

**WHAT'S ON**

**7th Oriental Painting Exhibition**  
 Organiser: OPSG  
 Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, FFA, DU  
 Date: Oct 9-14  
 Time: 11am-9pm

**Duet Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Diversity in Duality 2  
 Artists: Abdus Shakoor Shah & Ranjit Das  
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi  
 Date: Oct 13-27, Time: 3-8pm

**Solo Tapestry Exhibition**  
 Artist: Tajul Islam  
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos  
 Date: October 7-13  
 Time: 11am-8pm

**Ganga-Jamuna Theatre & Cultural Fest**  
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: Oct 6-15  
 Time: 7pm

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Mrityka Maya by Samar Majumder  
 Venue: La Gallery, AFD  
 Date: Oct 13-26  
 Time: 3-9pm

**Gitanjali Presents Tagore Songs**  
 Organiser: Gitanjali  
 Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum  
 Date: October 13; Time: 6pm



# A cornucopia of artistic expressions

7th Oriental Painting Exhibit concludes tomorrow

**ZAHANGIR ALOM**

Entering into the Zainul Gallery-1, Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka (DU), art lovers will be amazed at wonderful oriental-style paintings by the 51 Indian and Bangladeshi Master and contemporary artists. The 7th Oriental Painting Exhibition, open from 11m to 8pm daily, will conclude on October 14.

The exhibition is showcasing diverse-themed oriental paintings like nature and landscape, figurative, folk-inspired, mythical, Tantric, religious, classics and contemporary artworks by 26 master and promising Indian artists along with artworks by 25 renowned and emerging Bangladeshi artists.

The artworks bear the reflection of a new lease on life. They are evocative of use of subtle and sensitive colour. A game of light and shades, unparallel compositions, blend of classicism and modernity, varied sizes of paintings and their two-dimensional and three-dimensional presentations have attributed a unique quality to the display rarely been held here.

Art connoisseurs will find artworks by Indian master painters like Benode Behari Mukherjee, Biren De, Devi Prasad Roy Chowdhury, Gopal Ghose, Indra Dugar, Kshitindranath Majumdar, Maniklal Banerjee, Mrinal Kanti Das, Nikhil Biswas, Sudhir Khastgir at the gallery. The hilly landscape of Biren De is a masterpiece at the gallery.

Among the displayed works by the noted and contemporary Indian artists, Nandadul Mukherjee and Ramananda Bandyopadhyay works are evocative of master compositions. Swapan Das' five works are on display. The celebration of life and love has been portrayed in one of his works

"Omar Khayyam". The wash applied on the kent paper is awe inspiring. The selection of colours like yellow, brown, purple, red and a fantastic highlight created through keeping the paper white has embellished the painting in a rather poetic way. The eyes of the enamoured figures of the painting are lively and appealing. His other works like "Woman with a Cow" signifies motherly affection; "Owl" depicts the poetic imagery

Apurba Sengupta, Arghya Diptakar, Benoy Dalui, Enakshi Das, Mintu Naiya, Parag Halder, Soma Mukherjee, Sukanta Saha, Susmita Saha and Tanmoy Dasgupta are also being showcased at the event.

Among Bangladeshi artists' works, Shawkatuzzaman's painting is stroke-based. Professor Abdus Satter's outstandingly soft work is a depiction of Korean fish. The work is a masterpiece at the gallery. Tajul Islam and

Rumky, Horendranath Roy, Kazi Nowrin Misha, Lakshman Kumar Sutradhar, Nargish Parvien, Nipa Rani Sarkar, Nondita Sutar, Samina Zaman, Shankar Majumder, Suman Kumar Sarkar and Sanjida Akter.

The artworks, displayed at the exhibition, are reflective of oriental sense and thoughts with regard to their media, techniques and subjects. As a serious art movement, Oriental Painting Study Group (OPSG) in association



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of Jibanananda Das, "Lady and Horse" epitomises the emblem of a masculine identity and a meditative "The Lord Buddha". Rina Roy's five artworks are suggestive of fine wash technique on kent paper, bright colours, aesthetic figurative compositions and a close affinity with nature and animals like deer, duck, and lotus. Anuradha Gayen's artwork "Santal Woman" paints the birds in the natural ambience of morning glow.

Artworks by Ananaya Roy Chowdhury,

Rofique Ahmed have portrayed folk themed works. Malay Bala has beautifully composed lively figures of Shakuntala and friends with a close affinity with nature. Young artist Eite Rajbongshi has superbly depicted an apple with snakes symbolizing the horrific use of formalin in fruits.

The other participating Bangladeshi artists are Sushanta Kumar Adhikary, Zahid Mustafa, Jean Nesar Osman, Kantideb Adhikary, Zahangir Alom, Amit Nandi, Bikash Ananda Setu, Fahmida Haque Mahi, Hasura Akther

with The Daily Star has organised the 7th Oriental Painting Exhibition 2017. Professor Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor of DU, inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Eminent artist Rafiqun Nabi, noted poet Nirmalendu Goon, renowned sculptor Ferdousi Priyabhashini, Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean, FFA, DU and noted Indian artist Swapan Das attended the opening ceremony as special guests. Dr. Malay Bala, curator of OPSG, delivered welcome address at the event.

**NEWS bytes**

## Gadot in talks for Nazi revenge thriller

"Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot is in negotiations to star in the independent revenge thriller "Ruin" with "Assassin's Creed" director Justin Kurzel attached to helm.

The project is set up at Marc Butan's Mad River Pictures. The script centers on an ex-Nazi captain in post-World War II Germany. He seeks atonement for his crimes by tracking down the surviving members of his former SS Death Squad.

Gadot first appeared as Wonder Woman in 2016's "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice". This year's "Wonder Woman" was a blockbuster for Warner Bros. with \$821 million in worldwide box office. Gadot will be seen next as Wonder Woman in the studio's "Justice League", which opens November 17.

Kurzel is an Australian director whose 2015 adaptation of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" debuted at the Cannes Film Festival. His 2016 fantasy actioner "Assassin's Creed", based on the videogame, generated \$240 million in worldwide box office.

Source: Variety

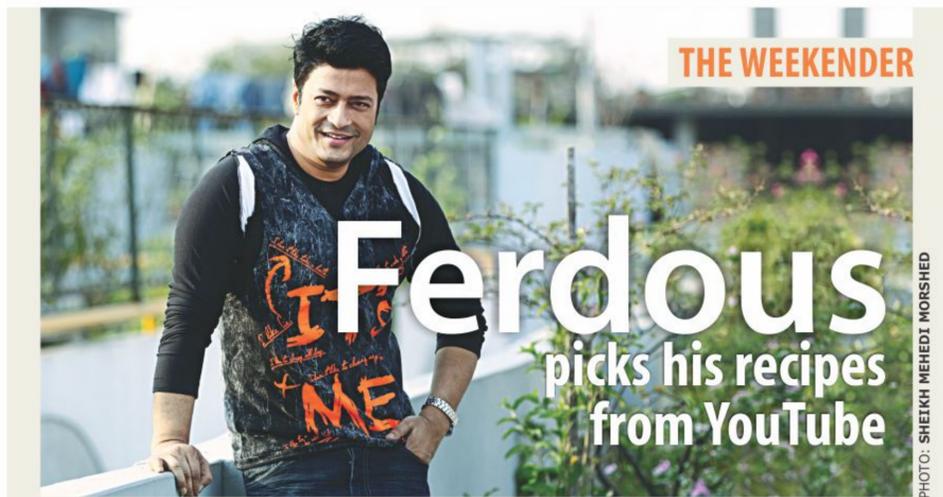


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**ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN**

Since his debut in "Hotath Brishti" in 1998, Ferdous Ahmed has been an indomitable force in the Bangladeshi acting industry. The seasoned actor remains a favourite of regular filmgoers to this day, and the artiste's warmth and amiability extends beyond the film sets. In a recent interview with The Daily Star, the actor opens up about his life at home, and more.

**What is your ideal weekend getaway?**

Ferdous: For short trips I love going to Sylhet with my family, which we do twice or thrice a year. A brother of mine is the manager of a tea plantation there, and it's a lovely space for spending quality time with family. We love the tea gardens; they're isolated and quiet, and feel like a home away from home. For longer trips we prefer going out of the country. Last year we went to London, and we may tour Australia towards the end of this year. If I get only a day off, my family and I wake up later than usual, and I take my kids to go to the golf club, followed by swimming and lunch, after which I'm busy with my mother, wife, and my mother-in-law. But once a week, in the evenings, I must watch a good movie. As an actor who seldom stays home, there is nothing more energising than spending time with my kids.

**What are you currently working on?**

Ferdous: I am currently doing a movie titled "Pobitro Bhalobasha" with Moushumi, and I am dubbing for "Postmaster 71" and "Megh Kannya." "Gontobbo" and "Beauty Circus" are expected to go on floors soon. Filming has completed for "Kaler Putul" and "Putro", which are expected to release sometime soon. Tomorrow I am flying to the UK for the Corby Film Festival on October 15. They have selected my film "Brihonnola" for screening, and there will be fun cultural activities throughout the day followed by a question and answer session. I will return on the 17th.

**Is there a song you listen to on repeat?**

Ferdous: I enjoy current trends in music around the world, but whenever I am feeling a bit down I turn to the classics by Sadi Mohammad, Srikanto and George Michael.

**If you had to eat the same thing for dinner every night, what would you want it to be?**

Ferdous: This is something I can't do! My family and I love trying new things, and at home we cook together and even follow YouTube tutorials.

**Do you have a hidden talent or passion that your fans don't know about?**

Ferdous: My friends would say that I have a hidden talent for convincing people. If anyone is upset with me for not being able to make plans, and don't wish to speak to me, I can convince them to forgive me and get back on talking terms.

## Beauty's new ventures

A CORRESPONDENT

Beauty's gripping vocals first enthralled viewers of talent hunt show *Close-Up 1* in 2005. Since then, she has quickly ascended to popularity, establishing herself strongly as a moulik/ folk singer. On October 7, the singer released a new music video titled "Pashan Bondhu", a new single that is part of her most recent album which she worked on during Ramadan.

"The single wasn't released earlier because we wanted it to go along with a music video," the singer told The Daily Star, "the song was composed and written by Ziauddin Alam, and Mushfiq Litu was behind the musical arrangements. The video has been directed by Shoumitra Ghosh Emon."



The music video was first released by record label Zisan Multimedia on their YouTube page. It has since been aired on Rtv, and is scheduled for airing through other television channels as well.

However, the release of the song comes with a special significance. "Ziauddin Alam called me to ask when my birthday was, and I told him it was on October 7, and he decided to release the venture on this particular date as a special gesture," Beauty said, "this made my birthday all the more wonderful."

The singer also added that she is busy with recordings for new singles, some of which will be released along with music videos. "These days listeners rarely listen to an entire album, which is why I prefer to work on singles now," she said, "however, I have plans to release an eight track album consisting of Lalon geeti soon."