


**WHAT'S ON**

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Emotion of Sufi Music  
Artist: AZ Shimul  
Venue: La Galerie, AFD  
Date: Mar 24-31  
Time: 3pm-9pm



**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



**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Exhibition 2017  
Venue: Gallery Chitrah, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi  
Date: Mar 28-Apr 20  
Time: 10am-8pm



**Duet Art Exhibition**  
Victory  
Artists: Mini Marim / Shama Shalom  
Venue: Red Shift Coffee Lounge  
Date: Mar 24-30  
Time: 9am-9pm




(L-R) Sarwar Ali, Sanjida Khatun, Laisa Ahmed Lisa and Khairul Anam Shakil at the press conference.

# Golden Jubilee of Chhayanaut's Borshoboron celebrations

## Special series of programmes announced

**STaff Correspondent**

Chhayanaut has been organising the celebration of the Bangla New Year, on Pahela Boishakh, through their signature 'Borshoboron' programme at the Ramna Botomul since 1967, even before the birth of Bangladesh. The programme -- that has become one of the biggest national celebration events not just in the country but wherever Bangalees are in the world -- will step into its 50th year this year, and the pioneering cultural organisation are holding a series of programmes to mark the special occasion.

The announcements of the month-long celebrations were made in a press conference at the Chhayanaut auditorium on Friday, where the celebrations were also set off with a musical soiree. Chhayanaut's founder Dr. Sanjida Khatun chaired the press conference. General Secretary Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Executive Chairman Sarwar Ali and Vice-Chairman Khairul Anam Shakil also spoke at the press conference.

The second event of the celebration will be held on March 31 at Chhayanaut, when memorabilia of the last 50 years of Borshoboron celebrations will be displayed at the Chhayanaut building, along with

performance of dance, classical music, songs and recitation. The third programme, on April 7, will feature publication of a souvenir and a special calendar of the Bangla year 1424, along with a musical programme and a seminar. Mafidul Haq will speak at the seminar, while Atiur Rahman and Mahfuz Anam will be discussants.

The fourth programme, on the eve of Pahela Boishakh, will pay tributes to the lives lost in the heinous bomb attacks at Ramna Botoul on Pahela Boishakh in 2001.

The main programme, as per tradition, will begin at the Ramna Botoul on the dawn of Pahela Boishakh (April 14) with a classical instrumental recital, this year on the sarod. This year's theme for the celebrations is joy, Bangalees' search for self-identity and communal harmony. The two-hour programme will feature songs, dance, recitation and traditional palagaan "Deewana Madina". Some 400 artistes are participating in the month-long series of events.

Like other years, Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will broadcast the programme live, which will also be streamed via chhayanaut.org and maatrik.com. Blues Communications is providing sound system support for the main event.

# NEWS bytes

## CLAPTON down with 'severe bronchitis'

Eric Clapton has postponed two concerts scheduled for this weekend at the Forum in Inglewood, California, due to "severe bronchitis".

"Due to severe bronchitis and under doctor's advisement, Eric



Clapton is rescheduling this weekend's two shows at The Forum in Los Angeles," a statement on Clapton's Twitter read.

The concerts will be rescheduled for the fall. Clapton was already scheduled to perform September 15 and 16 at the Forum and these new concerts will be rescheduled around those gigs.

Clapton, 71, has only performed two shows this year -- both at Madison Square Garden in New York earlier this week.

Gary Clark, Jr. was scheduled to support Clapton at the Forum shows. On Twitter, he wished the guitar legend "a speedy recovery" and said he was "looking forward to the shows in September."

Source: **Billboard**

# Bengal Foundation representing Bangladesh at Kathmandu Triennale

**A Correspondent**

The Visual Arts Programme of Bengal Foundation is holding an exhibition entitled "Upheavals" as part of the official programme of the upcoming Kathmandu Triennale 2017. An exhibition exploring contemporary Bangladesh through the eyes of eight artists from the country, "Upheavals" runs from March 26 to April 9.

Mashfee Binte Shams, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal, and Sangeeta Thapa, Founder & Chair of the Kathmandu Triennale jointly inaugurated the exhibition yesterday at Park Gallery, Lalitpur, Nepal.

"Upheavals" examines the ambiguous power of change through three generations of artists from Bangladesh. As a country, as an idea, Bangladesh provides a unique ground to discuss this ambiguity.

A few artworks in the exhibition allude to the quick succession of departures and disruptions that have

characterised Bangladesh's recent history. Others hint at the radical evolutions that have profoundly impacted the way its people live and think in the past decades.

The participating artists are: Dhali Al Mamoon, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Dilara Begum Jolly, Mustafa Zaman, Promotesh Das Pulak, Razib Datta, Zihan Karim and Marzia Farhana.

Kathmandu Triennale is Nepal's premier international platform for global contemporary arts. It is the latest edition of the pioneering Kathmandu International Art Festival (KIAF), which nurtured several historical outcomes for Nepali arts and the city of Kathmandu. Like the previous Festivals (2009, 2012), the Triennale is thematically engaged with particular social issues and seeks to advance a nuanced approach that encapsulates the pedagogical potential of visual arts. It runs from March 24 to April 9 in various locations in Kathmandu, Nepal.



# Painting competition in Bogra

## Observance of Independence Day



MAmun-ur-Rashid, Bogra

A painting competition was arranged by Bogra Union of Journalists (BUJ) marking Genocide Day (March 25) and Independence Day (March 26) at its premise at Station Road in Bogra town on Saturday afternoon.

Over a hundred students of different schools of the town participated in the competition three groups divided on their academic year and one group for specially-abled children.

Following the competition, a short discus-

sion on the day and prize giving ceremony among the winners were held at the press club.

Bogra-1 lawmaker Abdul Mannan was present as chief guest and the prize giving ceremony, which was presided over by the president of Bogra Union of Journalists Journalist, Amzad Hossain Mintu.

Judges Prodip Bhattacharjee Shankar, Samudra Haque and Belal Hossain selected the winners in four categories, and later the winners were given prizes by the guests, and other participants were also given prizes.

# "Justice League" trailer is action-packed

While the DC Extended Universe is still in its early days, it hasn't stopped the studio from producing quite a few films in a short amount of time. In an attempt to keep up with the behemoth machine that is the Marvel Cinematic Universe, new DC movies are being developed constantly, and none is quite as anticipated as "Justice League". The Zack Snyder-directed project will finally reunite the juggernauts of the DC Universe, and fans are hoping it will finally be the installment in the DCEU that will satisfy both fans and critics.

A new trailer was just released for the film, and it teases some epic moments. It's quite clear that "Justice League" is not skimming on the action. With eight months to go until this movie's release, the new trailer does an impressive job spotlighting the five main heroes doing what they do best: from Aquaman (Jason Momoa) repelling that giant wave to Cyborg (Ray Fisher) rocking the sonic arm cannon to The Flash (Ezra Miller) zooming at unimaginable speeds to Batman (Ben Affleck) demonstrating his special ability -- being rich. It seems like Batman and Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot), who have already met on-screen on "Dawn of Justice", are in the more leading roles, recruiting the other three to form the league.

JK Simmons' Commissioner Gordon, Amy Adams' Lois Lane and Amber Heard's Mera can also be seen in brief glimpses, but Superman (Henry Cavill), who is in the official cast list, is still unseen in the trailer, as are Willem Dafoe (as Nuidis Vulko) or Jesse Eisenberg's Lex Luthor. Ciarán Hinds, who plays the main antago-

nist Steppenwolf is also not clearly shown anywhere, so it seems like the studio is keeping ample reveals at hand to keep the hype going for another eight months.

Plot-wise, this "Justice League" trailer provides only a little more information about who (or rather what) the heroes will be going up against. In the San Diego Comic-Con trailer, Batman only spoke of a general threat coming to Earth, and now regular moviegoers unfamiliar with the

which is powering Cyborg.

While the DCEU has performed commercially well for the most part, its first three installments didn't perform as critically well as Warner Bros and many fans would have hoped. Along with "Wonder Woman", there's a lot riding on "Justice League" to put this cinematic universe on more solid footing. It remains to be seen how the overall final product will turn out, but so far, it looks like the film taken some constructive



comics and who haven't been keeping up with the news surrounding this blockbuster know that said threat is extraterrestrial. Specifically, it's the Parademons, monstrous creatures from Apokolips who were first seen in "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" during Batman's 'Nightmare'. They will be led by Steppenwolf, who has come to Earth in search of the three Mother Boxes, one of

criticism to heart, and combining those with the creative decisions the crew team made ahead of time, it will hopefully give fans the epic "Justice League" movie they've been craving for years.

"Justice League" charges into theaters on November 17, following the June 2 release of the Wonder Woman standalone.

Source: **Cinemablend**

# ASHA BHOSLE returns with "Begum Jaan" soundtrack

One of the legendary voices of the Indian music, Asha Bhosle is again ready to enthrall her fans with a soulful track in Vidya Balan's upcoming film "Begum Jaan".

Composed by Anu Malik, the song is titled "Prem Me Tohre" and has a minimalist approach. While mostly heavy strings are used in the background, Asha's voice has been given enough prominence. It's not exactly a 'ghazal', but has elements of it.

Malik has intelligently given the song a modern outlook despite keeping the old-world charm. Kausar Munir has penned the song for the film, which is directed by Srijit Mukherji, and is a remake of Bengali film "Rajkahini".

The film is set against the backdrop of the Partition

of India, where members of a brothel fight for their survival and dignity as the border line is drawn straight over their home. The visuals of the song attempt to show another side of the life of these brothel girls: their emotions, celebrations and agony like any other human being.

The film also stars Naseeruddin Shah, Ila Arun, Gauahar Khan, Pallavi Sharda, Rajit Kapoor, Ashish Vidyarthi, Chunky Pandey, Poonam Singh Rajput, Ridheema Tiwari, Priyanka Setia, Mishti Chakraborty, Sumit Nijhawan, and Rajesh Sharma in pivotal roles.

"Begum Jaan" is scheduled to hit screens on April 14, 2017.

Source: **Hindustan Times**

