

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Artist: Rabindra Ghosh  
 Organisers: BNM & Gallery Ganges  
 Venue: Natani Karan Bhattacharya Gallery, BNM  
 Date: October 15-21  
 Time: 9:30am-5:30pm

**Duet Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Diversity in Duality 2  
 Artists: Akshay Dubey, Shikha & Ranjit Das  
 Venue: Shilpakala Gallery, Dharmond  
 Date: Oct 17, 21, 28  
 Time: 3-8pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Crytic Moments  
 Artist: Javed Akhter  
 Venue: EAM Center  
 Date: October 1-15  
 Time: 10am-5pm

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

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

# "It has been a very successful festival"... Golam Kuddus

## Ganga-Jamuna Festival closes today



**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

This year's edition of the Ganga-Jamuna Theatre and Cultural Festival, one of the biggest theatre festivals of the country, will close today at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), after 10 days of festive performances where 92 troupes from Bangladesh and India are participating.

The sixth-edition of the festival is showcasing a number of acclaimed plays at the three theatre venues - National Theatre Hall, Experimental Theatre Hall and Student Theatre Hall of BSA, preceded by a vibrant cultural programme at the open stage of BSA every day.

"It has been a very successful festival this year," convenor of the Ganga Jamuna Theatre and Cultural Festival Organising Committee Golam Kuddus told The Daily Star. "In fact, from the reactions of participants and audience, I think it has been more successful than previous times. We have had big audiences every day, starting from the afternoon."

"We have had some tried-and-tested theatre plays, as well as some new ones," Kuddus added. "For example, today's play at the National Theatre Hall is 'Sargam' by Desh Natok, which is its 3rd or 4th staging," he added. The organiser also said that the participation from Indian troupes have been great as well. "Two of the plays by Kolkata-based troupes were led by Deb Shankar Halder, who is considered one of the biggest stars of the Indian Bangla theatre today. The other troupe that performed yesterday was Aneek, who started the Ganga-Jamuna Festival in India," he informed.

Golam Kuddus, also the president of cultural organisation Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, informed that the organisers are also planning a reunion in the coming days, with participation from organisers, participants, cultural activists and leaders, and journalists.

Two other plays of the closing day of the Ganga-Jamuna Theatre and Cultural Fest are Natyam Repertory's "Domer Madar" and a jatra (traditional folk theatre) "Prilota" by Joylata.



Visitors at the exhibition.

# Samar Majumder's "Mrittika Maya" at AFD

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) has organised the second solo painting exhibition by artist Samar Majumder at its La Galerie, in the capital. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition, titled "Mrittika Maya" ("Earthen Affection"), was held on 13 October.

Professor Emeritus Sirajul Islam Chowdhury graded the inaugural ceremony as chief guest while noted art critic Moimuddin Khalid was present as special guest. Bruno Plasse, Director of AFD, presided over the programme.

The exhibition features acrylic works on diverse themes. The artist beautifully portrayed his childhood memories, near and dear ones, neighbours, the natural settings of his birthplace Feni and time-honoured folk motifs and figures using mature and vibrant colours. The compositions of the paintings are striking too. The painter has used both geometric and oriental lines and forms to depict the artwork.

Samar Majumder is a multiple award-winning artist. Born in 1957, he has been creating artworks for more than thirty years till date.

"I find pleasure in expressing myself through paintings. Across the canvases I feel the most spontaneity in articulating my feelings and thoughts. My motherland Bangladesh is the greatest muse for my paintings. I sense a repose that drives me, Samar Majumder, to paint the beauty I see around. This is my second solo exhibition, and features paintings I have created over the last three years," said Samar Majumder.

The exhibition is open for all from Monday to Thursday (from 3pm to 9pm) and on Fridays and Saturdays (from 9am to 12noon and from 5pm to 8pm) until 26 October.

# Gitanjali present Tagore songs at BNM

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Prominent Tagore singer Salma Akbar and her group, Gitanjali, hosted a musical soiree at the National Museum's Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium on Friday, with a selection of songs from Rabindranath Tagore's "Gitanjali".

"Even though we have named our own group Gitanjali, this is the first time, we have decided to present only the songs of 'Gitanjali' to the audience," said Salma Akbar.

Gitanjali is a collection of poems by Rabindranath Tagore. Tagore received the Nobel Prize for Literature for the English translation of the book, titled "Song Offerings".

The troupe presented a number of chorus songs as well as solo performances, themed on nature and seasons, spiritual songs, and Tagore songs from Prema and Pujya parajaya.

Some of the songs presented were "Ontoro Momo Bikoshito", "Gaye Amar Pulok Lage",



**Artists render a chorus at the soiree.**

"Dhane Jone Achi Joray", "Aaj Dhaner Khete Roudra Akhara" and "Salmu Akbar is a Tagore singer who has trained under names such as Karim Shrafani, Sakiba Khatun, Sadi Mohammad, Mazhar Chowdhury Bannya from Bangladesh, and

Kanika Bandopadhyay, Nilima Sen and Sanghamitra Gupta from India. She is associated with leading cultural organisations of Bangladesh such as the Bangladesh Rabindra Sangesth Sangstha and Government Music University, along with her group Gitanjali.



Autumnal melodies with dance presentations were the highlights of the latest event of "Srotar Ashor" held at the main auditorium of Chhayanaout on October 13. Both young and the promising singers and dancers performed choral and solo songs with dance at the programme organised by Chhayanaout.

**"Kaifi Aur Main" tickets out**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Shabana Azmi and Javed Akhtar's theatrical rendition of Shaikat Azmi's memoirs, "Kaifi Aur Main", is coming to Dhaka on October 25. Blues Communication is organising the staging of the acclaimed production at KIB (Krishibid Institution Bangladesh) Complex Auditorium, Khamarbari in the capital.

Tickets for the event are now available for physical and online purchase. Online tickets are available at ticketsato.com while tickets outlets are Madchef (Dharmond) and Banani branches) and Tabaq (Jamuna Future Park and Gulshan-1 branches). The prices of the tickets are Taka 5750 (Grand Circle) and Taka 2300 (Gallery). Shabana Azmi, Javed Akhtar and ghazal artiste Jawawinder Singh will reach Dhaka on October 25 while rest of the team will reach on 24 October.

The production chronicles the life of Kaifi Azmi, eminent Indian poet credited with bringing Urdu literature to Indian cinema. It is adapted from his wife Shaikat Azmi's memoir and excerpts of interviews of Kaifi Azmi, and is directed by Ramesh Talwar. Their daughter Shabana Azmi and her husband Javed Akhtar take the centre-stage in the large recitation and conversation-based production interspersed with songs written by Kaifi Azmi, performed by Jaswinder Singh.

# Final "Stranger Things S2" trailer is dark and fantastic

While most returning TV shows have already aired their fall premiere, there are a handful of popular series that are keeping fans waiting. Chief among them is Netflix's "Stranger Things", which was the breakout hit of last summer. "Stranger Things 2" (as The Duffer Brothers call it) has been pushed back to facilitate a Halloween release, keeping the fandom invested with short trailers and clips from new episodes. The final trailer has just arrived, and it looks like Season 2 is going to be truly wild, reports Cinemablend.

The new trailer opens with the question everyone was has been asking: where is Eleven? While she seemingly perished destroying the Demogorgon in Season 1, Hopper's final scene from the finale showed him hiding Eggs in a box in the woods. Eleven seems to be regularly checking that box for her favorite snack, while rocking a sweet new haircut.

The importance of Halloween for Season 2 has also been made clear. Because while Will has been seeing flashes into the Upside Down, it looks like October 31 will be the first time Will Byers sees the season's new creature: the shadow monster. The giant monster has been teased since last year's Super Bowl commercial, and this trailer provides us with the clearest look yet. It looks like it's made of pure shadow, which is quite different from the very physical threat of The Demogorgon in Season 1.

"Stranger Things 2" will be released in its entirety October 27 on Netflix.

Source: Cinemablend



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