

WHAT'S ON

**Theatre Festival**  
 DUDT Theatre Fest 2017  
 Organiser: DUDT  
 Venue: TSC Auditorium  
 Date: September 17-18  
 Time: 6pm

**Painting Exhibition**  
 Diversity of the Nature  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
 Date: September 15-29  
 Time: 3pm-9pm

**Concert**  
 Sound Check  
 Organiser: Yonder Music  
 Venue: ICCB Hall 4  
 Date: September 22  
 Time: 2pm

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Chronicle of Existence  
 Artist: Reza Asad Al Huda Anupam  
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD  
 Date: Sep 22-Oct 6  
 Time: 3-9pm

**Theatre**  
 Play: Secret of History  
 Troupe: Bunan Theatre  
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA  
 Date: September 18  
 Time: 7pm

# Representing Bangladeshi music worldwide

## South Asian Music Festival sets off in Singapore

**ZAHANGIR ALOM**

Four renowned Bangladeshi singers -- Rezwana Choudhury Bannya, Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Shama Rahman and Luva Nahid Choudhury -- are taking part in the South Asian Music Festival to be held from September 21-24, 2017 at MasterCard Theatres, Marina Bay Sands in Singapore. For the first time, Bangladesh artists are sharing the prestigious stage with the legendary classical music maestros -- Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia, Pt. Shivkumar Sharma, Pt. Birju Maharaj, Dr. L. Subramaniam, Vidushi Bombay Jayashri and others. Blues Communications in association with Perfect Harmony Global are organising the grand festival as part of their vision to spread classical music beyond borders.



Rezwana Choudhury Bannya



Laisa Ahmed Lisa



Shama Rahman



Luva Nahid Choudhury

In a recent conversation with The Daily Star, the artistes have shared their visions of taking Bangla songs to the world stage.

Rezwana Choudhury Bannya said, "I am fortunate that I am going to perform in the festival where I'll have the opportunity to listen to the music of world famous Pandits. I have planned to perform all types of songs like classical themed, folk and popular songs of Tagore. The use of raga in Tagore songs is of Bard's own. I would also like to demonstrate the specific use of ragas like 'Yaman', 'Bhopali' and 'Behag' into my performance. Besides, I will perform *kirtan* and Baul songs. I hope to give the best into my performance. All's well that ends well. I am thankful to the organiser."

Laisa Ahmed Lisa said: "It is a great pleasure to be performing with world famous maestros. My Guru Waheedul Haq would always inspire me saying that when you are set to perform abroad, try to make the performance world standard. I have that confidence in me. The words and melodies of Tagore songs evoke diverse feelings that constitute the aesthetic pieces of art. I have planned to present *dhrupad*, *khayal* and *tappa-ang* songs along with the Baul and melodious numbers."

Shama Rahman said, "It's a prestigious music festival where we'll represent Bangladesh through our music. Tagore songs are inseparable part of our life. It's a way of prayer for me. I hope to showcase the shades of classical melodies by the Bard. Apart from this, I will perform Baul, romantic and *Prakriti-Parjanya* Rabindra Sangeet. Bangladeshi instrumentalists will accompany us. I am proud and optimistic about the festival."

Luva Nahid Choudhury, also the DG of Bengal Foundation, said: "It's a breakthrough event where Bangladeshi artists will perform Bangla songs in the same stage where Indian maestros will present classical music. I hope many Bangladeshi artists will have the opportunity to perform Bangla songs worldwide as Blues Communications, a Bangladeshi event organiser, are significantly creating platforms for us. I have planned to perform songs of three poets (Atul Prasad Sen, DL Roy and Rajanikanta Sen), and of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam."

### NEWS bytes

#### U2, Sheeran concerts in St. Louis cancelled



U2 and Ed Sheeran have canceled concerts planned for St. Louis, Missouri (USA) this weekend over security concerns as the city faces violent protests following the acquittal of a former white police officer in the shooting death of a black man.

Promoter Live Nation and U2 wrote in a statement that the St. Louis Police Department would not be able to provide the "standard protection for our audience as would be expected for an event of this size" for the planned Saturday (September 16) concert.

U2's show was to be held at St. Louis' 70,000-capacity Dome at America's Center, while Sheeran was booked for Scottrade Center on Sunday night (September 17). Fans who purchased tickets to the concerts will be issued refunds.

Violent protests broke out Friday (September 15) after Jason Stockley was found not guilty of first-degree murder and armed criminal action, the Associated Press reports. On December 20, 2011, the then-police officer shot 24-year-old Lamar Smith five times after a high-speed chase and crash. Thirty-two people were reportedly arrested in the protests Friday, and 10 officers had been injured.

Source: **Billboard**

### TV WATCH

#### "Mohollabd.com" on Maasranga



A CORRESPONDENT

Television series "Mohollabd.com" will air another episode tonight at 8:15 pm on Maasranga Television.

Written by Azad Abul Kalam and directed by Shoumya Nazrul, the series stars Abul Hayat, Chitrakleha Guha, Lutfur Rahman George, Shamima Nazneen, Nayeem, Ahona, Arfan, Shatabdi Wadud, Dr. Ejaz, Shahed Ali and others.

Alef Miyan and Ismail Gazi are landlords of two separate buildings on the same street. Once best friends, the two men have now become in-laws. They were once both wed in the same family, but division of property became an issue between the two which led to them not being able to stand each other anymore. The story moves forward with the shenanigans of the two men.

"Mohollabd.com" airs at the same time Sundays through Wednesdays.



#### Miniseries "Choshma" on Deepto TV

A CORRESPONDENT

TV miniseries "Choshma" began airing on Deepto TV on September 16, and will run till September 21. This six-episode series is directed by Biswajit and Preeti Dutta. "Choshma" stars Shahiduzzaman Selim, Mounira Mithu, Sadika Swarna, Pavel Islam and more.

The story is about the gullible Khandakar, whose naivety causes concern to his family. Khandakar turns to the divine to help him out with his gullibility. The very next day, his life changes. Turns out, his new pair of glasses helps him see the true nature of every one around him.

"Choshma" airs every day at 9:30pm.

### Kareena says her son won't be in "Veere Di Wedding"



Kareena Kapoor Khan has clarified that her nine-month-old son Taimur is not making his Bollywood debut with "Veere Di Wedding". She quipped that the producers can't afford to have both of them in the film, reports IANS.

The film also stars Sonam Kapoor, whose sister Rhea is co-producing it.

In a video posted on the film's Twitter handle, Kareena has addressed the rumours. "No (Taimur is not in the film), but his mother is in the movie... I think that is enough... You can't have both. Rhea can't afford both so it is either me or him," Kareena said.

Talking about the film, Kareena said, "I want to show you my look (from the film) but the producer is not allowing us to go neck downward... But we are having fun shooting the film."

The Twitter handle, though unverified, is followed by Sonam as well as Swara Bhaskar, who too is part of the movie. "Veere Di Wedding", also featuring Shikha Talsania, is a fun ride that explores the spirit of the modern Indian woman. The first schedule is being shot in Delhi and will extend for over a month. Ekta Kapoor is also co-producing the movie. Directed by Shashanka Ghosh and written by Mehul Suri and Nidhi Mehra, "Veere Di Wedding" will release next year.

Source: **Hindustan Times**



Nusrat Sayem was crowned the champion of the Bangla Language-based competition and reality show "Ispahani Mirzapur Banglabid-2017" at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre in a grand finale on September 15. Sirajul Arefin was placed second, while Raisa Salsabil and Soyeb Aniad Khan Turja jointly took the third position in the competition. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, along with the officials and organisers handed over the awards to the recipients.

## CELEBRATING LIFE DISTRICT TOUR

**TODAY**

**JATIYA KABI KAZI NAZRUL ISLAM UNIVERSITY**

**Photo Exhibition Film Screening**

**Open For All**

**TOMORROW**

**Photo Exhibition Film Screening**

**Concert by CHIRKUTT**

**at Zahir Raihan Auditorium**

**JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY**

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