

# "Asian Art Biennale is an event to be proud of"

- Liaquat Ali Lucky



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ZAHANGIR ALOM

Eminent cultural personality and Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Liaquat Ali Lucky shared his thoughts and aspirations of projecting Bangladesh artistically and culturally through the 18th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh (AABB) in a conversation with *The Daily Star*.

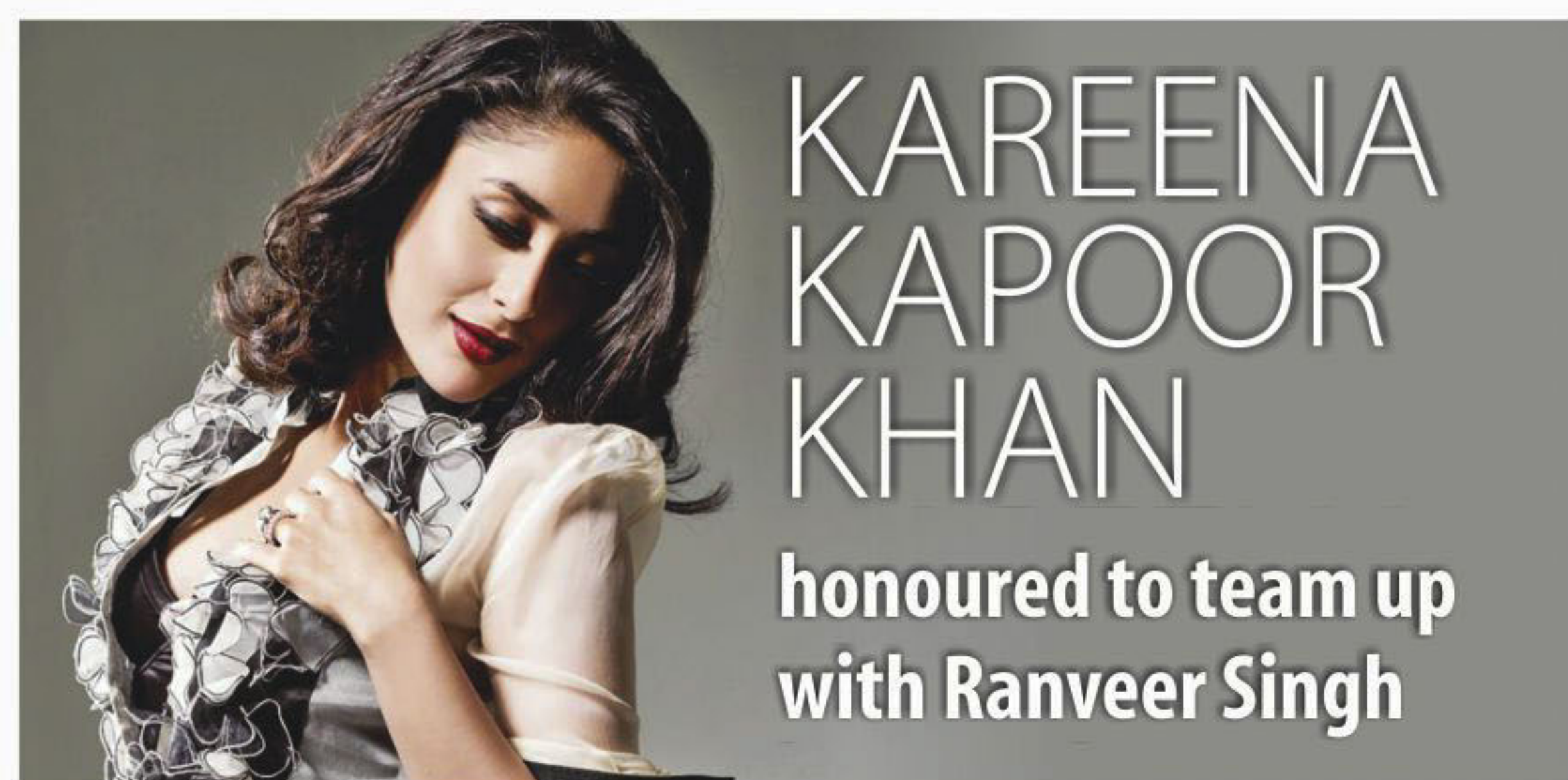
According to him, previously the artists from Asia and Asia Pacific region participated in the biennale, but now things have changed for the better. "From last year we opened the event to the entire world. The diversity and

quality of the artworks are incredible," says Lucky. "Even though we still have shortcomings in terms of curation and creation of the overall ambience, there are many aspects to be proud of." Particularly, Lucky is optimistic about the art show titled 'Bindu Bisorga,' curated by Bishwajit Goshwami and 'Performance Art Show,' curated by Mahbubur Rahman.

The organisers also opened a sculpture park in front of the National Art Biennale. Eminent artist Hamiduzzaman Khan oversaw the execution. "In the next editions, we would like to invite renowned curators from abroad to

work with our local curators," Lucky says.

Lucky believes that it is only because of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her love for art that he gathered courage to project Bangladesh culturally and artistically. He also said that the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman instituted Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and they are treading towards the path that Bangabandhu showed them. "We are branding Bangladesh as a leader of art, literature and culture before the world. This is the motto and spirit of the biennale," says Lucky.



## KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN

honoured to team up with Ranveer Singh

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Kareena Kapoor Khan is full of praise for Ranveer Singh and cannot wait to work with him in Karan Johar's *Takht*.

The film will bring back Karan and Kareena together after 17 years. The two last collaborated for *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham...* in 2001.

"I am very excited to finally do the movie with Karan and Ranveer. I have not worked with him but I know he is a phenomenal actor and it will be amazing," she recently claimed.

Meanwhile, Ranveer has always been an admirer of Kareena and longed to work with the stunning actor. Seeing these two superstars finally together on the silver screen is going to be a treat!



## Drik holds 'A Struggle for Democracy- A photo journey by Shahidul Alam'

PRIYANKA CHOWDHURY

Rarely does an exhibition begin with people singing, but the photographic exhibition titled 'A Struggle for Democracy- A photo journey by Shahidul Alam' at Drik gallery began with a spontaneous performance by singers Krishnakali, Bithi and Nila and the audience expressing their solidarity for the artist who is currently behind bars. The exhibition was arranged to protest against Shahidul Alam's imprisonment and to commemorate Drik's founding.

Teacher and activist, Professor Anu Muhammad, human rights activist Khushi Kabir, and Professor

Meghna Guhathakurta inaugurated the event. Junayed Saki, Shahidul Alam's partner, writer, and columnist Rahnuma Ahmed, Barrister Jotirmoy Barua were also present.

Rahnuma Ahmed said it is the love from people that boosts her strength and confidence.

Professor Anu Muhammad said, "This exhibition is a description of his 'faults.' He is a person always vocal about repression and discrimination." Barrister Jotirmoy Barua talked about fighting till the end for the freedom of Shahidul Alam.

The exhibition is open for all till September 10, 2018, every day from 3-8pm.



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Dilara Zaman

## LEGENDARY STAR, NEW AVATAR!

'Abar Elo Je Shondha', directed by Abu Hayat Mahmud features Abul Hayat, Dilara Zaman, Mamunur Rashid and Shahiduzzaman Selim in avatars that they have never donned before, in an extremely charming scene near the end of the tele-fiction. The scene showcases the artists taking part in a musical programme live on Channel i, incidentally where the tele-fiction was broadcasted. Check out the amazing sequence yourself on YouTube's Channel i page.

Source: YouTube's Channel i page



Mamunur Rashid and Shahiduzzaman Selim



Abul Hayat and Mamunur Rashid