

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Photography Exhibition Concealed Artist: Habiba Nowrose Venue: Kala Kendra Date: August 10-31 Time: 5pm-8pm</p>	<p>Selim Al Deen Theatre Festival Organiser: Swapnadal Venue: Bangladesh Shilpaka Academy Date: August 18-20; Time: 7pm</p>	<p>Art for the Soul Organiser: Moar Venue: Ventura Iconia, Banani 11 Date: August 22 Time: 12pm-9pm</p>	<p>Group Art Exhibition Title: A Thousand Tales Venue: Gallery Chittrak, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi Date: August 18-21 Time: 10am-8pm</p>	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Artist: Syed Nazmus Sakib Venue: EMK Center, H-5, Rd-16 (New), Dhanmondi Date: Aug 5-24 Time: 5pm-8pm</p>
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NEWS bytes

Tina Fey makes SNL return

Tina Fey turned up on Thursday's edition of "Saturday Night Live" special summer "Weekend Update" episode, to deliver a biting commentary on the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia last weekend that left one person dead, and President Donald Trump's response. Fey encouraged anguished Americans to engage in "sheetcaking," or the process of binge eating a sheet cake with an American flag design on the icing. Fey told viewers that she graduated from the University of Virginia, which is in Charlottesville, in 1992. She wore a gray



sweatshirt emblazoned with the university's logo. Fey's history with the city clearly animated her performance opposite "Weekend Update" anchors Colin Jost and Michael Che. Fey anchored "Weekend Update" for most of her 1998-2006 tenure on "SNL" as a writer and performer. During her roughly five-minute segment, Fey spoke with bits of cake flying out of her mouth. She told Jost that "sheetcaking" is a "grass-roots movement" — most of the women I know have been doing it once a week since the election.

Source: Variety



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"I have no desire to be a star"

... Maznun Mizan

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

After gaining prominence in theatre, Maznun Mizan went onto carve success in the big and small screens. A true thespian, the actor does not shy away from challenging roles and embraces the unconventional. With Eid ul Azha just a couple of weeks away, the artiste has been busy at the filming sets, working scenes in plays spanning various genres. The actor has almost wrapped up shooting for five ventures, and is scheduled to travel to Cox's Bazaar this week to shoot for Sagar Jahan's comedy "Average Aslam". On his return, he will hit the sets once again for a yet untitled play helmed by Hasan Morshed, to be aired on Rtv. He is also cast in the urban romance tele-film "Ek Ratri", scripted by Tabarak Hossain and directed by Majhar. Other actors join-

ing the cast are Mahfuz Ahmed, Sadia Islam Mou and Runa Khan. "As an actor who loves his craft, I have no desire to be a star or hero. I veer towards unconventional stories as they have so much to offer," Mizan tells The Daily Star. Mizan will also appear in another venture directed by Hasan Morshed, to be aired on Boishakhi TV. Still untitled, the play features a grim narrative revolving around a poor fishing village. "During monsoon, many are struck dead by lightning, and a medical research initiative to examine these bodies causes corrupt agents to lurk about in the village, encouraging families to give up the corpses in exchange for money. I play a fisherman who is struck dead, and my brother turns away these agents who come to collect my body. However, he is faced with a dilemma when my character's wife goes into labor, realising that

there are no funds to cover the expenses to support the deceased's family," elaborated Mizan. "It's truly a compelling story, and I am glad to be a part of it." The artiste is also playing the lead in Moinuddin Khokon's "Shottobadi Shojjon," scripted by Aurangzeb, and scheduled to be aired on Asian TV. "This is a story of a man and his beloved pet cow, who is sentenced to banishment after grazing on someone else's property," he added. Actress Nadia will play the female lead as his wife in the play. Other ventures including Maznun Mizan is the Anjan Aich-scripted and directed comedy "Buno Chalte". The play, to be telecast on Maasranga, will feature Farhana Mili as the co-lead. Maznun Mizan has also signed on to be part of the main cast of "Matir Putul", helmed by Sadeque Siddiqui.

Nazmus Sakib's solo art exhibit at EMK Center

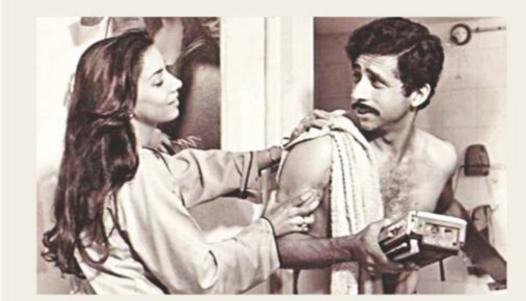
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A solo art exhibition titled "Looking for Heaven" by Nazmus Sakib is on at EMK Center, Dhanmondi in Dhaka. The show, open from 9:30am to 8pm daily, was inaugurated on August 5 and will continue till August 24.

In the cycle of life, a man goes through several quests. Everyone seeks relief, whether one is happy or unhappy. Art is the medium of expressing thoughts, and each artist has his own unique way of expression. Sakib has tried to manifest his thoughts and observations through pen and ink. Through his work, he has tried to bring out many aspects of human emotions like hope, excitement, innovation and survival. He loves to see life through the old man's eyes. He tries to comprehend why nature and human beings coincide and collide at the same time. He also sees the beauty in not just remote places but also in his surrounding, in his own city Dhaka and tries to capture them and keep them alive through the strokes of his pen. Nazmus Sakib wants to capture this fight for existence, possibilities and beauty in a unique way. Time may change the world we are living in today but these paintings to become the token of stories from the past, he wants to stop time in his paintings. He wants these paintings to be the chronicles of the survivors, struggles, possibilities, beauty, and dreams in our everyday life. This dream that one day the world we are living in will become a heaven as his motivation suggests. Nazmus Sakib was born in Jessore and grew up in Dhaka. He completed his Honours and Masters from the Department of Graphics Design, Dhaka University. Sakib likes to draw realistic paintings and this medium gives him the advantage of adding fine details to his paintings.



Artworks on display at the gallery.



A Gulzar film made in 1988 is releasing this year!

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

A feature film directed by Gulzar, which failed to see the light of the day for almost three decades, is finally set to hit the big screen this year. "Libaas", starring Naseeruddin Shah, Shabana Azmi and Utpal Dutt among others, was made in 1988 but remained canned in the archives of the state-owned Directorate of Film Festivals. Zee Classic announced the theatrical release of the movie on August 18. The film is based on Gulzar's own short story "Seema", and revolves around theatre director Sudhir (played by Naseeruddin Shah) and his actor wife Seema (Shabana Azmi) whose life appears perfect. But appearances are often deceptive in the world of showbiz. The movie also features Raj Babbar, Sushma Seth, Annu Kapoor and Savita Bajaj. The music has been composed by the late, great RD Burman, by one of Gulzar's frequent collaborators. "Libaas" was produced by Vikas Mohan, whose dream will be realised by his sons Amul Vikas Mohan and Anshul Vikas Mohan. "The film couldn't be released at that time for some reason. This was my father's life-long dream and I'm happy it's finally coming true. The film will be in theatres by the end of this year. We will announce the release date in a few weeks after further discussion," Amul Vikas said. The film will be distributed by Zee Studios in India. "Libaas" was shown at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa after a gap of 22 years on November 22, 2014. It was also screened at the International Film Festival at Bangalore in January, 1992. Besides being a successful poet and lyricist, Gulzar's career as a director began with "Mere Apne" in 1971, a Hindi remake of Tapan Sinha's Bangla movie "Apanjan". Gulzar also made popular movies like "Parichay", "Aandhi", "Mausam", "Angoor", "Ijaazat", "Lekin...", "Maachis" and "Hu Tu Tu". He stopped directing films to concentrate on his writing and translating Rabindranath Tagore's works, but is still very active as a lyricist. He won the Oscar for the song "Jai Ho" in "Slumdog Millionaire".

TV WATCH

Suborna Mustafa on 'Rongin Pata'

A CORRESPONDENT

"Rongin Pata" is a weekly entertainment-based TVshow that airs every Sunday on ntv. This week's episode will have popular actor Suborna Mustafa as guest, along with Naziba Basher, entertainment journalist of The Daily Star. Produced by Kazi Mohammad Mostofa and conceptualised by Nice Noor, the show is anchored by Srabonno Towhida. "Rongin Pata" brings together stars and journalists to discuss the close relationships their share outside of work. Besides that, discussion about the different aspects of the media takes place during the show. The episode will air today at 9:05pm.



Drama serial "Housewives" on Maasranga



A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Housewives" airs on Maasranga Television tonight at 7:35pm. Written jointly by Tazeen Khan and Nazakat Khan and directed by Akram Khan, the serial is about several housewives and their modern day lifestyles. Dipa Khandakar, Munira Yousuf Memi, Sweety, Tomalika Karmakar, Chandni, Farah Ruma, Elora Gowhar, Rokeya Prachi, Arman Parvez Murad, Shahed Ali and others are in the cast.

TAYLOR SWIFT

wipes social media accounts Website goes dark, fandom freaks out

Taylor Swift has reliably put out a new album around every two years since her self-titled 2006 debut. It has now been two years and nearly ten months since October 2014's "1989", so Swifties are understandably anxious. That might explain why they took notice on Friday morning (August 18) when Swift deleted her Twitter avatar pic and header, then doing the same thing on her Facebook page as well and her Tumblr, where all her posts were deleted. Her Instagram feed -- which has more than 100 million followers -- has also been wiped clean, and her official website is a black slate as well. It's worth noting that three years ago on the day Swift released "Shake it Off" and announced her fifth album. Fans are expectedly freaking out, with Twitter abuzz with reactions. A spokesperson for the singer, however, could not be reached for comment at press time.

Source: Billboard

