

**WHAT'S ON**

**Francophonie 2018**  
 Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
 Venue: AFD Dhanmondi & Others  
 Date: Mar 19-24  
 Time: Various timings



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Abstraction of Collage Painting  
 Artist: Khurshid Alam Saleem  
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One  
 Date: Mar 18-27  
 Time: 12-8pm



**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Us Women  
 Organiser: EMK Center  
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi  
 Date: Mar 8-22  
 Time: 9:30am-8pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Oil Head  
 Artist: RA Kajo  
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi  
 Date: Mar 09-18; Time: 3-8pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Drawing & Thinking, Thinking & Drawing  
 Artist: Dhali Al Mamoon  
 Venue: Kala Kendra  
 Date: Mar 10-31; Time: 5-8pm



**NEWS bytes**  
**Elton tribute albums lines up big stars**

Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith, Lady Gaga and more will contribute to the upcoming Elton John tribute albums "Revamp" and "Restoration". High-powered stars from pop (Miley Cyrus), R&B (Mary J Blige), country (Miranda Lambert) and rock (the Killers) will take part in twin tribute albums for Elton John and Bernie Taupin. The albums' track lists also include Q-Tip, Dolly Parton,



Chris Stapleton and Willie Nelson. "Revamp" and "Restoration" are due out on April 6th. "It's always a huge compliment when an artist loves your song enough to take the time and effort to rework it," Elton John said in a statement. "As songwriters, Bernie and myself are thrilled when singers we admire and respect as much as those on 'Revamp' and 'Restoration' choose to add their own unique twist in the process. It means that our music is still relevant and ultimately that our songs continue to reach new audiences." In January, John announced that he planned to retire from the road. Before he does so, he will embark on one massive final tour, with the first dates at arenas set around North America in September.

Source: Rolling Stone



**"KALER PUTUL" RELEASING MARCH 30**  
 Agatha Christie adaptation gets censor clearance

**FAHMIM FERDOUSI**  
 Aka Reza Ghalib's feature debut "Kaler Putul" has received its censor certificate, and is all but confirmed to release on the last weekend of March. The film, inspired by the Agatha Christie masterpiece "And Then There Were None", has been written by Nasiful Walid and features a formidable cast including Ferdous Ahmed, Raisul Islam Asad, Shahed Ali, Lutfar Rahman George, Ashish Khandakar, Reetu Sattar, Jannatun Noor Moon and others. It has been filmed in Banderban, and Swani Zubayer has composed music for it. Talking to The Daily Star, the director said "We are planning to release the film on March 30. Like most films by our production house, Impress Telefilm, it will likely be a limited release." He also

added that once the hall list and final details of release are locked, promotional work will begin. "The trailer and poster will arrive soon, and we will also release a couple of songs as part of the campaign," he added. The film's official synopsis says: "Ten apparent strangers are invited to a remote resort by a mysterious person. They are greeted by a caretaker. Instead of the host they are received by a strange message accusing each of them being a murderer. And the message ends with an ominous note - death penalty for their crime. The plot, which resembles the plot from a famous book sounded familiar to some of the guests. They thought it was a joke. Others didn't find it that funny. They wanted to leave. But the only way out of the resort was severed. And then the killing began." "The film, because of its subject, I believe will appeal to a niche audi-

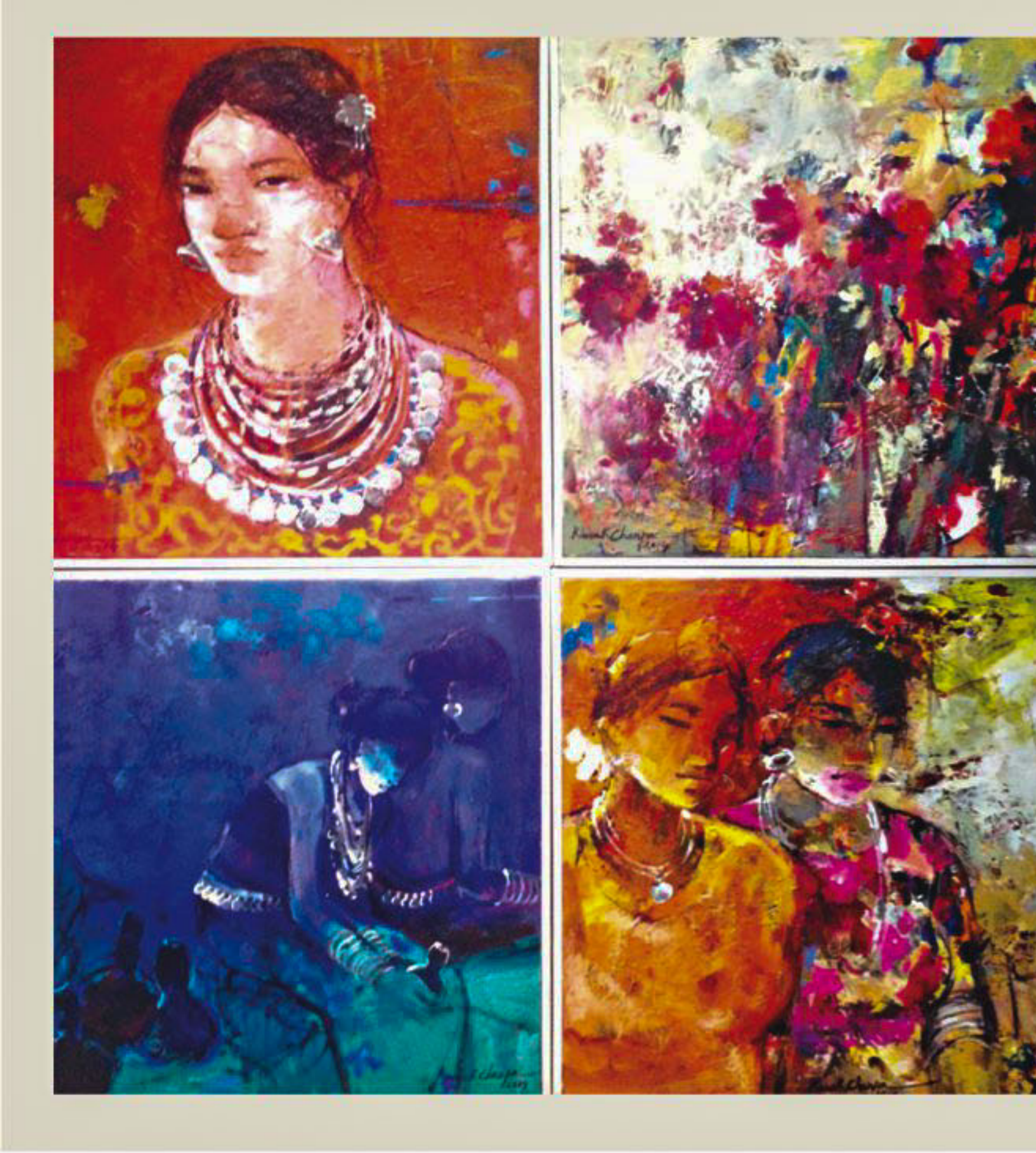
ence," Ghalib says. "But I will definitely be happy if a larger audience accepts it. We see now on social media that a lot of people here are watching international independent and off-beat films, and if I can reach them I will feel I have achieved my target." "Kaler Putul" was in competition at this year's Dhaka International Film Festival, but a public screening did not take place as the film did not have its censor certificate in hand yet. A jury screening took place, according to the director. "And Then There Were None" (published 1939) is legendary mystery fiction author Agatha Christie's highest-sold book with over a 100 million copies sold worldwide, also making it the world's best-selling mystery and one of the top-selling books of all time. It has been adapted numerous times to film, from 1945's Rene Clair adaptation to 2015's Kannada adaptation "Aatagara".

**Chhayanaut remembers WAHEEDUL HAQ**  
 "Desh Ghar-er Gaan" held

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Marking the 85th birth anniversary of eminent cultural personality, journalist and Tagore exponent Waheedul Haq, Chhayanaut held a musical soiree titled "Desh Ghar-er Gaan" at Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmondi on March 16. Md. Mozaffar Hossain from Kurigram inaugurated the event while Laisa Ahmed Lisa, noted singer and Chhayanaut general secretary, delivered welcome address. Waheedul Haq believed that it would not be possible to form a complete impression of our culture, without becoming familiar with our folk music, rooted in our tradition. Upholding this ideal, Chhayanaut has been arranging this programme for the last 12 years, highlighting various forms of folk songs practised in different parts of the country. The programme featured discussion with the performance of folk songs and dances. Eminent writer-researcher Mafidul Haque elaborated on the life and works of Waheedul Haq in his speech. Arif Dewan with his troupe and Kanan Dewan with his troupe performed palagaan at the event. Md. Mozaffar Hossain together with Md. Afsar Ali from Gaibandha rendered solo folk songs while Ramkrishna Sarkar and his troupe Nabonagori Dhamaail Sangha from Sreemangal, Maulvibazar presented Dhamaail Nrityageet at the programme.



Md. Mozaffar Hossain and Laisa Ahmed Lisa at the programme.



**"Life 2018" opens at Gallery Cosmos**

**A CORRESPONDENT**  
 A group art exhibition by 33 women artists titled 'Life 2018' opened in the capital on Friday at the Gallery Cosmos. Sidsel Bleken, Ambassador of Norway inaugurated the exhibition as special guest, where Tehmina Enayet, director of Gallery Cosmos was also present. The month-long exhibition is dedicated to Freedom Fighter and noted sculptor Ferdousi Priyabhashini. The participating artists at the exhibition include Afrozaa Jamil Konka, Akhtarun Nahar Ivy, Bipasha Hayat, Elham Hauque Khuku, Fahmida Enam Kakoli, Farida Zaman, Farzana Rahman Bobby, Ferdousi Priyabhashini, Gulshan Hossain, Kanak Chanpa Chakma, Maksuda Iqbal Nipa, Mini Karim, Nasreen Begum, Nazia Andalib Preema, Rokeya Sultana, Shameem Subrana, Taiyaba Begum Lipi and Veenita Karim, among others. The exhibition remains open until April 16, daily from 12 noon to 8pm.

**Irrfan Khan reveals neuroendocrine tumour**  
 Doctors say rare disease is curable

*Bollywood actor Irrfan Khan on Friday revealed that he is suffering from neuroendocrine tumour, after he had earlier said on the same medium that he had been diagnosed with a rare disease.*



Irrfan quoted Margaret Mitchell to begin his message; "Life is under no obligation to give us what we expect." "The unexpected makes us grow, which is what the past few days have been about. Learning that I have been diagnosed with NeuroEndocrine Tumour as of now has now has admittedly been difficult, but the love and strength of those around me and that I found within me has brought me to a place of hope," he wrote, while dispelling the rumours floating around about

his illness. "The journey of this is taking me out of the country, and I request everyone to continue sending their wishes. As for the rumours that were floated NEURO is not always about the brain and googling is the easiest way to do research :-) To those who waited for my words, I hope to be back with more stories to tell." Irrfan also said that he will have to travel abroad for the treatment. The actor had said on March 5 that he is suffering from a rare disease, but hadn't disclosed its name. His wife, Sutapa Sikdar, had written an emotional letter to millions of his fans on Facebook, thanking them for their love and gently requesting all not to speculate about his condition. After Irrfan's tweet, Indian news agency ANI reached out to renowned Indian doctor Dr. Saumitra Rawat, who told the press that the disease is curable. On Khan's case, he said, "It depends on the location of the tumour, its size, and what is its myotic index." He further noted that such kind of tumours can be taken out surgically. Source: Hindustan Times

**Final "Avengers: Infinity War" trailer brings entire MCU together**

Disney treated Marvel fans to the final trailer for "Avengers: Infinity War" on Friday, to build up the hype after a pulled-ahead release date. The trailer immediately became the top trending video on YouTube internationally, racking up nearly 20 million views well inside the first day, with over a hundred thousand comments pouring in. Advance tickets for the film also went out on sale for selected cinema chains, and promptly soared past previous record holder "Black Panther" to become Fandango's best-selling superhero movie during the first 24 hours of pre-sales, inside its first six hours. The trailer showcases all of the Marvel Cinematic Universe heroes, including Iron Man, Black Panther, Captain America, Black Widow, Hulk, and Thor struggling in their fight against Josh Brolin's Thanos. The new trailer continues the trend of previous trailers' warnings of death and destruction at the hands of the god-like villain. "The entire time I knew him, he only ever



had one goal: to wipe out half the universe. If he gets all the Infinity Stones, he can do it with the snap of his fingers," Zoe Saldana's Gamora says. "Infinity War" will combine old-school MCU stars like Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, and

Scarlett Johansson with newcomers, including "Spider-Man: Homecoming's" Tom Holland, Benedict Cumberbatch's Doctor Strange, "Black Panther" star Chadwick Boseman, and "Thor: Ragnarok" breakout Tessa Thompson. The "Guardians of the Galaxy", led by Chris Pratt's Star-Lord, will also be assembling with the Avengers in the tentpole. The trailer closes with Iron Man and Captain America facing off against the baddie, individually, as their lives hang in the balance, according to Variety. The movie is directed by Anthony and Joe Russo, who helmed "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" and "Captain America: Civil War". The Russo brothers will also direct the untitled fourth "Avengers" movie, which is expected to conclude this chapter of MCU films. The release date for "Infinity War" was recently pushed up a week to April 27. Source: Variety, Cinemablend

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