

WHAT'S ON


Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Hybridity by Eshita Mitra
Venue: Kakakendra, 1/11 Iqbal Rd, Mohammadpur
Date: Sep 23-Oct 14
Time: 5pm-8pm




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



Documentary & Theatre
Play: Irsha by Prangonemor
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: September 28
Time: 6:30pm



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



Mou puts on her dancing shoes

A CORRESPONDENT

Sadia Islam Mou's talents are many-pronged. From carving out a reputation on the ramp to the small and big screens, the actor-model is a renowned dancer. Now, after 22 years, the artiste is set to put on her dancing shoes across international shores. In a government-backed initiative, Mou will travel to South Korea to perform at the 12th Migrants Arirang Multicultural Festival from September 29-October 1.

The artiste left for her destination last night along with seven other dancers from BAFA, including Farhana Chowdhury Baby, Farhana Khan, Hena Hossain, Supriya Shabnam Prova, Abdur Rashid Swapan, Lutifur Rahman Farooqi and Wahiuddin Nayeem.

"After marriage and children, I became so busy that when such opportunities came my way, I had to turn them down. It gives me much happiness to be able to finally take the chance. Representing my country abroad gives me pride, and I look forward to making wonderful memories there," stated Mou. The artiste also informed that the costumes for their performances were designed by Biplob Saha.

Mou's last performance abroad took place in Turkey 1995. She was last seen on TV in Arif Khan-helmed drama series "Take A Break", alongside Tanvin Sweetsy and Tania Ahmed, which aired during Eid ul Fitr on SATV, as well as other Eid ventures directed by Mazharul Islam, Kaushik Shankar Das, Nazmul Emon and Abu Hayat Mahmud.



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Arifin Shuvo coming to Facebook Live at The Daily Star



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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 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 4-5pm on September 29, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Shuvo, who will be on hand to respond to them, live!

IPDC Finance is the title sponsor of the show.

Music as a divine calling

In conversation with Alope Kumar Sen

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

Classical vocalist and ghazal singer Alope Kumar Sen has enthralled audiences in Bangladesh and beyond with his admirable vocals, but the busy artiste is now taking a short respite for Puja. Once the festivals are over, the singer has plans to release a new solo album containing raga-based original songs in Kolkata. In a recent conversation with *The Daily Star*, the artiste speaks about this latest venture, Puja plans, and more.

"I have used mostly acoustic instruments in the album. Five of the songs have been composed by me, while the others have been composed by Kokonaad Bose. I have written the lyrics for three songs in the album, using the classical literary style found in Bangla and Urdu poetry."

"I am attending Puja in Kolkata after

many years. Kolkata is the heart of Durga Puja festivities, and you can truly feel the Goddess' arrival in the air. During this time, Pannalal Bhattacharya's Shyama Sangeet is considered the most fitting for the festival. After that we have Hemanta Mukherjee, Manna Dey, Kishore Kumar, Manabendra Mukhopadhyay, Satinath Mukhopadhyay, Pintu Bhattacharya, Arati Mukhopadhyay, Haimanti Shulka, Sandhya Mukhopadhyay, Protima Bandyopadhyay, Asha Bhosle, Lata Mangeshkar who used to release new songs marking the occasion."

"Although these songs were sung for Puja, they were also art done for art's sake. Sadly, we now belong to an age where musicians do not follow their calling and are swayed by stardom. We believe that 'Ishwar' (The Almighty) sends down music through chosen people, and therefore it becomes our duty to fulfill

that divine call. Art is also a social responsibility, and we must work towards not only preserving and practising the traditional arts, but to also guide people in the right direction."

"When I was younger, I remember preparations for making Pratima took place a month in advance. I used to skip school to watch and would even step in to help. I would always excitedly anticipate when it would finally be the time to start painting Her. Painting would go on even on the sixth day of Puja, when we would raise her on the ghat. I was good at playing the *dhaak* and performing the *arati* and dance on the Bijaya Dashami day, and this responsibility was often given to me. And on the final day, *Bisharjan*, I would get down in the waters carrying the Goddess, and that duty also laid down on us a heavy sense of leadership. I don't think I will ever get to relive that again."

"Batch 27" repeat telecast on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Mizanur Rahman Ariyan's hit tele-film "Batch 27" will have a repeat telecast at 2:35pm today on ntv. It stars Apurbo, Mithila, Aparna, Anondo Khaled, Mili Basher, Ankhi, Masum Basher and others. "Batch 27" was aired during Eid-ul Fitr on ntv, and was one of the



most talked-about tele-films. It has also racked up an impressive 2.8 million views on YouTube.

The story of the tele-film is about a first year university student, Zerine, the most beautiful girl in her university campus. Ever since she enrolled herself, seniors and classmates alike have all tried to woo her.

Everyone always wants to be around Zerine, except one boy, whose name is Ayon. A brilliant student, Ayon does not pay much attention to the girl. And that is exactly why they become friends. As their friendship moves towards a relationship, Zerine's father receives a lucrative wedding proposal for her from a pilot.

DiCaprio, Scorsese team up for Teddy Roosevelt biopic

Leonardo DiCaprio and director Martin Scorsese are reteaming for a Teddy Roosevelt biopic at Paramount, The Hollywood Reporter reported.

Titled "Roosevelt", the drama about the former US president will feature a script by Scott Bloom. DiCaprio and Jennifer Davisson are producing through their Appian Way banner, with Scorsese and Emma Koskoff through Sikelia Productions. Chuck Pacheco is also producing.

DiCaprio and Scorsese previously teamed on "Gangs of New York", "The Aviator", "Shutter Island", "The Departed" and "The Wolf of Wall Street". They're also developing adaptations of notable books "The Devil in the White City" and "Killers of the Flower Moon".

DiCaprio, a best actor Oscar winner for 2015's "The Revenant", is also set to star in the crime flick "The Black Hand", also for Paramount.

Scorsese is currently directing the crime drama "The Irishman" starring Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, Bobby Cannavale, Jack Huston and



Harvey Keitel.

Roosevelt served as the 26th US president from 1901-1909, taking office after President William McKinley was assassinated. At 42 years old, the then-vice president became the youngest president in American history. The Navy veteran also served as New York governor and, during his presidency, pushed his "Square

Deal" domestic policies and began construction on the Panama Canal. He most notably prioritized environmental conservation and established many new national parks and forests (a major point of interest for fellow environmental activist DiCaprio).

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