists of the country, is set to perform in a solo guitar instrumental concert tomorrow, at the Krishibid Institute Auditorium.  
 Organised jointly by Wizard Showbiz, DJ Pro and AB Kitchen, the concert is titled "Banglaxif Presents Sound of Silence", says a press release.  
 The announcement was made yesterday in a press conference at Channel i.  
 About the show, Ayub Bachchu said "There have been many requests from fans for a solo guitar show. I was planning for a guitar concert. These types of events are not common in our country. But globally these kinds of shows are very popular and many artistes do it."  
 Bachchu will also sing two cover songs originally by Jimmy Hendrix and Deep Purple in his two-hour set.  
 Tickets for the concert are available at ticketchai.com

