

WHAT'S ON

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Hybridity by Eshita Mitra  
 Venue: Kakendra, 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: 9pm-9pm

**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

**Birth Centenary Festival**  
 Commemorating Abul Kalam Mohammed Zakaria  
 Venue: Bokultala, Charukala, DU  
 Date: Oct 1-2  
 Time: 4:30pm

**Solo Ceramic Art Exhibition**  
 Artist: Akhtarun Nahar Ivy  
 Venue: Nalini Kanta Bhattachali Gallery, Bangladesh National Museum  
 Date: Oct 2-10; Time: 9:30am-5:30pm



Akram Khan's film is set in the 1950s, about a family trying to migrate after the Partition.

# "Khacha" is Bangladesh's entry to the Oscars

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

The Oscar Bangladesh Committee has selected Akram Khan-helmed film "Khacha" as Bangladesh's entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 90th Academy Awards. A press conference was arranged at a hotel in the capital yesterday (September 28) to make the announcement.

Present at the press conference were Committee Chairperson Habibur Rahman Khan, Channel i Managing Director Faridur Reza Sagar, "Khacha" director Akram Khan, actor Azad Abul Kalam and others.

What is rather shocking, however, is that "Khacha" and the Jahangir Alam Sumon-directed "Shonabondhu" were the only two film submissions to the committee this year.

The welcome address was delivered by Habibur

Rahman Khan, who stated, "I have faith that one day a Bangladeshi film will be on the stage of the Academy Awards, collecting the award."

"Khacha" is a wonderful, heart-wrenching story, and I hope it has a marked presence at the awards ceremony," Faridur Reza Sagar added.

Director Akram Khan expressed his gratitude towards his filming unit for this honorary selection, saying "It gives me great joy to just participate in this grand event, and I would not be able to do it without my talented cast and crew."

National Film Grant-awardee "Khacha", that stars Mamunur Rashid, Azad Abul Kalam and Jaya Ahsan in the central roles, chronicles the plight of a Hindu family trying to migrate to India after the Indian Partition of 1947. The screenplay was jointly written by Akram Khan and Azad Abul Kalam based on a short story of the same title by Hasan Azizul Haque.

# Khurshid Alam to receive Lifetime Achievement Award

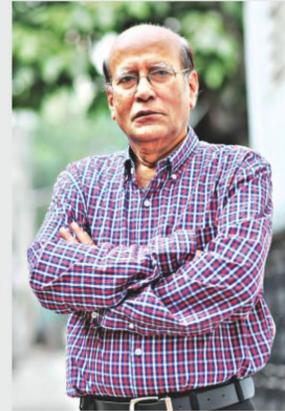
A CORRESPONDENT

Khurshid Alam is a popular name in the musical arena of our country, who has lent vocals to songs in about 400 films. For his dedication and contribution to the music industry, Khurshid Alam is set to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Channel i Music Awards to be held today at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka at 7pm. Ejaz Khan Swapan, director of the show confirmed the news. Noted singer Shammi Akter is also getting a special award among the 20 award categories.

Khurshid Alam said, "I am very happy to gain recognition on such a prestigious platform. I am grateful to Channel i. I would also like to express my gratitude and love towards those who have selected me for the award."

Ejaz Khan Swapan said, "The show will be aired on Channel i at 2pm on October 6. Khurshid Alam is an artiste who has already made a place for himself in the audience's hearts. Most of the songs, lip-synched by the iconic Nayak Raj Razzak, were recorded by Khurshid Alam."

From 1962-63, Alam was a two-time champion for Rabindra Sangeet and Modern songs at the then East Pakistan Education Week. After the hype created by his first recorded songs "Chanchal Du Nayan" and "Tomar Du Haat Chhuye Shopoth Nilam" for Bangladesh Betar in 1967, Khurshid Alam went on to play-back for Babul Chowdhury's "Agontuk". Composed by Azad Rahman, the song, "Bondi Pakhir Moto Monta Kede Morey", was brought to life on Nayak Raj Razzak's lips. After that, there was no turning back for him. Most of the songs sung by Khurshid Alam throughout his playback career were composed by Azad Rahman.



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# ARIFIN SHUVO

on Facebook Live at The Daily Star today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The day is here. 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 afternoon, at 4pm. Shuvo's film, the much-anticipated "Dhaka Attack" is set for release in early October, and he is also currently filming another big project, Alamgir-directed "Ekta 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 4pm-5pm, 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.



Theatre troupe Swapnadal staged their mono-drama "Hellen Keller", and commemorated legendary playwright Syed Shamsul Haque (marking his first death anniversary) in a programme at the Studio Theatre Hall of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy yesterday. Poet Rabindra Gope and thespian Lucky Enam discussed on the life and work of Syed Haque at the event. "Hellen Keller" is written by Apurbo Kumar Kundu and directed by Zahid Repon. Juwena Shabnam is the sole performer in the play.



# JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ

## to play undercover cop in "Race 3"

Jacqueline Fernandez has played the pretty girl-next-door once too often. Now, the actress is set to shed that image, and will be seen as a tough cop in "Race 3" alongside Salman Khan.

DNA India quoted an inside source as saying: "Jacqueline has an interesting character in this thriller. She will be the one at the helm of things, who will be inspecting the whole situation, much like Abhishek Bachchan in the Dhoom series."

Anil Kapoor, who was part of the previous two installments of the film is missing in "Race 3" as the makers wanted to change the role of the tough

h cop character. So they changed the gender and made it a police-woman.

"Given that this is a speed-based thriller, Jackie will have a lot of action sequences and stunts, which she will do herself," the insider was also quoted as saying.

This will be a first for the actress, who, except one scene in "A Gentleman", hasn't got the chance to showcase her badass side, despite being part of several films in the genre like "Flying Jatt", "Race 2" and "Kick".

Jacqueline, who is currently busy promoting "Judwaa 2", will soon start filming "Race 3". "Salman is also back after wrapping 'Tiger Zinda Hai'. He will sit with the whole team of makers and directors and finalise everything. The film will roll sometime in October," the report said.

Source: DNA India