

WHAT'S ON

**Musical Soiree**  
 Artist: Pandit Swarnamoy Chakraborty  
 Organiser: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre  
 Venue: Bangladesh National Museum  
 Date: September 23; Time: 6:30pm



**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: KCB 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



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Stories from Nature  
 Artist: Shahanoor Mamun  
 Venue: Galleri Kaya  
 Date: Sep 22-Oct 3  
 Time: 11am-8pm



## Nisho and Mehazabein in Anjan Aich's latest

A CORRESPONDENT

With Durga Puja just a few days away, Banglavision is ringing in the festivities with a new TV play that the channel has recently produced. Helmed by noted director Anjan Aich, the play titled "Tomar Kotha Bolbo Kaake" features Afran Nisho and Mehazabein Chowdhury in the starring roles.

This will mark the first time the duo is working alongside the director, and shooting has commenced yesterday in the capital's Uttara. The director revealed that he had delayed filming deliberately to wait for the rains.

"I have always enjoyed working with Anjan Aich because he brings new perspectives with each narrative. He is meticulous in perfection, whether it be cinematography, the script, and the actor's work on screen, which is why his work is flawless every time. This also happens to be the first time I am teaming up with the director after three years," added Nisho.

Actress Mehazabein also stated that she has returned to the director's set after a while. "The story is wonderful and compelling, and I am glad to be working with Anjan Aich again. The whole experience has been made even better with Nisho, whom I always enjoy working with."

The director added that the play is a romantic drama, and the leading duo will appear as Asim and Ria. The play is slated to air on Banglavision on the last day of Durga Puja.

# Celebrating Life concert held at JU

MD. ASADUZ ZAMAN, JU Correspondent

Hundreds of young audience thronged Zahir Raihan Auditorium of Jahangirnagar University (JU) on Tuesday to enjoy a programme of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life on the campus.

JU Teacher-Students Centre (TSC) hosted the programme where performances by bands Chirkutt and Doob were staged.

JU Vice Chancellor Prof. Farzana Islam inaugurated the cultural event as chief guest while Prof. Bashir Ahmed, director of TSC, was also present.

A daylong photography exhibition of Celebrating Life was held at the Zahir Raihan Auditorium corridor and films of Celebrating Life were screened at the auditorium. At the exhibition, 50 winning photography and nine films were displayed.

Festival director of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life, Rafi Hossain and Bitopi Das Chowdhury, Country Head of Corporate Affairs of Standard Chartered Bank, were also present at the events.



Chirkutt performs at the programme.

PHOTO: SHAHREAR KABIR HEEMEL

# Swanon celebrates 32nd anniversary

A CORRESPONDENT

In the cultural sphere, poetry recitation is revered, and yet not widely practiced. For 32 years, poetry elocution group Swanon has taken up the cause of giving the art a proper platform, and their perseverance has come a long way. To celebrate their 32nd founding anniversary, a programme titled "Amra to Utshobey Metechi" was held yesterday at Bangladesh National Museum's Sufia Kamal Auditorium in the evening.

Among renowned attendees was distinguished cultural personality Syed Hasan Imam as chief guest. Noted writer Selina Hossain and President of Centre for NRB Foundation MA Chowdhury Shamim were present as special guests. Along with the chief guest, elocutionists Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Ashraf Alam and Bhaskar Bandyopadhyay performed at the event. A Gaudiya dance performance was also presented by Professor Mahua Mukherjee, a Tagore chair at the Department of Dance, University of Dhaka.

Swanon's founder and convener Rupa Chakrabarty said, "Swanon began with seven young friends with a love for poetry. Back then, poetry recitation wasn't an activity that held as much appeal as singing and dancing, and being an elocutionist was never a specialised field. After much rallying, we have finally gained the support of the government, and poetry recitation finally has a platform on radio and television. Although there is still a long way to go, I am very happy with what we have achieved."



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