

**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 Chittrak, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi  
Date: Mar 28-Apr 20  
Time: 10am-8pm



Duet Art Exhibition  
Venue: Victory  
Artists: Mini Marim / Shama Shalom  
Venue: Red Shift Coffee Lounge  
Date: Mar 24-30  
Time: 19am-9pm




# THEATRE IS A PASSION for TUSTY

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Small screen star Shamima Islam Tusty has been a member of Loko Nattaydal for 23 years. Earlier, she was with theatre troupe, People's Theatre. Widely known as Tusty, she first appeared in popular drama serial "Bhober Haat" where her character's name was Mahela. Salahuddin Lavlu directed the play.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU  
"The play was a turning point in my career. Everyone used to call me Mahela," Tusty told The Daily Star.  
She has also worked in films. Although her first movie was "Nondito Noroke", the film "Lal Sobuje" was released earlier. Her latest big screen venture is "Hason Raja".  
"Hason Raja", where she plays the role of Kusum, will release this year. Shot in India and Sunamganj, she co-stars with Tollywood icon Mithun Chakraborty in the film.  
"The film will be a milestone in my career," said the actress.  
Before stepping into the world of acting, she used to give dance performances at home and abroad. She learnt dance at Shishu Academy and BAFA. Tusty has been a teacher at BAF Shaheen

School and College for the last 11 years. "I love the job," Tusty says. "It gives me honour and respect."  
Tusty also recently won the Television Artists' Association elections as law and welfare secretary. On her new post, she said "I don't want to hear about one more artiste seeking help for a financial crisis. Artistes should work for the joy of it, and not be bogged down by financial worries."  
She is now busy with a number of TV projects, like series "Nil Khoje Gangchil" and "Babui Pakhir Basha", being aired on ATN Bangla.  
She is also working on a new series titled "Olpo Solpo Golpo".  
"I love playing challenging roles," Tusty says. She also anchors TV programme as a hobby. Besides, she has appeared in different TV commercials. With such a hectic shooting schedule, she has been absent from theatre lately. But she says theatre is very close to her heart.

## NEWS bytes



### SANJAY DUTT biopic characters revealed

Though Ranbir Kapoor's fantasy-adventure Jagga Jasoos is ready to hit cinemas in May, he is more in news for the "Sanjay Dutt" biopic. Rajkumar Hirani, Dutt's close friend and the director of Munnabhai franchise, is going to wield the megaphone for the project.  
From Sonam Kapoor to Anushka Sharma, an impressive army of actors have been cast to play important roles in the Dutt biopic.  
Though Hirani is trying to keep his project as secretive as he can, there is enough information doing the rounds about the film. Hindustan Times reports that apart from Ranbir playing Sanjay Dutt, Paresh Rawal will be seen as Sanjay Dutt's father, Sunil Dutt while Manisha Koirala will play his mother, Nargis. Dia Mirza is playing his wife Maanyata, and Sonam Kapoor is said to be donning the role of yesteryears Bollywood heroine Tina Munim. Karishma Tanna will be portraying Madhuri Dixit, and Anushka Sharma will be playing either a journalist or a lawyer. Vicky Kaushal is set to play a close friend if Sanjay Dutt.  
Source: Hindustan Times

### Gallery Chittrak's homage to the master artists "Exhibition 2017" opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A group art exhibition titled "Exhibition 2017" opens today at Gallery Chittrak, Dhanmondi in the capital.  
Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation, will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest at 6pm. Syed Durjoy Rahman Joy, a distinguished art connoisseur and collector, will attend the opening ceremony as guest of honour while renowned artist Professor Rafiqun Nabi will preside over the ceremony.  
The show will showcase over 50 rare artworks by 11 master artists: Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, Patua Quamrul Hassan, Shilpaguru Safiuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Kibria, Aminul Islam, Abdur Razzaque, Rashid Chowdhury, Murtaja Baseer, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Rafiqun Nabi and Monirul Islam.  
The exhibition is a treat for art lovers as they will have the opportunity to view artworks by the Bangladeshi masters. The 24-day show will remain open from 10am to 8pm daily till April 20.



### Shimul's "Emotion of Sufi Music" opens at AFD



STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) has organised a solo painting exhibition titled "Emotion of Sufi Music" by artist AZ Shimul at its La Galerie. Sophie Aubert, Ambassador of France to Bangladesh, as chief guest, inaugurated the show on March 24. Farida Parveen, Ekushey Padak winning singer, and Dr Pierre-Alain Baud, Sufi music researcher and writer, attended the occasion as special guests.  
Coming from a Sufi family, AZ Shimul has been driven by the thoughts and philosophies of Sufism since his early years. He is also inspired by mysticism that depicts the belief of unison with the Absolute. Shimul believes that the spiritual apprehension of knowledge, apparently inaccessible to the intellect, may be attained through contemplation and self-surrender.  
The artist's paintings embody mysticism that itself entails a different kind of humanistic feeling and sensation where music plays a vital role. "The world beyond the general sense is the world of immortal love that provides meaning for so-called mystical and visionary experiences, and related experiences like trances. Mystic poets, bards and musicians like Rumi, Lalou and Alfu Dewan are the believers of such thought," according to Shimul. His paintings incorporate his beliefs and understanding of the teachings by Rumi and Lalou, and exhibit a rare beauty of motion and emotion that is mellifluous in nature.  
The exhibition, open from Monday to Thursday (from 3pm to 9pm) and on Fridays and Saturdays (from 9am to 12noon and from 5pm to 8pm), will conclude on March 31.

### JU's week-long theatre festival begins

54 EMINENT PERSONALITIES TO BE HONOURED

JU CORRESPONDENT  
The grand cultural theatre festival titled "Muktishangram Nattoushab-2017", organised by Teachers-Student Centre (TSC) of Jahangirnagar University (JU), began on March 25 on the campus amid festivity and fanfare.  
Marking Independence and National Day 2017, JU authorities chalked out an elaborate programme while they also elaborated a swift implementation of the process to observe March 25 as Genocide Day in memory of the victims of the atrocities unleashed by the Pakistan occupation forces on this day in 1971.  
With the theme "Muktir Aloy Alokito Kori Bhuban", JU authorities are organising the week-long programme to focus on the rich culture, heritage, history and future economic prospects of Bangladesh as well as branding its own culture at home and abroad.  
A total of 54 eminent and distinguished personalities will be honoured and around six plays will be staged in the programme.  
Freedom fighter Taramon Bibi Bir Protik inaugurated the week long programme by hoisting the national flag while the country's first woman Vice Chancellor Professor Farzana Islam was present and chairs all the sessions.  
Among the eminent personalities to be honored posthumously are Tajuddin Ahmed, the first prime minister of Bangladesh; Nityacharya Selim Al Deen; Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam; ex-JU



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student and actor Humayun Faridi; litterateur Syed Shamsul Haq; JU former-teacher Professor Syed Shafiqullah.  
Others to be honoured are- Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury; JU VC Professor Farzana Islam; actor Mamunur Rashid; Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir; former foreign minister Dr. Dipu Moni; the country's first city woman Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy; eminent actress and social activist Sara Zaker; sculptor Jahanara Pervin among others.  
The programmes will feature art camps on liberation war, tree plantation, photography, painting exhibitions, theatre festival, and presentation on history, musical evening, discussions, and recitation.  
The festival, celebrating the indomitable spirit of the liberation war, will highlight stories of courage to inspire youth. The concluding ceremony of the festival will be held at Selim Al Deen Muktamanchha on March 31.



### TV WATCH "Sunflower" on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT  
TV series "Sunflower" airs tonight at 8:15pm. Written by Mezbaur Rahman Sumon and directed by Nazrul Islam Raju. It stars Tareen, Apurbo, Urmila Srabonti Kar, Raisul Islam Asad, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Dolly Zahur, Joyraj and others.  
The story revolves around a simple girl, who lives in a small town with her parents and younger sister. They have an electronics service shop, which is their sole source of income. When the father suffers from an illness of the eye, the daughter steps up and becomes a mechanic to take the helm of the family business.