

WHAT'S ON

Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: 'Patakabyo Parampora' by Shambhu Acharya
 Venue: Gallery Chittrak, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 12-19
 Time: 10am-8pm

Group Art Exhibition
 Marking 13th Anniversary of Galleri Kaya
 Venue: Galleri Kaya, Uttara
 Date: May 5-28
 Time: 11am-8pm

Rabindra Nazrul Utshab 2017
 Organiser: Gitanjali Academy of Fine Arts
 Venue: Rabindra Sarani, Uttara
 Date: May 19-20; Time: 4-10pm.

Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Sense, Perception and Interpretation
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka
 Date: May 19-27
 Time: 3pm-9pm

Theatre
 Play: Jonomanko
 Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: May 21
 Time: 7pm

Rabindra-Nazrul Jayanti
 Organiser: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC)
 Venue: Jagannath Hall, DU
 Date: May 22
 Time: 7-9pm

New York calling for RUNA LAILA

Honours await for contribution to music



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Runa Laila, whose reputation as a singer has garnered her numerous national and international awards over the years, has been singled out once again to be honoured for her contributions to music. The Barinu Institute for Economic Development is to confer on the artiste the "Distinguished Celebrity Legend Award" at an event titled "Inspiring Women Creativity and Entrepreneurship in the Global Ecosystem" on May 25.

The event will be held amid great festivities at Trump World Tower in New York. Aside from being an awardee, the singer will also be present as the chief guest at the occasion. Organisers of the event have sent Runa Laila an e-mail requesting her attendance saying, "For your invaluable contributions to

music which has inspired countless women living in Asia and beyond to explore their creativity, we request your kind presence to accept this award."

Regarding this latest achievement, the singer has stated, "This is a matter of great happiness and pride to me, especially as a Bangladeshi, and as a woman. I would like to thank the organisers for extending this kind gesture towards me."

The singer's remarkable achievements have stood out on other platforms as well. She was mentioned in the Guinness Book of World Records for her ability to sing in 18 languages. Over the years, she has amassed over 300 national and international awards for her achievements, including the National Film Award of Bangladesh, the Saigal Award of India, the Nigar Award of Pakistan, the Kalakar Award, the Graduate Award, and more.



Shadhona's "Nupur Beje Jaye" on Sunday

Prominent dance school Shadhona is holding its 61st presentation of their monthly dance programme "Nupur Beje Jaye", on Sunday (May 21), at 6:30pm at the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management Foundation (BIAM), says a press release.

The performers at the event will come from institutions Shadhona, whose general secretary is noted dance artiste Lubna Marium, who will perform "Shawon Ashilo Phire" produced by Sabbir Ahmed Biju; and Jela Khela Ghor Ashor from Noakhali who will perform folk and seasonal dances produced by Sajal Majumder.

Shadhona has been working tirelessly for the past twenty-five years to promote the performing arts of South Asian Culture.

"Sense, Perception and Interpretation" opens today at AFD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group art exhibition titled "Sense, Perception and Interpretation" opens today (May 19) at La Galerie Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) at 5:30 pm. Eminent artist Monirul Islam will grace the inaugural ceremony as chief guest. Eminent architect and art critic Shamsul Wares will attend the opening ceremony as special guest while art critic Moinuddin Khaleed will be present as guest of honour.

Dhaka Artists' Group (DAG) artists -- Jamal Ahmed, Laila Sharmeen, Anisuzzaman Anis, Debashis Pal, Zahir Hossain, Fahmida Khatun, Dulal Chandra Gain, Rajaul Islam Lovelu, Abdul Aziz, Shahin Akther Lipi, Syed Mohammad Shamim and Abdus Sattar Toufiq, -- are exhibiting their multifarious presentation of contemporary Bangladeshi arts at the show.

Established on the basis of individuality and creativity of its members in 2007, DAG already has 18 successful exhibitions under its belt. For this nineteenth exhibition DAG will exhibit a number of paintings that drew inspiration from appreciable art movements and styles like pure abstraction, abstract expressionism, neo-expressionism, surrealism, realism and semi-realism.

DAG is well known for its inventive ideas, thoughts and individual creative expressions. The aim of the group exposition is to bring together artists belonging to different age groups, working on diverse themes and different mediums.

The exhibition will remain open from Monday to Thursday from 3pm to 9pm, and on Fridays and Saturdays from 9am to 12 noon and from 5pm to 8pm till May 27.



A painting by Jamal Ahmed.

Bollywood actress Reema Lagoo passes away

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bollywood actress Reema Lagoo, who essayed the role of on-screen mother of super stars Shahrukh Khan, Salman Khan and Madhuri Dixit, died yesterday of heart attack in a hospital in Mumbai.

The 58-year-old actress complained of chest pain late on



Wednesday night and she was rushed to the hospital where she breathed her last, her son-in-law Vinay Waikul told the media.

Reema Lagoo, who started her career in Hindi and Marathi films in late 1970s and early 80s, was best known for playing the on-screen mother to protagonists in hit films like "Maine Pyar Kiya", "Hum Aapke Hain Koun", "Kuch Kuch Hota Hai" and "Hum Saath-Saath Hain". She also featured in TV shows like "Tu Tu Main Main" and "Shriman Shrimati".

She carved a place for herself by playing the role of mother to actors Sharukh, Salman, Ajay Devgn, Sanjay Dutt, Akshay Kumar, Madhuri Dixit, Juhi Chawla, Kajol and Saif Ali Khan. She was last seen in Mahesh Bhatt's television serial "Naamkaran."

Reema Lagoo gained prominence with Mansoor Khan's 1988 romantic film "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak" in which she played Juhi Chawla's mother. She also shared screen space with Salman in Karan Johar's 1998 directorial debut "Kuch Kuch Hota Hai".

"Daag" on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

ntv will air a single episode TV play titled "Daag" tonight at 9:05pm. Scripted by Rumman Rashid Khan and directed by Maqsur Rahman Bishal, the cast includes Apurbo, Zakia Bari Momo, K S Firoz, Saif Chondon, and more.

The narrative zooms in on Shobha, who

returns to Bangladesh after four years. A film student, she embarks on a project to direct a documentary film on mentally disabled citizens in Bangladesh. She visits a psychiatric institution and is shocked to come across Shihab, a man who seems healthy, and therefore out of place. As their conversations progress, she comes to realise that their paths had crossed before, four years ago, when he called her number by mistake.



WEEKENDER



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

"My daughter and I love Nandos..." Sushama Sarker

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

Popular actor Sushama Sarker began her career in theatre and was affiliated with the troupe Desh Natok for a long time. She has ventured into the small screen since, and is now making waves in films. The Daily Star reached out to the busy actor for a conversation about her life beyond the camera.

What is your idea of the perfect weekend?
 Sushama: When I do have that rare time off, I love to stay home and watch movies with my family. I love going on trips out of town as well.

What are you currently working on?
 Sushama: I am mostly busy with

movies these days. I have recently worked on "Boss 2" which will be released this Eid. I have also wrapped up shooting for "Peyara'r Shubash" directed by Nurul Alam Atique, and it is slated to be released later this year. Right now I am working on Bulbul Jilani's "Rodru'r Chhaya", which may be released this year or the next. Other than films, I am also working on a few Eid plays directed by Shihab Shaheen and Abu Hayat Mahmud, but I can't divulge the titles yet.

What is your favourite restaurant?
 Sushama: I don't really get to eat out often, but my daughter and I love Nando's. I also love Gloria Jeans and Beans and Aroma.

Do you have a signature scent?
 Sushama: I usually opt for the perfumes from Victoria's Secret.