



Clockwise from top left: Artworks by Rafiqun Nabi, Samarjit Roy Choudhury, Hashem Khan and Sheikh Afzal Hossain.

# Group exhibition "CHARCOAL" ends today at Galleri Kaya



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A group art exhibition by 14 contemporary artists of Bangladesh is on at Galleri Kaya, in the capital's Uttara. Organised by Galleri Kaya, the exhibition titled "CHARCOAL", is exclusively showcasing charcoal works by the artists.

Among the renowned participating artists Samarjit Roy Choudhury has depicted a woman with bird. Hashem Khan has also portrayed a woman with a bird looking through the window. His work "Ektara" represents the traditional heritage of Baul songs. Rafiqun Nabi's famous series "Tokai" (street urchin) is also displayed at the gallery apart from his favourite depictions of crows and goats. Mohammad Eunus portrayed the abstract images with while Jamal Ahmed's depiction of sensual women is on display.

Ahmed Shamsuddoha portrayed Sundarban Katha while Nazli Laila Monsur's piece illustrates a woman on rickshaw. Ranjit

Das' "Girl with Pigeon" is a commendable work of art. Using charcoal and acrylic on washi, Mohammad Iqbal has portrayed the sharp gaze of feminine eyes in his work titled "Peace in the Time of Disquiet-3". Sheikh Md. Rokonzaman delineates geometric forms and shapes in his series "Imagination" done on tusch on paper.

Chandra Shekhar Dey has showcased a woman tying up her bun. Goutam Chakraborty's bold and harmonious depiction of elephant series is on display. Sheikh Afzal Hossain's beautiful women belong to Bengal, while Ashrafal Hasan has worked on images of rhythmic figure. Every artist's distinctive styles, traits and themes are noticeable aspects at all the displayed 47 works by them.

President of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Barrister Nihad Kabir inaugurated the exhibition while eminent art critic Moinuddin Khaled graced the inaugural ceremony as special guest. The show, opening from 11 am to 8pm, ends today.

# A happy family

## A twins' debut story

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It's the dream of any parents to see their children carry brighter torches into the future, and that day has arrived for popular actress Shahnaz Khushi and screenwriter Brindaban Das. Parents to twin boys, for the first time the family has shared the screen space for an Eid ul Azha venture titled "Happy Family."

Directed by Dipu Hazra, the play is scripted by Brindaban Das. Aside from Shahnaz Khushi and sons Shoumya and Dibya, the main cast also includes Fazlur Rahman Babu, Chanchal Chowdhury and Farhana Mili.

The twins play the role of Farhana Mili's younger brothers, who in turn plays Chanchal Chowdhury's spouse in the narrative. "We normally address Chanchal Chowdhury as our uncle, but here we had to call him dulabhai, which was quite fun!" quipped Dibya.

"I was initially quite intimidated to act," added Shoumya on his experiences

on set, "but once we got into it, it was quite enjoyable."

Shahnaz Khushi, a proud mother, describes her sons as the apples of her eye. "This is truly a momentous time in my life, to be joined by my sons on the set. I am unable to contain my pride today."

Father Brindaban Das informed this correspondent that the script was not written with his boys in mind. "The decision to cast Shoumya and Dibya was made after I had completed writing," he said.

The narrative outlines the story of two brothers, played by Fazlur Rahman Babu and Chanchal Chowdhury. The roles of their spouses are filled in by Shahnaz Khushi and Farhana Mili, respectively. The plot depicts the strong bond the family shares with one another, and the events that bring them closer together.

"Shoumya and Dibya are my beloved nephews, and they are definitely the highlights of the play," stated Chanchal Chowdhury.



# Katie Holmes to star in adaptation "The Secret"

Katie Holmes will star in "The Secret", based on the best-selling self-help book by Rhonda Byrne. The film, to be directed by Andy Tennant ("Hitch", "Sweet Home Alabama"), will follow a young widow with three children who hires a handyman to fix her house during a terrible storm. As the handyman grows closer to the family, he shares his philosophy of believing in the power of the universe to deliver what we want, but the widow soon realises he carries a secret connection to her past.

Bekah Brunstetter, writer on NBC's hit drama "This Is Us", wrote the screenplay with participation from Tennant and longtime writing partner Rick Parks ("Ever After: A Cinderella Story").

Covert Media's CEO Paul Hanson will produce the movie with Robert Cort. Covert's Elissa Friedman will serve as an executive producer alongside Media Content Capital's Sasha Shapiro and Anton Lessine. Covert will finance and handle worldwide sales on the feature.

Byrne's book, published in 2006, has sold over 30 million copies worldwide, been translated into 50 different languages and remained on the New York Times' best-seller list for 190 weeks. The book and nonfiction films of the same name suggest that thoughts and visualisations of one's desires can lead to those things appearing in one's life.

"I am so excited that the film version of 'The Secret' is finally here," said Byrne. "This movie will not only be a great thrill for 'The Secret' fans across the planet, it's also certain to ripple out and touch millions more people. 'The Secret' was life-changing for so many, and this movie continues that legacy within a stunning piece of entertainment."

Holmes will next be seen in Steven Soderbergh's "Logan Lucky". She also will have a cameo in the upcoming "Ocean's Eight", set to be released by Warner Bros. on June 8, 2018. Holmes is repped by ICM, Untitled Entertainment and Sloane Offer.

Source: The Hollywood Reporter



# An evening of Rabindra Sangeet by LISA

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Kobi Sufia Kamal Auditorium at Bangladesh National Museum was the site of a stellar performance by noted Tagore exponent Laisa Ahmed Lisa on August 9, according to a press release. The evening of Rabindra Sangeet was organised by IGCC.

The performances included song numbers such as "Badolo Diner Prothom Kodom Ful...", "Aj Jemon Kore Gaichey Aakash...", "Aji Tomai Abar Chai Shonabare...", "Ami Elem Tari Dare...", "Dip Nibe Geche Momo..." and more.

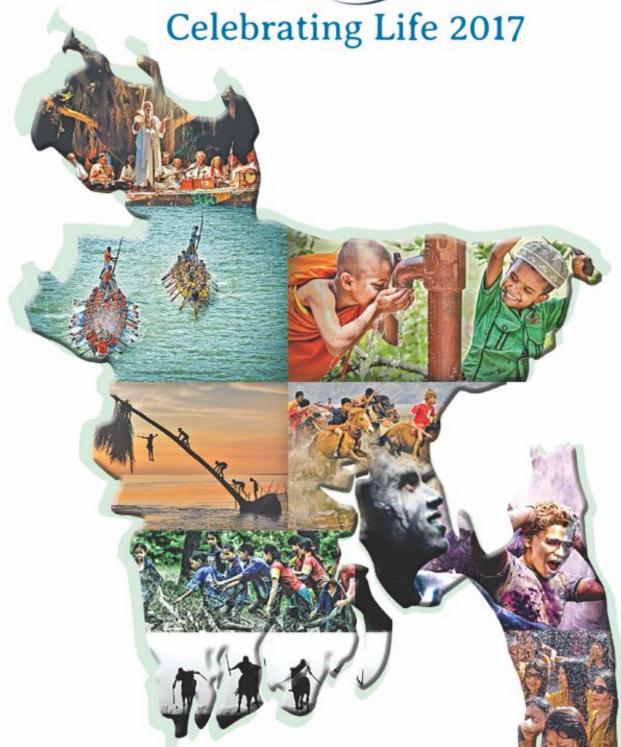
Lisa is a senior teacher of Rabindra Sangeet and the general secretary of Chhayanaut. She is also a member of Anandadhvani and vice president of the Central Committee of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad.

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