

WHAT'S ON

Solo Art Exhibition
Lost in Translation
Artist: Afrida Tanzim Mahi
Venue: Kala Kendra
Date: Jan 12-27
Time: 5-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Joratalir Chalcitra by Hashem Khan
Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattacharya Gallery, BNM
Date: Jan 5-31
Time: 10am-7pm



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Phirey Dekha by 79 Batch
Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, FFA, DU
Date: Jan 15-21
Time: 12noon-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: Oporop by Gopal Chandra Saha
Venue: EMK Center (9th Floor, Midas Center, Rd-16 (old 27), Dhanmondi
Date: Jan 13-25
Time: 9:30am-8pm



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APARNA SEN gets candid at DIFF

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Veteran Indian actor and director Aparna Sen touched down in Bangladesh a few days ago to attend the 16th Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF) where her film "Sonata" was also screened. Before the film screening, the artiste spoke to journalists about her work at the press meet, and her visit to Bangladesh after a few years. Excerpts from the conversation:

"My last visit to Bangladesh was in the year 2000, but I have wanted to come here again sooner. I am having a great trip so far, and I am impressed by the festival arrangements."
"Today I stand here as a director, but in the years past I have been associated with other professions, including being an editor of a newspaper. However my sole focus is on films now, and I care for each project as though it is my own child."
"While Bangladesh is a country and Kolkata is part of a state, it is my desire to see more exchange in films between the two cultures, so that Bangalees from both sides of the borders can watch the same films."
"I began my career in acting since the age of 14, which continued for many years until my interests turned to directing. As a woman making films, I am grateful to say my gender has not been an obstacle in getting things done - the only problem so far has been budget, which needs to be increased a lot more if we want quality films. As women, we have made immense progress over the years. Today we can work freely, and make our thoughts known."
"Many may not know this, but the poet Jibananda Das was my paternal uncle. Throughout my life I was so much in awe of him, that I couldn't see him as anything other than being the great poet."
"Many people ask me whether I identify myself as Mrinalini, or any of the other characters I have portrayed on screen. Narratives are drawn from real life, we are at once the characters we represent, but at the same time we are not."
"It is imperative to recognise the millions of Bangalees living away from their homes, in other parts of the world, and to carry our films to them."

An assortment of diverse paintings

Group art exhibition "Phirey Dekha" at Zainul Gallery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several artists of the 1979 batch of the Faculty of Fine Art (FFA) are holding a weeklong group painting exhibition titled "Phirey Dekha" at Zainul Gallery of FFA, University of Dhaka (DU). Renowned artists Professor Rafiqun Nabi, Professor Abul Barq Alvi, Shahid Kabir and Shishir Bhattacharya, also the acting Dean of FFA, DU, inaugurated the exhibition on January 15.
Hosted by artist, poet and critic Zahid Mustafa, noted artists Mokhesur Rahman, Selim Ahmed, Mini Karim and Professor Lalarukh Selim [on behalf of the batch 1979] spoke at the inaugural ceremony.
The exhibition, dedicating to the five untimely-demised artists of the batch, is fea-

turing some 50 artworks by 29 artists. The participating artists have displayed their diverse works on media like watercolour on paper and canvas, acrylic, mixed media, sculptures made from wood, cement and steel, ceramic paintings and aesthetic decorative works on porcelain.
Nature with her varied elements, landscape, folk themed works, portraits, abstract and feminine face and grace are the dominating subjects of the paintings on display while the showcasing sculptures have conspicuous connotations of contemporary approach and language.
However, the exhibition would have been more meaningful if there was enough space in between the displayed works.
The show, opening from 12noon to 7pm daily, will conclude on January 21.



Visitors at the exhibit.

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ASK ME ANYTHING



Shajal coming to The Daily Star's Facebook Live

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Save the date! Abdun Noor Shajal, one of the most popular TV actors of the time, is the first celebrity of 2018 to be featured on The Daily Star's monthly Facebook Live show 'Ask Me Anything'.
Shajal will join fans of The Daily Star's Facebook followers for a live chat tomorrow - Thursday, January 18 at 7pm.
Beginning his career in media as a TV host of the show "Takdum Takdum" on Ekushey Television in 2001, Shajal gained popularity with plays like "Monira Mofoshwole" and "Greyscale", and established himself as an actor with the series "Hiraful". Despite trying his hand in films with "Nijhum Oronye" and "Runout", Shajal has focused his energy for television and he is one of the busiest actors of the small screen today.
Anyone subscribed to The Daily Star's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) can join the Facebook Live session, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Shajal, which he will respond to.

Duronto TV kick-starts its 'season two'

NAZIBA BASHER

Duronto Television, a TV channel made solely for children, began their 'second season' on January 14. Mohammad Ali Haider, head of programme of Duronto Television, made the announcement at a press conference on Monday.
The theme of the second season, he mentioned, is "friendship", and will have an array of new and exciting content for children. Some of the new local contents include "Naacher Ishkool" planned and hosted by noted dancer and cultural personality Lubna Marium, where Bangladeshi dance exponents from nine dance schools will take dance lessons; "Shonar Kathi Rupar Kathi" - a magic and science show; "Shopno Akar Dol" - an art show where students decorate their classrooms; and dramas "Dushtu Mishti", "B te Bondhu" and "Kabil Kohkafi". New international cartoons for the season will include "Ozieboo", "HTDT", "Crafty Kids Club", "Tree fu Tom", "The Happets", "Clay Kids" and "Hareport".
By popular demand - and also for

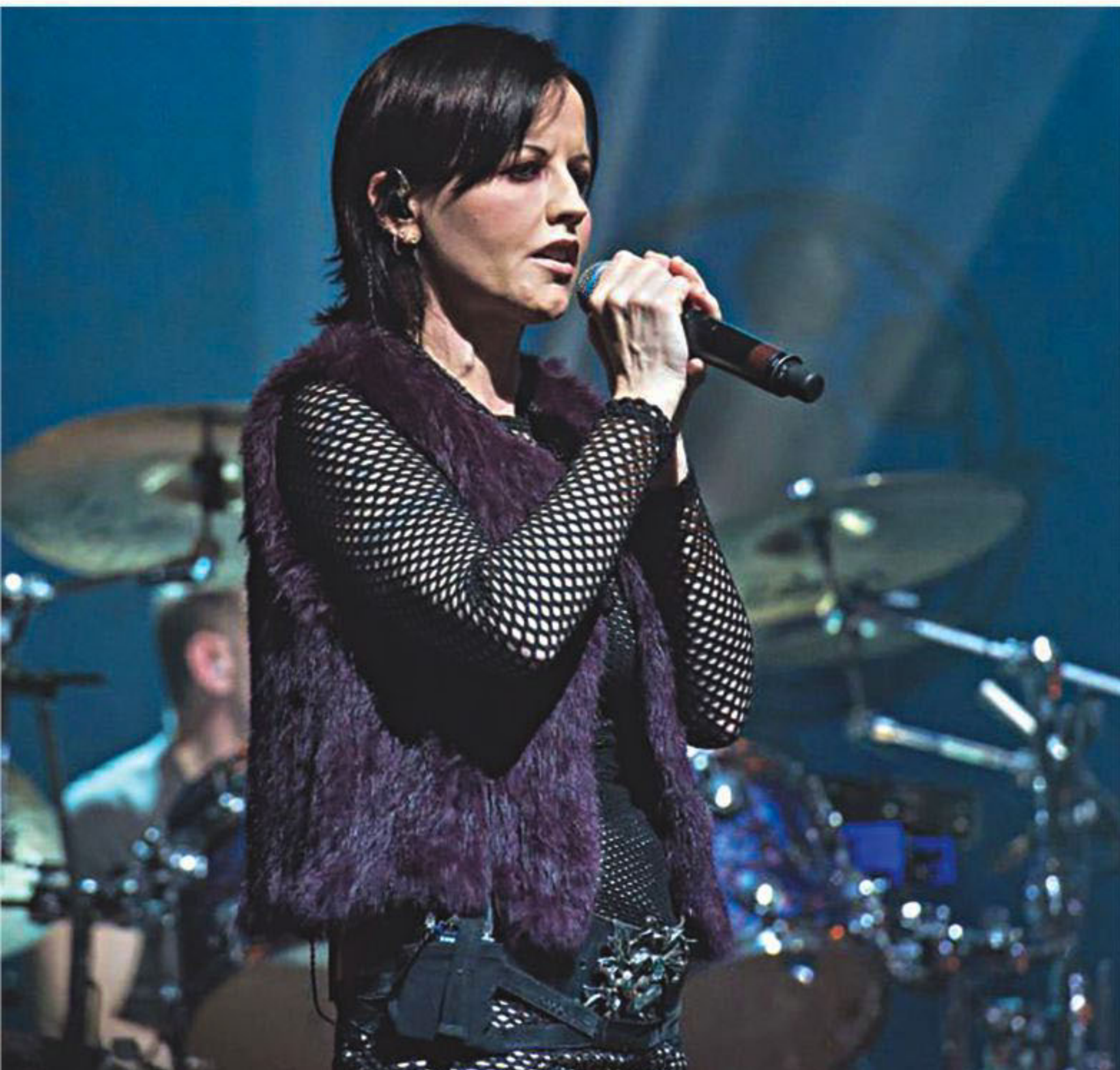


new viewers, some of the shows from the previous season will air throughout this season as well - like "Duronto Shomoy", "Golpo Sheshe Ghumer Deshe", "Duronto Cricket", "Kate and Mim Mim", "Lucas and Emily", "Eena Meena Deeka", "Dragon Hunters", "Miniscule", "Tip the Mouse", "Whisper", "Ballopo", and "Guess What?"
Abhijeet Chowdhury, director of Duronto Television, said, "Two matters worth mentioning is that our programmes begin exactly as sched-

uled, and in a 30-minute long programme, we have only 8 minutes of advertisement."
Duronto Television also plans on making their own cinemas for children, and have contacted animators to work on locally made cartoons. Haider said, "We can only spend about 50 lakhs, which is not enough for the making of a cinema. If we have help from the government regarding this matter, we can make some good cinemas for children."

On the other hand, Abhijeet said, "There are very few animators, and it takes a long time and a lot of manpower to make a cartoon. So while we have already contacted animators and are trying to aim for locally made cartoons, we are currently airing some good foreign ones."
Duronto Television, which began its journey on October 2017, aims to provide children with quality entertainment and has been successful in creating its audience.

Cranberries singer Dolores O'Riordan dies at 46



Dolores O'Riordan, lead singer of Irish band The Cranberries, has died at the age of 46. O'Riordan died in London, where she was recording, publicist Lindsey Holmes said. "No further details are available at this time," Holmes said, adding that the singer's family was "devastated" by the news.
Formed in Limerick, Ireland at the end of the 1980s, The Cranberries became international stars in the '90s with hits including "Zombie" and "Linger" that fused the alternative rock edge with Celtic-infused pop tune-finess, says Billboard.
Irish President Michael D Higgins said O'Riordan and the band "had an immense influence on rock and pop music in Ireland and internationally."
O'Riordan was The Cranberries' chief lyricist and co-songwriter, and her powerful, sometimes wailing, voice was key to the band's distinctive sound.
The group's 1993 debut album "Everybody Else Is Doing It, So Why Can't We?" sold millions of copies and produced the hit single "Linger".
The follow-up, "No Need to Argue", sold in even greater numbers and contained "Zombie", a howl against Northern Ireland's violent Troubles that topped singles charts in several countries.
The band released three more studio albums before splitting up in 2003. O'Riordan released two solo albums, "Are You Listening" in 2007, and "No Baggage" in 2009.
The members of The Cranberries reunited that year, releasing the album "Roses" in 2012.
The band released the acoustic album "Something Else" in 2017 and had been due to tour Europe and North America. The tour was cut short because O'Riordan was suffering from back problems.
In 2014, O'Riordan was accused of assaulting three police officers and a flight attendant during a flight from New York to Ireland. She pleaded guilty and was fined 6,000 euros. Medical records given to the court indicated she was mentally ill at the time of the altercation. After her court hearing, O'Riordan urged other people suffering from mental illness to seek help.
O'Riordan is survived by her ex-husband, the former Duran Duran tour manager Don Burton, and their three children.

Source: Billboard



Bhalo Theko gets censor clearance

A CORRESPONDENT

Zakir Hossain Raju-directed film "Bhalo Theko", starring Arifin Shuvo and Tanha Tasnia, has received censor clearance. The film's producer, Zahid Hasan Abhi confirmed the news.
Abhi also informed that the film is slated to release in over a hundred theatres across Bangladesh on Valentine's Day.
Aside from Shuvo and Tasnia, other cast members of the film include Amzad Hossain, Kazi Hayat, Aruna Biswas, MA Shaheed.
"It's a film about love and humanity," director Zakir Hossain Raju says, adding that the family-friendly film is based on an original story.
"Bhalo Theko" went on floors in September 2016, and has shot in Bangladesh and Nepal.