

WHAT'S ON

Dinner and Musical Evening
 Title: Vegan Supper Club
 Event
 Venue: Gourmet Bazar Banani
 Date: August 4



Awareness Campaign
 Title: BYLC Running with Purpose
 Purpose
 Venue: Hatirjheel
 Date: August 3
 Time: 5:30am



Concert
 Title: 10 Years of the Armeen Musa Band
 Venue: Jatra Biroti
 Date: August 17
 Time: 7-10:30pm



Photography Exhibition
 Title: A Thousand Words
 Venue: Gallery Chittrak
 Date: August 10-11
 Time: 12pm



Exhibition
 Title: 'Hamra' Community Art Project
 Venue: EMK Center
 Date: July 28 - 30
 Time: 9:30am - 9:00pm




"I have no desire for material things"
 - BABITA

PLAYLIST
 In today's 'Playlist', we take a look at one of the rising stars of Dhaka's music scene, Petty Never Grew.

THE PINK SONG Petty Never Grew

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ
 Underground musicians in Dhaka tend to grossly misinterpret the term 'indie', as seen by the deluge of musicians and bands who claim to belong to that genre today. 'Indie', in essence means independent of any major labels, not falling into a single, defined sound. That being said, a relatively obscure indie gem that I had come across while surfing YouTube, is this band called Petty Never Grew. The songs *Ek*, *Deyal*, *Banzai* and *The Pink Song* are all a part of their upcoming album, and you'd be hard-pressed not to draw parallels between them and Snow Patrol. Even though all of their tracks are great, *The Pink Song* stands out, even though it is one of their earlier works. The reassuring vocals, soothing guitar playing and perhaps most importantly, on-point mixing and mastering makes this song an underrated gem. The lyrics are simple, but deceptively deep. You can listen to *The Pink Song*, and all of Petty Never Grew's existing tracks on their YouTube channel.



Having appeared in over a hundred films, Babita is undoubtedly one of the most illustrious actors that the country has ever seen. She has earned accolades at home and abroad for her performances, including the National Film Award. Recently she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award in recognition for her unparalleled contributions to Bangladesh's film industry. Today, the nation celebrates Babita's birthday. The actor is currently in Canada. The Daily Star has reached out to her over the phone for an honest interview.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 How do you plan to celebrate your birthday?
Babita: My son Anik lives in Canada, so I plan to celebrate it there with him. He is everything to me, and so, there is no better way for me to celebrate my birthday.
 What will you miss about Bangladesh while you are away?
Babita: I will miss the people, and my home. However, as my son is away for his higher education, I have to move there to accompany him for a while.
 What kinds of presents do you like receiving?
Babita: First and foremost, love and prayers make me the happiest. I do also receive a huge amount of flowers on this day, which I look forward to as well.
 You have received many awards during your lifetime. What do you hope to achieve next?
Babita: I would like the continued love and support from my fans, family, friends, and acquaintances. I have no desire for material things.
 How do you feel about your birthdays at this age?
Babita: I used to be very excited during this time of the year when I was younger. However, now I just feel that life is moving too fast.

GAME OF THRONES

Season 8 hype increases



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK
 After much anticipation, HBO's president Casey Bloys dropped a hint about when the final season of *Game of Thrones* will air. The president said Season 8 will land sometime in the first half of 2019. While this does not offer much in the way of concrete information, it does mean that fans of the show have an exciting 2019 to look forward to. The Season 7 Finale of *Game of Thrones* aired on August 27, 2017. After a year and a half, HBO is coming back with the next season. There has been a lot to awe us over seven seasons of *Game of Thrones*, but we suspect that Season 8, in terms of its magnitude and battle scenes, showcases something that has never been done before. The team of *Game of Thrones* wanted to give fans the best of what they had to offer. So, they did not rush through anything. HBO is further planning a prequel to *Game of Thrones*, whose story has been written by novelist George RR Martin.



On July 28, a group of artists organised an art camp on the bank of the Brahmaputra river. 25 artists from different institutions took part in the camp, which took place in Mymensingh town.

'Bhuban Majhi' sails beyond borders

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK
 The history of our Liberation War has been depicted in various films and *Bhuban Majhi* is one such story which managed to garner much appreciation for its authentic approach. Directed by Fakhru Arefeen Khan, the film is now slated for release across West Bengal, India in thirty cinema halls. According to one of the film's actor Maznun Mizan, *Bhuban Majhi* will have its premiere show in Kolkata on August 3. The film stars Indian actor Parambrata Chatterjee along with Bangladesh's Aparna Ghosh, Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed, Mamunur Rashid and others. The film has already made rounds across various international film festivals where it also proved successful.



A scene from 'Bhuban Majhi'

Documentary of Anwar Chowdhury in Greece

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 Pale in the Colors
 a documentary by
 Anwar Chowdhury
 a DuCINEMA production
 Theme, Cinematography, Direction & Production Anwar Chowdhury
 Editing Chaitali Somadder Produced by Du Cinema
 © 2017 Dur: 7 min

'*Borne Biborno (Pale in the Colors)*', a short documentary film has been nominated in the International Short & Medium Length Movies Competition category of the 5th International Documentary Festival of Ierapetra Awards of Crete, Greece.

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 Anwar Chowdhury is the cinematographer, director and producer of the film. The film is produced by Du CINEMA. The 5th International Documentary Festival of Ierapetra Awards will be held from August 4-9. Anwar Chowdhury says that the story is based on people celebrating the Bengali New Year. In the midst of the colourful and joyous occasion, a poor cobbler is found on a footpath. The cheerful ambience does not seem to touch his heart or cover his pale helplessness to the least. The cobbler is then ordered to move out and he loses even the minimum scope of earning. Chowdhury tells a humane story in this film, using the style of observation and experimentation. 16 films from 10 countries are competing with Chowdhury's film in the International Short & Medium Length Competition Movies category. *Borne Biborno (Pale in the Colors)* will first be screened on August 5. Another screening will be held on August 7. *Borne Biborno (Pale in the Colors)* is Anwar's sixth short documentary film. Previously, his films *Joler Shilpamonjori (Waterworks)* and *Ruddho Koishore (Barren Dreams)* were screened and highly praised in various national and international film festivals.

