

WHAT'S ON

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

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

**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

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

**Theatre**  
Play: Crutch'er Colonel  
Troupe: BotTala  
Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium  
Date: September 22  
Time: 7pm



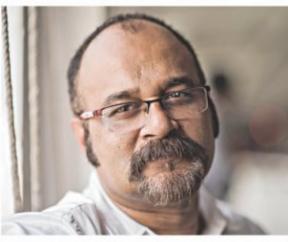
Of melody, colours and the essence of nature  
In conversation with Reza Asad Al Huda Anupam

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Only the sensitive artist has the opportunity to have internal dialogues. Noted painter Reza Asad Al Huda Anupam, also the Chairman and an Associate Professor at the Department of Graphic Design, University of Dhaka, is such a fortunate individual. The award-winning artist spent his childhood in the idyllic ambience of his home. He thinks of himself as an instrumentalist with his paint and brush. Weaving the threads of his imagination, he renders his emotions on the canvas, contemplating the chronicles of his life in the present, past and future.

The artist's solo painting exhibition titled "Chronicle of Existence" opens today (September 22) at 5:30pm at La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Eminent artist Professor Samarjit Roy Chowdhury will inaugurate the show as chief guest while eminent artist Professor Mohammad Eunus will attend as special guest.

"The myths and legends that we receive as legacy from our ancestors dance with the joy of life like a surreal stream of consciousness. The convivial sounds morph their shapes into a sweet melancholy in the landscapes drawn on forgotten walls. These phenomena can give us the tools to interpret what I create in abstract forms



and narratives," said Anupam.

"I see colours and various lines in nature, rivers and the landscapes at both sides of the highways from Dhaka to Kushtia, my home district. I specifically behold colours and forms of nature that fascinate me and I depict the essence of it in my own style. Only melodies, not words, can express the feelings that play in me. Like the rhythm of rain or the murmuring sound of a fountain can create music, I just portray my aesthetic contemplations emanating from nature. An artist can never be satisfied with their artistic efforts. It is like the infinite imagery formed by the melody of classical music. I can only render the portions from the feelings that I receive and visualise from the melodies," added the artist.

"I roamed around Panam City in Sonargaon and Lalbagh Fort the other day. I touched the walls of the ancient

buildings and thought of the thousand stories embedded within the walls that bear the testimony of time and history. I also felt love, melancholy and joy while I found drawings, parasites and tales in the cracks of the walls. Based on the reflection and imagination of my visits, I depicted the series of paintings called 'Narratives Wall'. Besides, I portrayed landscapes, the mystic aura of Fakir Lalon Shah and his philosophy," he continued.

"Now I portray pure abstraction. Once I was awestruck by the songs of doves at noon when the silence of the sunlight prevails in quiet nature. How can I express the feeling of hearing the songs of the doves with words? I don't understand classical music, but I love listening to it. Many don't understand abstract art. So what? The joy is far more important, which is what matters. Nature is the best creator and not I. I am just an imitator. All the forms and shapes are found in nature. Abstract art evokes the essence of emotions mingled with colours. Time and space are two important dimensions of nature while love is the prime catalyst of any creation," concluded the artist.

The exhibition is open until 6 October from Monday to Thursday (from 3pm to 9pm) and on Fridays and Saturdays (from 9am to 12 noon and 5pm to 8pm).

THE WEEKENDER

"I won't be working for a week..."  
JYOTIKA JYOTI

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

Talented actress Jyotika Jyoti is in a good place in her career. With a strong foothold in both the big and small screen, her versatile acting has landed her a myriad of roles. Currently the actress is working in a West Bengal film titled "Rajlokhi O Srikanto". In a recent conversation with The Daily Star, the actress talks about her plans for the Durga Puja festival and more.

**What are your plans for Puja?**

**Jyotika Jyoti:** For Puja, I will return to Mymensingh to be with my extended family. I have a brother who is settled in Singapore, and he never gets to spend the Puja festivals with us. This year he will be there, which I am really looking forward to. My friends are also planning to join me in Mymensingh, which will be pretty exciting. I will spend one day in Dhaka with my loved ones. Another day I plan to visit the *mandap* in Gouripur, and spend time with the local residents in my area.

**What is the best meal you have ever had on vacation?**

**Jyotika Jyoti:** Wherever I go, I hunt out the local traditions, be it food, groceries, ornaments or attire. There is a rice noodle dish in Bandarban that I love. Whenever I go to Nepal I seek out momos, and in Malaysia I eagerly look forward to all the *nasi* dishes.

**If you could learn any skill, what would it be?**

**Jyotika Jyoti:** There's so many things that I want to learn. I have been doing my best to acquire all the skills I can. When I had to travel to Cox's Bazaar extensively for shooting, I tried to learn surfing during my time off. I would love to learn how to sing, deep sea diving and horseback riding.

**What are you currently busy with?**

**Jyotika Jyoti:** I am working on single episode plays. I have also been busy with photo shoots for Puja. For the festival, I will be on several live talk shows. I won't be working for a week during the Puja festival, but after it's over I will travel to Kolkata to resume filming for "Rajlokhi o Srikanto".

NEWS bytes

HBO orders "Watchmen" pilot

HBO has ordered a pilot for "Watchmen", the new drama series it is developing with "The Leftovers" creator Damon Lindelof. The premium service has also committed to additional backup scripts for the series. HBO confirmed the pilot order and script commitment Wednesday, one day after Lindelof teased on Instagram that work had begun in the writers room on the project.

"Watchmen" is based on the landmark DC Comics miniseries of the same name by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons. The series, later collected as a graphic novel, was a serious-minded deconstruction of superhero comics. Set in a universe in which the appearance of costumed heroes in the mid-20th Century had altered the course of history — leading to US victory in Vietnam and a Nixon presidency that stretched into the mid-1980s — "Watchmen" followed a group of crime-fighters investigating the murder of one of their own. In the process, the characters — including Doctor Manhattan, Nite Owl, Silk Spectre, and Rorschach — uncover a conspiracy with enormous implications.

HBO had previously taken a crack at developing "Watchmen" as a series in 2014, but abandoned that effort. "Watchmen" is being produced by Warner Bros. Television.

Source: Variety



ASK ME ANYTHING



PHOTO: STAR

AIRIFIN SHUVO coming to Facebook Live at The Daily Star

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Save the date.

Arifin Shuvo, one of the top actors of contemporary Bangladeshi commercial cinema will join the Facebook fans of The Daily Star in a Live chat-chat this coming Friday, September 29. Shuvo's film, the much-anticipated "Dhaka Attack" is set for release in early October, and the actor is riding high on the massive success of the first video song release for the film, "Tup Tap", that has taken social media by storm. He is also currently filming another big project, Alamgir-directed "Ekti Cinema'r Golpo" opposite Rituparna Sengupta.

Anyone subscribed to The Daily Star's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) can join the Facebook Live session from 6:30pm on September 29, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Shuvo, who will be on hand to respond to them, live!

First look at Deepika's stunning PADMAVATI

As "Padmavati", one of the most anticipated Bollywood films of the year gears up for its release, the hype train is gaining speed with two new posters released online yesterday giving fans the first glimpse of Deepika Padukone's regal titular role.

The lead actors Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh and Shahid Kapoor had earlier taken to twitter and unveiled the first title poster of "Padmavati" with a word that Queen Padmavati will arrive the following morning.

Keeping up with the promise, two new posters were unveiled by the team disclosing Deepika's majestic look on Thursday. Sporting a unibrow, Deepika is seen heavily jeweled, giving out every aura of the quintessential Rajput queen.

Right from her costumes to her jewelry to her looks, Deepika comes out as a fearless and beautiful queen of Chittor which the legendary Rani Padmini stood for.

The poster also clarified the confusing reports about its release date. After much ado, the film will finally release on December 1. Helmed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, the film also stars Shahid Kapoor and Ranveer Singh in lead roles.

The film went through its share of troubles during filming, as the sets of the Bhansali film were targeted for ostensibly showing a romance between Khilji and Padmavati. The director and his team dismissed the rumours.

Source: TOI, Hindustan Times

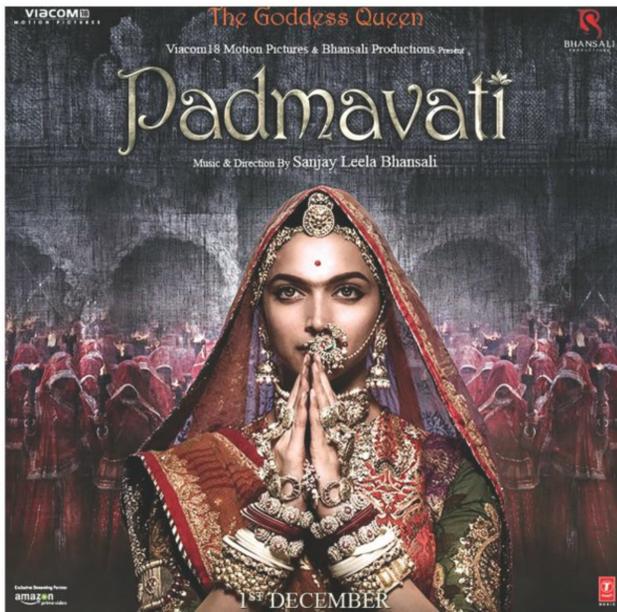


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