

WHAT'S ON

Contemporary Art Exhibition
Title: Silent Revelation
Artist: Mohammad Iqbal
Venue: Edge Galleries (Dhanmondi & Gulshan)
Date: April 22-May 5
Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: From the Pages of Memory
Artist: Azmeer Hossain
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: Apr 16-30
Time: 3-8pm

Group Exhibition
Title: Commemoration
Venue: Abinta Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: April 20-30
Time: 10am-8pm

Poetry Recitation
Title: Ekoi Brintey
Elocutionists: Dr. Mahbubur Rahman & Fakhrul Islam Tara
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library, Shahbagh
Date: Apr 26; Time: 7pm

Star Melodies
Title: Bangla Lokogaan-er Oichorjo Thekey
Artists: Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Chandana Majumdar, Abu Bakar Siddique & Students of BRAC University
Venue: The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
Date: April 27; Time: 6:30pm

"Poramon 2" to premiere at Cannes film market



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Upcoming Bangladeshi film "Poramon 2", starring Siam Ahmed and Pujja Cherry, will have its premiere at the Marche du Film of the Cannes Film Festival this year. The opening screening will take place on March 13 as part of the film market of the business counterpart of the festival. Producers Jaaz Multimedia made the announcement on their Facebook page on Tuesday.

For the international screening, the English title of the film has been set as "Hell and Heaven". Jaaz also shared four English posters of the film on the social media platform.

Marche du Film is the commercial platform of Cannes, where any producer can pay a fee to screen their films for industry professionals and audience.

"Poramon 2" is the sequel of the 2013 film "Poramon" that starred Mahia Mahi and Saimon Sadiq. It has been directed by newcomer Raihan Rafi, and features the big screen debut of popular TV actor Siam Ahmed. Pujja Cherry, who has done a number of films as a child actor, will also be seen in the lead role for the first time. Not much else is known about the film, including its support cast or plot, except for the fact that it may touch on religious issues, judging by the posters. Deloar Hosen Dil has written the story and screenplay for the film, and Emon Shaha has directed music.

Meanwhile, Jaaz Multimedia has already announced another film with the trio of Rafi, Siam and Pujja. The film, titled "Dohon", is scheduled to begin principal photography next month. Jaaz also hosted a quiz contest for its Facebook fans earlier this month asking them to guess another actress who will play a central role in the film, with prize money of 10,000 taka for the correct guesser.



'VIRAL KID' RAFSAN MEETS HIS HERO AYUB BACHCHU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rafsanul Islam, a ten-year old from Netrokona who became a viral sensation on social media over the past couple of weeks for a cover of LRB's "Hashte Dekho", has finally got to live the dream of meeting his hero, Ayub Bachchu.

Rafsan drew massive attention of Facebook users all over the country after a cover of the LRB hit by his band Dhua was posted on the platform on April 13, with the video getting over 1,60,000 views and 2,000 shares. The pre-teenager's pitch perfect rendition drew shock and amazement from listeners on social media, and also caught the eye of online news portals and

TV channels. The cover reached even Ayub Bachchu himself, who heartily praised the little boy's singing prowess. Rafsan also told a TV channel that meeting Bachchu is one of his biggest dreams.

Rafsan eventually got his wish fulfilled when he and members of his band met the iconic guitarist at the LRB studios Tuesday evening. Satellite channel Ekattor also arranged an interview with the two which aired on the channel yesterday.

The band Dhua was founded about a year ago, which seventh grade student Rafsan joined only recently. According to reports, he has been singing and learning music from a young age, performing mostly folk and band songs.

NEWS bytes

"BHUBAN MAJHI" gets censor clearance in India

A CORRESPONDENT

Fakhrul Arefeen Khan's "Bhuban Majhi", a film connecting the Liberation War to the current times, released in March last year in the country to largely positive response. After a tour of a few film festivals and successful screenings around the country, the film is now set to release in India.

According to a press release by the film's production house Gorai Films, "Bhuban Majhi" received an uncut censor certificate from the Indian censor board on April 24. It is set to release in Kolkata, as part of the SAFTA (South Asian Free Trade Area) agreement of exchange of films between Bangladesh and India.

The film, a recipient of the National film grant, stars popular Indian actor Parambrata Chattopadhyay and Aparna Ghose in the lead roles, along with Mamunur Rashid, Maznun Mizan, Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed, Sushama Sarkar, Shubhashis Bhowmick and Waqel Ahad. Late Indian musician-composer and front-man of folk band Dohar, Kalika Prasad Bhattacharya has directed music for the film.



Mustafa Zaman Abbasi

Star Melodies to beckon Baishakh with folk music

A CORRESPONDENT

Star Melodies, the initiative of The Daily Star promoting Bangla music, will host a celebration of traditional folk songs of Bengal by prominent and emerging singers on April 27, Friday at 6pm.

The event to be held at the Daily Star -Bengal Arts Precinct (mezzanine floor) of The Daily Star Centre will feature songs by seasoned singer- researcher Mustafa Zaman Abbasi and noted singers Chandana Majumdar and Abu Bakar Siddique. As a new initiative to involve students of different institutions across the city, students of Brac University will perform songs of Lalou, Hason Raja and Shah Abdul Karim at the event.

Sadya Aftreen Mallick, Editor, Arts & Entertainment at The Daily Star, will host and coordinate the programme.

Invitation passes can be collected from the reception of The Daily Star Centre. Seats are limited.

Abu Bakar Siddique

Chandana Majumdar

Young artistes of Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangstha (BNSS) perform group dances at National Art Gallery Plaza of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on April 24. In celebration of International Dance Day 2018, BNSS together with BSA has arranged a weeklong (April 23-29) programme that includes performances of dance by soloists and troupes, fair, seminar, discussion and conferring awards to dance artistes.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Bengal C Hub, a new initiative aiming to bring together creative professionals of the country into one platform, held its launch event Bengal Creative Fest successfully at the capital's Krishibid Institute Auditorium on April 23-24. Managing director of the organization Eshita Azad, Bengal Foundation chair Abul Khair, ICT Minister Mostafa Jabbar, eminent educationist Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, noted cultural personality Kamal Lohani and Bangla Academy director general Shamsuzzaman Khan were present at the opening ceremony.

TV WATCH

"Semi Corporate" on Rtv

A CORRESPONDENT

Satellite channel Rtv is broadcasting series "Semi Corporate" every Tuesday through Thursday at 10pm. Written by Rafiqul Islam Poltu and directed by RB Pritam, it casts Afran Nisho, Aparna Ghose, Mishu Sabbir, Tawshif Mahbub, Azu Khadem, Prosun Azad and others.

The play revolves around an ad agency named 'pause', founded by Shaon in an effort to start something of his own, despite inheriting vast wealth. He recruits a team to run the agency, and their dynamics develop. The struggles, successes and failures of these people and how their families are affected by it takes the story forward.