

WHAT'S ON

Int'l Bangla Literature Conference
Venues: Osmani Memorial Auditorium & Bangla Academy
Date: Jan 13-15
Time: 2:30pm onwards



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Joratalir Chalcitra by Hashem Khan
Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattacharya Gallery, BNM
Date: Jan 5-31
Time: 10am-5pm



Selim Al Deen Theatre Festival
Play: Dhaboman
Troupe: Dhaka Theatre
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: Jan 14; Time: 7pm



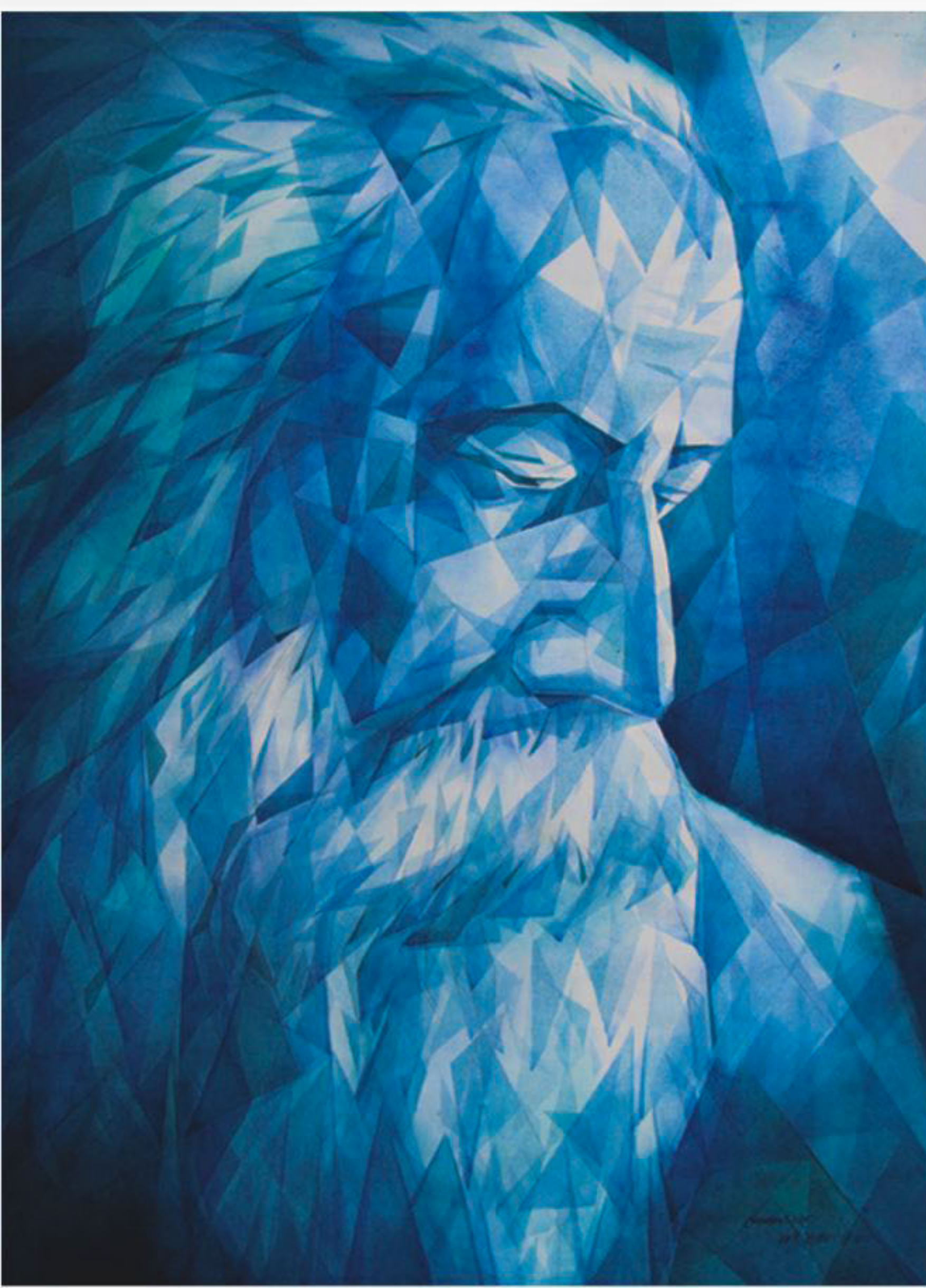
Dhaka Int'l Film Fest
Organiser: Rainbow Film Society
Venues: BNM, Public Library, RCC, AFD & Star Cineplex
Date: Jan 12-20
Time: 10am onwards



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Oporoop by Gopal Chandra Saha
Venue: EMK Center (9th Floor, Midas Center, Rd-16 (old 27), Dhanmondi)
Date: Jan 13-25
Time: 9:30am-8pm



Gopal Saha's solo painting exhibit opens at EMK Center



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Promising artist Gopal Chandra Saha's solo painting exhibition titled "Oporoop" opened yesterday at the EMK Center in Dhanmondi.

Gopal Chandra Saha, an alumnus of the Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka, has come forward with this exhibition where he is exhibiting his compositions of art created through warm colours, monochromatic compositions, soothing textures and contemporary shapes, as well as impressions of animals; and often images of the great poet Rabindranath Tagore. The diverse artworks of Gopal Saha, incorporated with his exquisite tonal gradation, can have an arresting impression on the audience.

During his academic studies, there was a wide range of experimental works that kindled inspiration in Gopal. These include works of El Greco, Paul Cezanne and Pablo Picasso. He found motivation from the East just as much, among which were the artistic brilliance of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, Gaganendranath Tagore, Abanindranath Tagore and Rabindranath Tagore.

"I believe that art itself is a distinct aesthetic shape, and my creations are as such that reflects emotions. A shape is determined by the time, location and environment it is born in. In my creations, the form or shape delivers a symbolic view to relationship," says Gopal.

"I once visited a mirror shop, and witnessed my reflection split into different forms. It made me realize that in life, I too, have been broken into many fragments resulting from my thoughts on family, society, the world, consciousness, feelings and beliefs. It does not matter when one's life comes to an end; man's awareness is reborn at different times, relationships, and positions," explained Gopal.

Everything picturesque in this world depends firstly on its form; the beauty that we see in things resides within our emotions. Gopal's work, thus, is a compilation of the knowledge gained from smell, colour, touch and the sight of this earth.

The show, open from 10am to 8pm, will conclude on January 25.



Palakar bringing back "Bangla'r Mati Bangla'r Jol" Tagore's "Chhinnopetro" adaptation at BSA today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Theatre troupe Palakar is bringing back their acclaimed production "Bangla'r Mati Bangla'r Jol" to the stage, today at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy's National Theatre Hall.

Based on Rabindranath Tagore's "Chhinnopetro", the play has been adapted by the iconic Syed Shamsul Haq and directed by eminent thespian Ataur Rahman.

This will be the 28th staging of the play. Unlike other Tagore adaptations, the bard himself emerges as the central character in this play, which aptly sketches Tagore's stay at Shilaidah in Bangladesh to look after his family estates. The play is also a description of the scenic beauty of the countryside through Tagore's perception, and articulates how the poet was moved by the openness of the rural people and the mystic songs of Lalou.

In the play, the bard-landlord's fascination for this land has been narrated through recitation, song, soliloquy, and sometimes through general conversations. It also highlights that a number of Tagore's noted literary works – including "Shamapti", "Chitrangada", "Chhuti" and "Postmaster", which he wrote after coming across the villagers during his stay in East Bengal.

Shamim Shagor plays Rabindranath Tagore in the play, with a supporting cast of Deepta Rakkhit Lovely, Shahriar Khan Rintu, Aminur Rahman Mukul, Shormy Mala and others.

NEWS bytes

DICAPRIO in Tarantino's Manson movie

After being courted for several months, Leonardo DiCaprio will star in Quentin Tarantino's untitled Charles Manson movie, sources confirmed to Variety.

DiCaprio will play an aging, out-



of-work actor in the film. Margot Robbie, meanwhile, is being eyed for the role of Sharon Tate. This will mark DiCaprio's first film since winning the Oscar in 2016 for his performance in Alejandro G. Iñárritu's "The Revenant". DiCaprio and Tarantino last collaborated on 2012's "Django Unchained".

As previously reported, Tom Cruise is also being pursued to star in the director's ninth feature. Sources now tell Variety that Tarantino is interested in casting Al Pacino in the film as well.

The movie will hit theaters on August 9, 2019, on the 50th anniversary of the day that the Manson family committed the LaBianca murders and the day after Tate was killed.

Sony beat out several bidders, including Warner Bros. and Paramount, for rights to the film. The movie — shrouded in secrecy — is set in 1969 and is believed to involve Charles Manson and the Manson family murders.

TV WATCH



"Sonar Shekol" on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

ATN Bangla will air TV series "Sonar Shekol" tonight at 8pm. The series, casting Urmila Srabonti Kar, Sabnam Faria, Arfan Ahmed, Badhan, Nawsheen, Irfan Sazzad, Abul Hayat, KS Firoz, Saberi Alam, Shahadat Hossain, Joyraj and others, it is written by Shafiqur Rhaman Shantanu and directed by Syed Shakil.

Arko, a well-settled young man is about to get engaged with his girlfriend of three years, when suddenly detective police comes and picks him up and questions him about some girl. Just 27 hours in police custody turns his life upside down as newspaper reports of his arrest cause his wedding to get cancelled, his job offer to be retracted, and his sister's relationship ending.



"Ghore Baire" on Maasranga TV

A CORRESPONDENT

TV series "Ghore Baire" airs tonight at 7:35pm on Maasranga TV. Written by Matia Banu Shuku and directed by Nazrul Islam Raju, it casts Ziaul Faruque Apurbo, Zakia Bari Mamo, FS Nayeem, Moushumi Hamid, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Maznun Mizan, Raisul Islam Asad, Sharmili Ahmed, Saberi Alam and others.

The story of "Ghore Baire" revolves around an average family living in the city. It reflects the struggles, conflict, love, happiness and all the emotions people go through in their daily lives.

The series airs on Sundays and Monday on the channel, at the same scheduled time.

Aamir is all praises for Saif Ali Khan's "Kaalakaandi"



Bollywood actor Aamir Khan is all praises for the upcoming film "Kaalakaandi", and has said Saif Ali Khan has delivered an "outstanding" performance in the movie. The 52-year-old star also lauded debutant director Akshat Verma, who had written the film "Delhi Belly" which was co-produced by Aamir.

"Kaalakaandi" is one of the funniest films I have seen in a long time. Haven't laughed this much since I read the script of 'Delhi Belly'. Absolutely loved all the performances. Saif was outstanding! What a debut Akshat! Proud of you. Don't miss this one guys, it releases tomorrow. Love A," Aamir tweeted.

Also featuring Deepak Dobriyal, Vijay Raaz, Kunal Roy Kapoor and Sobhita Dhulipala, the film is a dark comedy about six characters from different sections of life who cross paths on a rainy Mumbai night.

The movie is scheduled to be released this week.

Natalie Portman in talks for "Pale Blue Dot"

Natalie Portman is in talks to replace Reese Witherspoon as the lead in Fox Searchlight's drama "Pale Blue Dot".

Witherspoon departed the role last November due to scheduling conflicts with Season 2 of "Big Little Lies", though she will continue to produce with Bruna Papandrea.

" Fargo" and " Legion" creator Noah Hawley is directing from a script by Brian C Brown and Elliott DiGuseppi.

"Pale Blue Dot" follows a successful female astronaut who, after coming back home from a mission in space, starts to unravel when confronted by her seemingly perfect American dream life. The film explores the theory that astronauts who spend long periods of time in space begin to lose their sense of reality when they return home.

Searchlight will now look to find Portman's male co-star and hopes to get the film in motion this spring, now that Hawley is done shooting his FX series " Legion". FX recently said at its Television Critics Association panel that his other show, " Fargo", would not return till 2019, which would give Hawley plenty of time to shoot the film.

The film puts Portman back in her wheelhouse of prestige dramas following her 2017 Oscar nomination for playing first lady Jackie Kennedy in " Jackie". She was also recently seen in Terrence Malick's " Song to Song", and can be seen next in Paramount and Skydance's " Annihilation".

