

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>An Evening of Storytelling Title: Amar Spreeha Venue: Spreeha Bangladesh, Dhanmondi Date: August 31</p> 	<p>Photography Exhibition Title: Shutter Up Exhibition 2018 Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi Date: September 9-10 Time: 10am - 7pm Contact:</p> 	<p>Musical event Title: Neel Sarkar Live at Jatra Biroti Venue: Jatra Biroti Date: September 7 Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm More info at: www.neelsarkar.com</p> 	<p>Art Exhibition Title: 18th ASIAN ART BIENNALE BANGLADESH 2018 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: September 1 - 30 Visit:</p> 	<p>Musical Event Title: Celebrate Friendship with Armeen Musa Venue: The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Bangladesh Date: September 9 Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p> 
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Shyam Benegal to direct BANGABANDHU BIOPIIC



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Talks for making a biopic based on our Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman were in progress for some time now. According to a recent report by UNB, renowned Indian director Shyam Benegal has been hand-picked to direct the much anticipated feature film.

State Minister of Information Tarana Halim said that the reason behind choosing Shyam Benegal was based on his praise-worthy work depicting the life of Subhas Chandra Bose, the Indian independence leader, in yet another biopic. She also added that the joint venture between the neighboring nations will be supervised by a three-member expert panel exclusively from Bangladesh. However, the script for the film is yet to be approved by the descendants of Bangabandhu. The state minister also added that the release date for the film is to be on par with Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's birth anniversary, presumably by 2021.



An intimate celebration for SWEETY

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

When Tanvin Sweety made her debut as a model in the '90s, it didn't take long for her to achieve success in the fast-paced world of showbiz. The audience loved her almost immediately, and for over a decade, she has established a noteworthy acting career on screen and in theatre. Today marks the artiste's birthday, and in a recent conversation with The Daily Star, Sweety details her plans for the day, and more.

How do you plan to spend your birthday?
 I will be at home today, where a few friends and close colleagues will visit me. I expect to have a fun filled evening where I will be cooking for them, and catching up with our stories. There will be cake as well. The funny thing is, I have already received gifts from my friends a few days before, which was a pleasant surprise.

Do you expect any surprises from your husband?
 He never fails to surprise me on my birthdays, and I know he has something up his sleeve today as well. For the last three years, he has whisked me away on trips abroad, and he might have done the same this time too, if there wasn't Eid just a few days ago.

How were birthdays spent during your childhood?
 Oh, those were very memorable. There would be cake, which would be shared with my siblings and other family members, and friends

from school and the neighborhood.

What do you expect from your fans on this day?
 My fans have always been expressive in their love and admiration, and this is something I feel even when I'm away in the States or Canada. One time a fan sent flowers to my address, which made me very happy.

What are you currently busy with?
 I will star a tele-fiction aired on Duronto TV titled *B te Bondhu*. I am also working on another series aired on Banglavision titled *The Good, The Bad, The Ugly*. I have a few more projects in the pipeline as well.

You regularly appear in staged productions as well. Could you tell us more about that?
 I belong to the troupe named 'Theatre'. I have worked in theatre for many years now, and currently our next show is a production titled *Mukti*, to be staged on September 7.

CLEAN DHAKA CONCERT AT BASHUNDHARA

Boishakhi Television, in collaboration with Nagorik Foundation Dhaka, is organising 'Clean Dhaka Concert' on September 1, 2018 at Bashundhara Convention Centre, Hall 2. The concert will be inaugurated by Sayeed Khokon, mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation.



Miles



Topu



Nemesis

Band performing at the concert include Miles, Yaatri, Nemesi and many more. Bangladeshi stand-up comedians and participants of Kolkata's comedy show *Mirakkel*, Abu Hena Rony and Shawon Majumder will also perform at the concert, which is organised with an aim to raise awareness on keeping the streets clean.

Source: Boishakhi TV

Pooja Sengupta to represent Bangladesh in China

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

Turongomi Repertory Dance Theatre has long been one of the flagbearers of Bangladesh in the international dance arena. Led by Pooja Sengupta, the troupe's artistic director, they have represented the country in many prestigious dance festivals worldwide. This time, Pooja has been invited to the 2018 Annual Conference and International Symposium on Dance Aesthetic Education to be held in Dunhuang, China. "To implement the spirit of the 19th National Congress of Government of China, Beijing Dance Academy along with Capital Normal University, Beijing and Northwest Normal University are going to organize The 2018 Annual Conference and International Symposium on dance aesthetic education," says Pooja. She will be presenting a paper on the topic, "An analytical view on the Co-existence of Traditional and Innovative Methods of Dance Education". The event will take place from September 27-29.



Gold Gilding Workshop concludes at Britto

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Britto Art Trust organised Gold Gilding Workshop 2018, together with an open studio at its space in Green Road, Dhaka. Britto's current residency artist, Kathrina Rudolph conducted the workshop.

Kathrina, who completed her diploma from the Academy of Fine Arts in Nuremberg and Munich, Germany, has received awards of the Bavarian Ministry of State for Science, Research and Art in 2002 and 2004. Moreover, Rudolph took part artist residen-

cies in Finland and Bangladesh and held her solo and group exhibitions in Germany, Finland and Bangladesh. Nowadays she lives in Augsburg, Germany where she works as an art teacher and artist.

The workshop continued for a week and concluded with an open studio. "I tried to teach a very old technique from the middle ages," says Kathrina, "gold gilding is very hard to understand as it requires a range of materials and several step-by-step technical processes to follow."

The participating artists at the

workshop were Arpita Singha Lopa, Bipasha Hayat, Farah Naz Moon, Murshed Jahangir, Sumana Akter, Suborna Morsheada, Sarah Jabin, Yasmin Jahan Nupur, Promotes Das Pulak, Lutfun Nahar, Najmun Nahar Keya and Reetu Sattar.

Britto Arts Trust, a non-profit organisation, was founded in 2002 in Dhaka. Britto is a part of the worldwide Triangle Network and members of South Asian Network for Artists (SANA) that includes KHOJ, Delhi, VASL, Karachi and Theertha, Colombo.



Artists from Nepal unite in support of Shahidul Alam

Various installations and art were seen throughout the valleys of Kathmandu as artists made themselves vocal about the release of jailed Bangladeshi photographer Shahidul Alam. This is ahead of the fourth summit of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), which is to be held in Kathmandu. Several heads of state, including Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be present at the event.

Source: The Kathmandu Post



Participating artists and the conductor at the open studio.

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