

**WHAT'S ON**

**Art Exhibition**  
The Little Artist - Art Exhibition  
Venue: Abinita Gallery of Fine Arts  
Date: May 11 - May 15  
Time: 11 am to 6 pm

**National Sculpture Exhibit**  
Venue: National Art Gallery, BSA  
Date: May 9-June 7  
Time: 11am-8pm

**Theatre Festival 2018**  
Venue: Liberation War Museum Auditorium, Agargaon  
Date: May 11-14  
Time: 7pm

**Contemporary Art Exhibition**  
Title: Silent Revelation  
Artist: Mohammad Iqbal  
Venue: Edge Galleries (Dhanmondi & Gulshan)  
Date: April 22-May 19

**Musical Performance**  
Mr John and Shagorika- An eclectic evening  
Venue: Gourmet Bazar, Banani  
Date- Today  
Time-7pm - 10:30 pm

# Tashfee's 'Shur' on point!

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A few months ago, Tashfee made history by becoming the first female artiste to be signed by ArtistSpread, joining the likes of Miles and Bappa Mazumder. With the release of her all-new single Shur, she is set to be the first artiste in Bangladesh to be featured in a 'vertical' music video for the same song. Vertical videos are now a worldwide phenomenon, and they are optimized for viewers to watch the videos full-screen on their smartphones vertically. The Daily Star caught up with the musical prodigy at the release of her single at The Westin Dhaka.

Tell us a little bit about your new single, Shur. What makes this song special?

Tashfee: Honestly, this is a song that is very close to my heart. I've done original songs before, but I feel like this is my first true single and I'm grateful to the composer, Shahrin Shahriar for making it so beautiful. The fact that an artiste like Romel Ali played the keyboard for this song is also a huge honor for me.

We've been hearing a lot of buzz about the music video of the song. Shed some light on that.

Tashfee: This is possibly the first vertically shot music video in Bangladesh. Vertical videos are all the rage right now, as you can see from Camilla Cabello's Havana, Selena Gomez's new Back to You and Travis Scott's upcoming Watch. This is still a new format, and we wanted to introduce it to Bangladesh. The video was directed by Md Zakir Hossain from 'Chitrokolpo' and he did a fantastic job. It was shot at Nerdy Beans Café and the video drops sometime next week. Needless to say, I'm very excited!

Many have complained in the past about Bangladesh not having proper artist management. Do you think ArtistSpread has the potential to solve this problem?

Definitely. I am grateful to this platform for managing everything so well. The music that is produced here is not only distributed in Bangladesh, but internationally. All I have to concentrate on now is singing, and that is how it should be for an artiste. I'm also excited about the upcoming projects that I will be a part of, which involves a reputed international band. We will disclose that later this month!



PHOTO: SHAHREAR KABIR HEEMEL

## BRAVING CONDITIONS

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

## Fazlur Rahman Babu's upcoming ventures

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Despite having shelved two National Film Awards, Fazlur Rahman Babu identifies himself as a television actor. However, the veteran actor is slated to appear in a number of short films this year, for which he has packed his bags for Bandarban. The Daily Star recently reached out to the artiste, who is expected to remain in the hilly jungles for a while longer.

Which short films are you working on at the moment? FRB: The title of the film is Television, which explores the relationship between a father and his son. We are filming on a hill quite far away from Thanchi, which is very isolated.

How hard are the conditions there? FRB: A lot of hardships are being faced here, and we have weathered through violent storms and heavy rains. There were times when we were on a boat as it rained, and it is no easy feat to climb up and down the slippery hills. Because we love what we do, and our audience, none of this deters us.

How does it feel to win a National Film Award for the second time?

FRB: My work is dedicated to my audience, and it is their approval that counts most. But there is a great sense of fulfillment in winning the award. I earned this for my performance in "Meyeti Ekhon Kothai Jabe", but I'd feel even better if I had earned it for "Oggatonama."

Have you been working on new music lately?

FRB: After a very long time, I have recorded the sequel "Indobala 2." "Indobala 2" was conceptualised after "Indobala" proved to be very popular. Following that, "Indobala 3" will be ready for release soon.

## WHAT'S NEW ON TV

# Rick and Morty

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Created by Dan Harmon and Justin Roiland, Rick and Morty, which debuted in 2013, is an animated cosmic horror comedy that follows the adventures of the main character Rick, a scientist and alcoholic, and Morty, his grandson, sometimes with the rest of their family. It was the top TV comedy among millennials in 2017, and enjoys retail, digital, livestream, and gaming success.

The writing of the series is hilarious and creative. The mixture of wittiness, slapstick, and action all add to making the show one of the best comedies of recent times. The series easily parodies different movies and topics, sometimes slyly sneaking in references. It has a sensational world-building and character dynamics that are far beyond anything we usually see on the animated landscape of television. Fans of Rick and Morty can rest easy now as co-creator Justin Roiland posted on Instagram that 70 more episodes have been approved for the series. There were 31 episodes in its first three seasons.



We would highly recommend this series to anyone, especially fans of Back to the Future and Adventure Time.



# Old Dhaka in Frames

Two parallel photography exhibitions depicting the people and professions of old Dhaka as well as the architectural heritage of Sutrapur area of the older part of Dhaka have begun at a heritage home (Holding no 06) at Hemendra Das Road, Bangla Bazaar, Dhaka on Friday. Jointly organised by Goethe-Institut Bangladesh and Urban Study Group (USG), the exhibitions, titled -- "Puran Dhaka Biographies" by a Berlin-based photographer Guido Werner, and "Gems of Sutrapur" by USG, aim to uphold the value of heritage conservation.

Renowned architect Shamsul Wares inaugurated the exhibitions as chief guest. Human rights activist Khushi Kabir attended the event as special guest while

Dr. Kirsten Hackenbroch, Director of Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, and Architect Taimur Islam, CEO, USG, were also present at the inaugural ceremony.

In February 2017, Guido Werner visited Dhaka for a photography project on old Dhaka's inhabitants. During his visit, he photographed people from different walks of life who were also interviewed by USG volunteers. The exhibition features portraits of 15 individuals along with their biographies based on the interviews.

"Gems of Sutrapur" showcases the potential of heritage conservation in old Dhaka by exhibiting photographs and urban designs around Sutrapur area. The exhibitions, opening from 12 Noon to 9pm, will conclude today.



PHOTO: SALIM SADMAN SAMOY & ANINDA KABIR AVIK

19 years ago, Nemesis started their journey as a band with a show at the Russian Cultural Center. On 12th May, they paid tribute to the 'home' of rock music in Bangladesh with their first ever solo show, 'Homecoming'. The atmosphere was electric as they did 19 of their tracks, to which the crowd sang along religiously. The band hopes to continue this trend of solo shows.

# Women in unification at Cannes

History was made at this year's 71st Cannes Film Festival on Saturday as 82 women, representing the limited number of women filmmakers selected over its more than seven-decade history, made a symbolic walk up the red carpet. The stars, filmmakers and other professionals ascended the steps of the Palais des Festivals at the Cannes Film Festival, protesting for the solidarity of the women in the industry who are struggling for a voice, equal pay, as well as a safer work place.

The five female members of this year's Cannes jury-- Cate Blanchett, Kristen Stewart, Ava DuVernay, Lea Seydoux and Burundian singer Khadja Nin, along with Jane Fonda, Salma Hayek and Marion Cotillard were among the group of women.



PHOTO: COLLECTED



May 12 marked the grand opening of SaRa's first showroom in Mirpur. The fashion house made a huge statement with endorsements from stars like Sara Zaker, Oyshee, Shahtaj, Pritom, Xefar, Azim, Doyel and many others. They were present during the opening, along with the owner S.M Khaled.