

WHAT'S ON

Hajar Bochorer Bangla Gaan
Organizer: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: July 29; Time: 6:30pm

Nat'l Photography Festival
Organizer: DUPS
Venue: National Art Gallery, BSA
Date: July 28-31
Time: 11am-5pm

National Art Exhibition 2017
Organizer: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Art Gallery, BSA
Date: July 28-Aug 14
Time: 11am to 5pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Anupam Hossain
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: July 22 - Aug 1
Time: 3-5pm

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Charcoal
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-36, Sec-4, Uttara
Date: Jul 28-Aug 11
Time: 11am-5pm

NEWSbytes

Mick Jagger releases two new songs

Mick Jagger has released two songs which he says are urgent responses to the "confusion and frustration with the times we live in".

The Rolling Stones leader released the songs, titled "England Lost" and "Get a Grip", on Thursday.

Jagger said he started writing the songs in April and that he wanted to release them immediately.



British rapper Skepta is featured on "England Lost". Jagger said when he was writing it, he knew he wanted a rap act on the track.

The Rolling Stones' most recent album was the blues effort, "Blue & Lonesome", released in December. It band is also working on an album of new material.

Jagger also commented on the most recent artists he's been listening to, which includes Skepta, Mozart, Howlin' Wolf, Tame Impala, "obscure Prince tracks and classic soul stuff from The Valentines Brothers."

"I really like Kendrick Lamar — he's also talking about discontent and he really nailed it," Jagger added.

Source: Pitchfork



Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya delivers her speech at the event.

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"This is the highest form of honour ..."

Bannya receives Firoza Begum Award

NAZIBA BASHIR

Legendary Nazrul singer Firoza Begum was born on July 27, 1926 and passed away on September 9, 2014. After her passing, Dhaka University (DU) had taken the initiative of annually presenting a nationally noted artist with the 'Firoza Begum Smriti Swarna Padak' (Firoza Begum Commemorative Gold Medal).

On July 27 — what would have been Firoza Begum's 91st birthday, the medal was awarded to celebrated Rabindra Sangeet singer and Chairperson of the Dance Department in DU, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, at the Senate Bhavan in the university's premises.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique was present as the chief guest at the programme, while Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Dr. Abu Mohd Dewar Hossain was present as the special guest. The event was attended by many artists and personalities, including Firoza

Begum's family members and sons, Shafin and Hamim Ahmed.

The event began with a presentation of songs and dance by students of Music and Dance Departments. A welcome speech was then given by the chairman of ACI Foundation, M Anis Udd Dowla, where he spoke about the legacy of Firoza Begum. Dr. Arefin Siddique then presented the medal to Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya. Jannatul Ferdous, the student with the highest CGPA from the Music Department, was also called upon stage to receive her medal.

"For an artist, any kind of award, recognition, or respect, from anywhere or anyone, is I believe the highest form of achievement. Today I have been paid one of the highest forms of honour, and that is because of the woman this medal is named after. Since I was a child, I was always a listener and admirer of her songs. Rabindranath had said the true mark of an artist is in their self-control

and simplicity, to be able to give as much as is required. And Firoza Begum understood that very well. She understood the characters of every song before she sang them. To be able to receive the award named after such a legendary Nazrul singer is an immense privilege for me," said the eminent Tagore exponent.

AAMS Arefin Siddique expressed his gratitude towards Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya in being a torch-bearer of carrying the nation forward through art, and spoke about the necessity of promoting arts and culture as a responsibility towards the youth. After a vote of thanks by the Chairperson of the Music Department Dr. Mohsina Akter Khanam, the programme concluded with another musical performance by the awardees — first Jannatul Ferdous after which the blissful voice of Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya filled the air at the Senate Bhavan, leaving everyone who attended in a spell of melody.

DUPS' photography festival opens today

A CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Photographic Society (DUPS) and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) are jointly organising the 4th National Photography Festival and 2017. The exhibition will open today and will continue till July 31 at the Gallery 6 of the National Art Gallery of BSA.

A total of 111 single photographs of young photographers from different schools, colleges, universities and professional and freelance photographers will be exhibited, as well as three photo stories.

This festival opens with a grand rally from TSC, Dhaka University at 10am. Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University AAMS Arefin Siddique will be present at the venue. The inauguration and prize giving ceremony will be held at BSA, where Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor will be present as chief guest.

At the closing ceremony (on July 31), DUPS will felicitate revered portrait photographer Nasir Ali Mamun with the Lifetime Achievement Award. His biography and eight of his photographs will be exhibited at the festival.

The festival will also host artist talks — by acclaimed Bangladeshi photographers Rahul Talukder on July 30, and Saiful Huq Omi on July 31. Both artist talks will begin at 3pm on the respective days.

This exhibition, running from 11am-8pm every day, is open to all.



Artists of Chhayanaut perform a chorus song at a memorial programme, commemorating two recently-deceased musical luminaries of Bangladesh — Sudhin Das and Dr. Karunamaya Goswami. The event was held on Thursday at the Chhayanaut auditorium, where Tania Mannan, Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury Moynia, Nasima Shaheen and Khairul Anam Shakil presented solo songs.

Reese Witherspoon, Jennifer Aniston teaming up for new TV series



Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon are teaming up for a new TV series that will focus on a New York morning show, reports Variety.

"House of Cards" producer Jay Carson is attached to write the script, with Steve Kloves executive producing. Witherspoon and Aniston will also executive produce, with Witherspoon producing through her Hello Sunshine production banner along with her film and television head Lauren Levy Neustadter.

The series is expected to be shopped to networks and streaming services in the coming weeks, industry sources say.

Aniston and Witherspoon previously worked together when Witherspoon guest starred on "Friends" as Aniston's sister. Witherspoon recently made the jump to TV with the HBO drama "Big Little Lies", which earned her an Emmy nomination. For Aniston, it would mark her first regular TV role since the end of "Friends" in 2004.

Speaking to Variety in January, Aniston expressed a desire to return to TV. "I've thought about it a lot," she said. "That's where the work is. That's where the quality is. At this point in my career, I want to be part of wonderful stories, exciting characters, and also just having a good time."

On the film front, Witherspoon is in post-production on Ava DuVernay's "A Wrinkle in Time" for Disney, and has romantic comedy "Home Again" bowing this September. Aniston will star in independent teen comedy "Dumplin'", and was most recently seen in Sundance drama "The Yellow Birds" and comedy "Office Christmas Party".

Source: Variety

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