

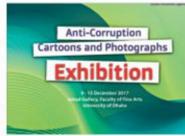
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Group Painting Exhibition
 Title: Musings in Watercolor
 Venue: Edge Galleries, Gulshan-2
 Date: Nov 26-Dec 15
 Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Photography Exhibition
 In Limbo
 Photographer: Suman Paul
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
 Date: December 10-21
 Time: 9:30am-8pm



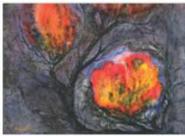
Cartoon and Photograph Exhibition
 Organiser: TIB
 Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts (DU)
 Date: Dec 9-15
 Time: 12-7pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Peace
 Artist: Proshanta Karmakar Buddha
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos
 Date: Dec 08-17
 Time: 12am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: The Uncaged
 Artist: Zahangir Alom
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD, 26, Mirpur Road
 Date: Dec 1-15
 Time: Mon-Thurs (3-9pm), Fri-Sat (9am-12noon & 5-8pm)



NEWS bytes

Selena updates on new album

Selena Gomez sat down with Nick Grimshaw on his BBC radio show Monday (December 11) to discuss what all Selenators are dying to know: When will there be more new music? The pop sensation posted an Instagram photo Sunday of herself singing into a studio mic with the caption, "Currently. Until next year. Here's where I'll be."

Fans immediately buzzed with excitement, and Grimshaw wanted to know the details. The radio personality mentioned Gomez's heart-felt speech during the 2017 Billboard Women in Music Awards, in which she mentioned making "an epic album next year."



When he asked if that might be true, the "Wolves" singer responded, "There is no 'might.' There is an album. I think it's fair to say that people know the year I've had. I pour my heart into my music. It wasn't really about charts for me or numbers. It was about what I could creatively do for my music," she said.

"I can successfully say that my inspiration for this next album is in full motion and it will be very soon."

After a nearly 20-year career, the superstar she feels like she is finally able to dive into the music she cares about and, most importantly, able to do so while being healthy.

Source: Billboard



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Pulok sings his way to fame

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Popular singer Pulok's passion for singing dates back to his childhood. He first burst on the music scene in the talent hunt show Closeup 1, in 2006. Since then he has walked a steady path in his musical career, from playback singing, TV appearances, stage shows, and music direction.

Playback singing seems to be the artiste's forte. With over 200 film credits to his name, he has lent his voice to 30 songs this year alone. "I love playback singing for many reasons. Songs play an important role in films; sometimes they are the reason why people flock to theatres

to watch a film, and sometimes a successful film helps a song become popular," said the singer.

Among his hit ventures, the song "Bidhata Janey" from the film "Poramon" is a repeat request by fans during stage shows. Popular actor Shakib Khan lip-synced to the song "Kintu Ontore Prem Dila" in the film "Priya Amar Jaan." Another massively popular song is "Hamelin'er BaaNshiwala" from the film "Purnodoirgho Prem Kahini".

The artiste revealed to The Daily Star that playback singing is indeed, one of his focal points at the moment. "I've been in more demand since I've been involved in these

popular hits," he explained.

Most recently, the singer recorded a song for the Minhaz Ovi helmed "Meghkanya", starring Ferdous. However, the singer is said to have emerged from the recording studios this time, and is acting in the musical segment himself.

Despite being flooded with various singing ventures, the artiste has only released one solo album titled "Jajabor Pulok" so far, in 2011. And now he is working on his second album, slated to release on Valentine's Day.

Pulok has taken part in stage shows in Australia, Canada, Oman, USA, Japan and Germany.

QUDDUS BAYATI casts a spell on audience

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A performance by Abdul Quddus Bayati and other baul artistes made for a memorable event at Mymensingh Town Hall premises Saturday evening.

Braving inclement weather, people from different areas of Mymensingh thronged the venue for a lively performance of traditional folk songs of Mymensingh region by Quddus Bayati and his troupe.

Mymensingh municipal authority organised the event to commemorate the nationwide celebration of Unesco's recognition of the historic speech of March 7 of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as a world documentary heritage.

Bayati's own songs including "Amar Pagla Ghora Re" and "Jamunar Jaal Dekhte Kalo, Snan Korite Lage Bhalo" lent a touch of lightness. Bayati, who comes from Kendua upazila of Netrakona district, said he is in full form at such open stage performances where there is a greater interaction with the audience.

Baul artistes Mohammad Ferdous, Mukhles Uddin and Chand Mia also performed marking the event.

The artistes of Mymensingh Academy of Fine Arts performed in several dance sequences on the occasion.

The exceptional performance of Quddus Bayati with extraordinary body language on the folk songs related to "kichha palas" in regional language is an attraction especially for town dwellers as such performances are rare now, said Mahub Hossain Sharif, director of Sandipon Sangskirtk Sangstha.

Bayati's devotion to the songs of Shah Abdul Karim, Jalal Uddin Khan, Ukil Munshi and many other bauls and spiritual artistes of Mymensingh region have an indelible impact on the audience, said Sarwar Kamal Robin, vice-president of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, Mymensingh unit.

Earlier, mayor of the municipality Ekramul Haque Titu inaugurated the celebrations. Celebration committee's convener, also Mymensingh municipality councillor Nazrul Islam and advocate Moazzem Hossain Babul also spoke on the occasion, among others.



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"Ei Raat Tomar Amar" on Rtv

A CORRESPONDENT

Rtv's musical programme "Reedisha Biscuit Presents Ei Raat Tomar Amar" will begin airing subsequent episodes under an innovative format from today. The show will invite active viewer participation and will include a segment where songs are performed on audience requests.

A press conference was held on Monday detailing the highlights of

the programme, which is aired every week on Wednesday and Thursday at 7pm. CEO of Rtv Syed Ashiqur Rahman, Rtv's Programme Head Dewan Shamsur Rakib, Brand Manager of Reedisha Food and Beverage Ltd Indrajit Chandra Sarkar, Nazrul exponent Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, popular singer Anupma Mukti, and more attended the meet.

"Songs from the 1940's and 1970's will never be forgotten as they continue to touch the heart of peo-

ple across different generations," stated Syed Ashiqur Rahman. "We are selecting songs from the Golden Era and presenting them in a new way for our viewers."

For every song presented in an episode, background information on each number along with a code will be highlighted on screen, along with a request for viewers to send in their favourite song titles via SMS, Facebook or e-mail, from which 10 songs will be selected.

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