

In the life of a mother

May 13 is marked on the calendar as Mother's Day, a celebration honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mother figures. But what does it mean to you? How many of us take for granted this goddess in human form regardless of their social position? Instead of posting a selfie with your mother on Facebook and calling it a day, why not do something more substantial instead? Read on for great ideas about how to pamper the incredible force of love and compassion that is your mother. Also, events around town the weekend prior to the actual mother's day are perfect opportunities to have a good time and make memories to cherish with mummy dearest.

SOMETHING NEW FOR MOTHER'S DAY

From the biggest to the smallest of details that we appreciate and hate for them to pick up on, we often forget how much our mums do for us. In fact, when was the last time you thanked her for just being a mom? With an entire day set to the celebration of Motherhood --yes in case you have forgotten, this coming Sunday, the 13th of May, is Mother's Day-- why not try out something different; make her something special, or maybe get something custom made that not only serves the purpose but she can later flaunt to other's on how thoughtful (for a change) you were.

Here are a few ideas on how to make this Mother's Day special.

BLOOMING MONOGRAMS

Get her, her own customised bedsheet set that is embroidered with the initials of her name- nothing that a quick trip to your trusted embroidery guy at Chadni Chawk, or Priyangan near New Market cannot do. To go the extra mile, get a quote about motherhood embroidered on the pillows.

And if you just want to be your mom's favourite for the coming few weeks, get her towels embroidered too.

MARBLE CLAY HANDPRINT JEWELLERY TRAY

Although this can be a little tricky but let's remember; your mum will love it! Take her to Clay Station and spend the day making a hand out of polymer clay. Using acrylic paint colour, paint it to your heart's content. Instant jewellery tray for mummy dearest, where she can keep her little trinkets! Think of it as a way of spending time with her outside the house, just the two of you without having her worry about if the handyman fixed that leaking faucet or that pot she left on the stove.

CUSTOMISED LOCKETS

This is a personal favourite! Locketts shaped in the form of letters. This makes for a perfect mother-daughter gift. For girls, buy lockets with the initials of your own and mom's name. You can wear the one with your mum's initials and vice versa. For guys, trust me nothing will make your mom more emotional than knowing that she can wear your initials around her neck.

TAKE HER OUT

Ditch the spas and pampering plans and take her out for an evening around the city. Think of it as recreating one of your own childhood memories from when you were young and your parents would take you on rickshaw rides around Dhaka City. Eat fuchka at the Shahid Minaar, visit the museums, and stroll through the alleys of Old Dhaka eating bakarkhani and Beauty's Lassi. Eat jhaal muri at Lalbagh Fort. Travel only by rickshaw or on foot, retracing your steps down memory lane and soaking in all the culture with her.

In short, make a memory out of the day that you can later use as leverage when you need a little extra pocket money. Finish the day off with a movie of her choice of course (as unbearable as it can be, imagine all those times she sat through you watching Breaking Bad instead of catching up on her favourite soap) and dinner somewhere nice because sometimes even she needs a day off and not worry about leaky faucets and unwashed dishes!

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THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY

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12 ANGRY MEN - 10TH SHOW

Date: Saturday, 12 May

Time: 7:30PM to 9PM

Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Experimental Theatre Hall

'Open Space Theatre' was launched back in January 2017, inspired by the love of theatre. Their youthful team strives to bring honest, open, and vivid performances to entertain audiences. Their first production, '12 Angry Men', is a masterpiece by the American film writer, Reginald Rose. Their previous 9 shows received tremendous audience appreciation.

Please call 01765576981 for tickets.

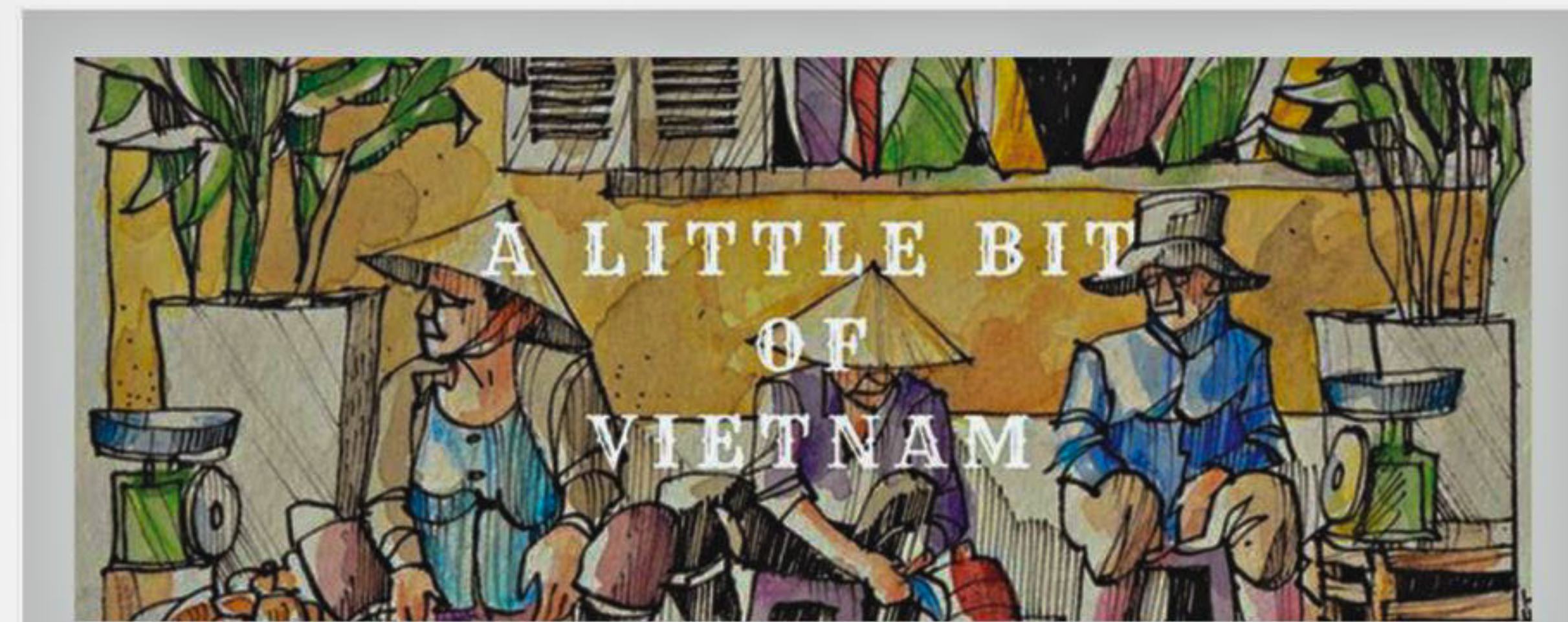
PRE RAMADAN CARNIVAL BY AFDB AND REELAS

Date: May 11 – May 12

Time: 10:00AM-10:00PM

Venue: Gardenia Grand Hall, House NW(I)-8, Road 51, Gulshan 2, 1212 Dhaka

Association of Fashion designers of Bangladesh (AFDB) and Reelas will again host their exclusive 'Pre Ramadan Carnival' to make Eid shopping more fun right before Ramadan starts. The event has it all - clothes, accessories, home accessories, as



A LITTLE BIT OF VIETNAM

Date: Friday, 11 May – Saturday, 12 May

Time: 3:00PM to 8:00PM

Venue: Clay Station Dhaka, House 28, Road 20, Block K, Banani, Dhaka

Through the context of Vietnamese philosophy, the home grown artists of Clay Station will make a few pieces that will give audiences a peek of BatTrang Hanoi and remind them to cherish our roots and heritage a little bit more dearly. Eventually it will open doors to the exhibit which is tentatively names "A little bit of Vietnam," a month later. Participants can just walk-in.

well as food for visitors! Participants include Reelas, Polka Drops, KhubSoorty, FaizahAhsan designs, Zafreens, Kinara, Azaraaz, Luxe Living, Nemali Blankets, Jewellery- Araaz Multani, Pretty Woman, and D's jewellery, among others.

DAN CAKE PRESENTS "LEGACY OF ROCK AND ROLL"

Date: 11 May

Time: 3:00PM – 10:00PM

Venue: Hall 01 (Gulnaksha), International

Convention City Bashundhara - ICCB.

"Legacy of Rock N Roll" delves into the ever popular genre with crowd favourite Bangladeshi Acts with stellar performances by Miles, Cryptic Fate, Arbovirus, Avoidrafa, Indalo, Powersurge, Mechanix, Radioactive, Echoes, Owned, Trainwrecks, and Connected.

Gate opens at 2:00PM, and tickets are Tk 500.

For details visit <http://jetechno.com/event/2680/dan-cake-presents>

SAJIDA FOUNDATION'S Mother's Day Social Change Campaign

Mother's Day is around the corner and this 13th May, Sajida Foundation is out to make a difference. The foundation aims to recognize the extremely poor mothers who remain unappreciated, unrecognised and in the shadows, even though they work tirelessly and face the most challenging odds in their fight to ensure a better future for their children.

At Sajida's Pavement Dweller Centres (PDCs), many poor working mothers leave their children in the safety of the Day Care Centres, to go to work. These mothers come from different backgrounds with different professions. From beggars to micro-entrepreneurs, every mother struggles to provide a better future for her child. Leaving their child at the PDC Day Cares ensures that the child has a clean and secure shelter where s/he gets nutritious food, clean water, non-formal education and other essential requirements for the well-being of the children.

The Foundation's communications team is already engaged in documenting their stories through writing and video stories. Their aim is to bring these stories to the world so that when we celebrate Mother's Day on 13 May, we do not forget the domestic help at our house, the beggar we met on the street, the vegetable vendor we met in the morning, the ayah at our children's schools or those who serve us coffee every day at work. All mothers deserve to feel the same warmth of love and appreciation that is the right of every mother on Mother's Day.

Sajida Foundation is a progressive, positive, pro-poor, eco-friendly non-profit organisation dedicated to its raison d'etre of bringing health, happiness and dignity in the lives of the less fortunate. Sajida thrives to bring about meaningful and sustainable change defined by its values of family first, innovation and quality, dignity, equality, inclusiveness, empowerment of women, transparency and accountability.

For more information, please visit <http://www.sajidafoundation.org> or <https://facebook.com/sajidafoundation>