

Day of Music, Poetry and Tea
Title: Cha Chakra in Ashwin
Venue: Cafe Shanchayita, Banani
Date: September 22
Time: 6pm-10pm



Live Performance
Title: An evening with Jewel
Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani
Date: September 22
Time: 7-10pm
Entry: BDT 300



Art Exhibition
Title: State of Mind
Venue: Kala Kendra, Mohammadpur
Date: September 7 - October 3
Time: 4:30pm - 8:30pm
Facebook Page: Kala Kendra



Movie Premiere
Title: Rock Strata: Live On Silver Screen
Venue: Star Cineplex, Bashundhara City
Date: September 29
Time: 7pm-9:30pm



Solo Photography Exhibition
Title: S.M. Sultan-The Cosmic Journey of a Fugitive
Artist: Nasir Ali Mamun
Venue: La Galerie, AFD



Exclusive musical instruments were on exhibit at the event.

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The Prime Orchestra's performance included the flute, clarinet and violin.

Enabling the music community

National Music House strikes the right chord



NMH offers a variety of brass, wind and percussion instruments.

SHABABA IQBAL

National Music House (NMH) is a musical instrument manufacturer and importer based in Dhaka which makes top-class exclusive musical instruments and imports from noted brands like Conn & Selmer, Buffet Crampon, Yamaha, Ludwig and several others. For over 70 years, NMH has been supplying brass and woodwind instruments to the Bangladesh Army, Navy, Air Force, Ansar, Police, Bangladesh Coast Guard, Border Guard Bangladesh, IG Prison and individual foundations.

In 2012, Md Nakibul Islam, son of Former CEO of NMH Hedayetul Islam Babul and grandson of Founder of NMH Sheikh Abdus Samad, took over the company. He carries the mission of making NMH a complete music solution centre offering not only a variety of brass, wind and percussion instruments, but also fully functional servicing and repairing amenities with skilled luthiers and opening both instrument and player rental services for different occasions,

countrywide free shipping for instruments of any size and EMI based payment option for music professionals and students. NMH will further be associated with different schools and start teaching programmes of musical instruments soon. For the music business in Bangladesh, NMH is to play an instrumental role in impacting music students, professional musicians and the entertainment industry at large.

Recently, NMH organised the launching ceremony of their website (www.nmhbd.com), a live instrumental jazz show featuring laudable performances from the bands The Prime Orchestra, The Seesaw Quartet and The Blues Brothers and an exhibition of musical instruments in the city, in collaboration with American International School Dhaka (AISD). Shoeb Mohammad, Head of Business Development, NMH, gave the welcoming address. Imran Rabbani of The Blues Brothers serves as one of the consultants of NMH. He played a significant role in making the event happen, starting from strategy formulation and planning to execution.

People from the music business were invited to attend the evening as part of NMH's effort to bring together different music professionals in the cause of their mutual betterment. Several members of Bangladesh Musical Bands Association (BAMBA), including their president, Hamin Ahmed, were present. DJ Sonica was announced as the brand ambassador of NMH at the event. Kelly Michelle Taylor, long-time music instructor and band director at AISD spoke about how as Bangladesh becomes part of the fabric of a global economy, becoming familiar with western musical practices allows the country to develop into a prominent participant in the international stage.

NMH also took the opportunity during the occasion to recognise their most senior luthier Imaam Ali, who has been serving the company for around 45 years.

The evening further shed light on fostering an understanding of the true value of music – beyond pure aesthetics and to support the professional roles of musicians who make their living from their art.

Revisiting the songs of soul

Bijoy Sarkar's songs at OPSB

ZAHANGIR ALAM

Folk Music takes a prominent place in Bangladeshi culture. Following the Guru-Shishya Parampara many mystic bards have been carrying forward the legacy of its many genres like Baul, Bhatiali, Murshidi, Bhawaiya and more for years. Poet-singer Bijoy Sarkar's compositions significantly enriched the trend of Bangla folk songs.

To revisit the songs of soul, Oriental Painting Studio Bangladesh (OPSB) recently organised a musical event at its space. Bijoy Sarkar's two-decade long close disciple Manoj Kanti Roy performed his Guru's compositions at the programme. Ashok Sarkar, another disciple of Bijoy Sarkar, on dotara and vocal, Sushen Adhikary on dhol and Anil Biswas on percussion accompanied the singer. The troupe came to perform at the event from Narail and Jashore.

Manoj Kanti Roy performed songs including Janitey Chai Doyal Tomar, Tomar Porosh Makha Gaye, Tumi Jano Na Rey Priyo, Posha Pakhi Jabe Urey, Sundor Ei Prithibi Chhere and more. Tania, an artiste of Vabnagar Foundation, rendered two songs including a



Artists Manoj Kanti Roy (harmonium and vocals), Ashok Sarkar (dotara), Anil Biswas (percussion) and Sushen Adhikary (dhol) in performance.

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Charya song. This correspondent too rendered a Bijoy Sarkar song Amar Mon-e Menechhe at the event.

Dr Malay Bala, an Associate Professor at the Department of Oriental Art, University of Dhaka and the curator of Oriental Painting Study Group, elaborated on the artistic value of folk music in pursuing a simple life.

Renowned folk researcher, writer and playwright Symon Zakaria thanked all concerned for organising the event.

Artists, singers, poets, photographers and academics enjoyed the programme sponsored by art connoisseur and collector Mikhail I Islam, who also arranged such an event at his residence in Gulshan afterwards.

AIRIN'S

upcoming films

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Although actor Airin worked in some television projects at the start of her career, she is currently focusing on films. She will soon be seen in Haroonuzzaman's 'Padmar Prem' and Annono Mamun's 'Ahare Jibon'.

She shot for *Padmar Prem* by the Padma river recently and right now, she is shooting for *Ahare Jibon* in Kuakata. Airin will be playing the titular character in *Padmar Prem* with actor Sumit as her co-star. Her character is a romantic girl in the 60's. In *Ahare Jibon*, she will be seen in the role of Jhinuk. Airin is excited to be a part of these films, as they both have really strong scripts.



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Bengal's classical music soiree

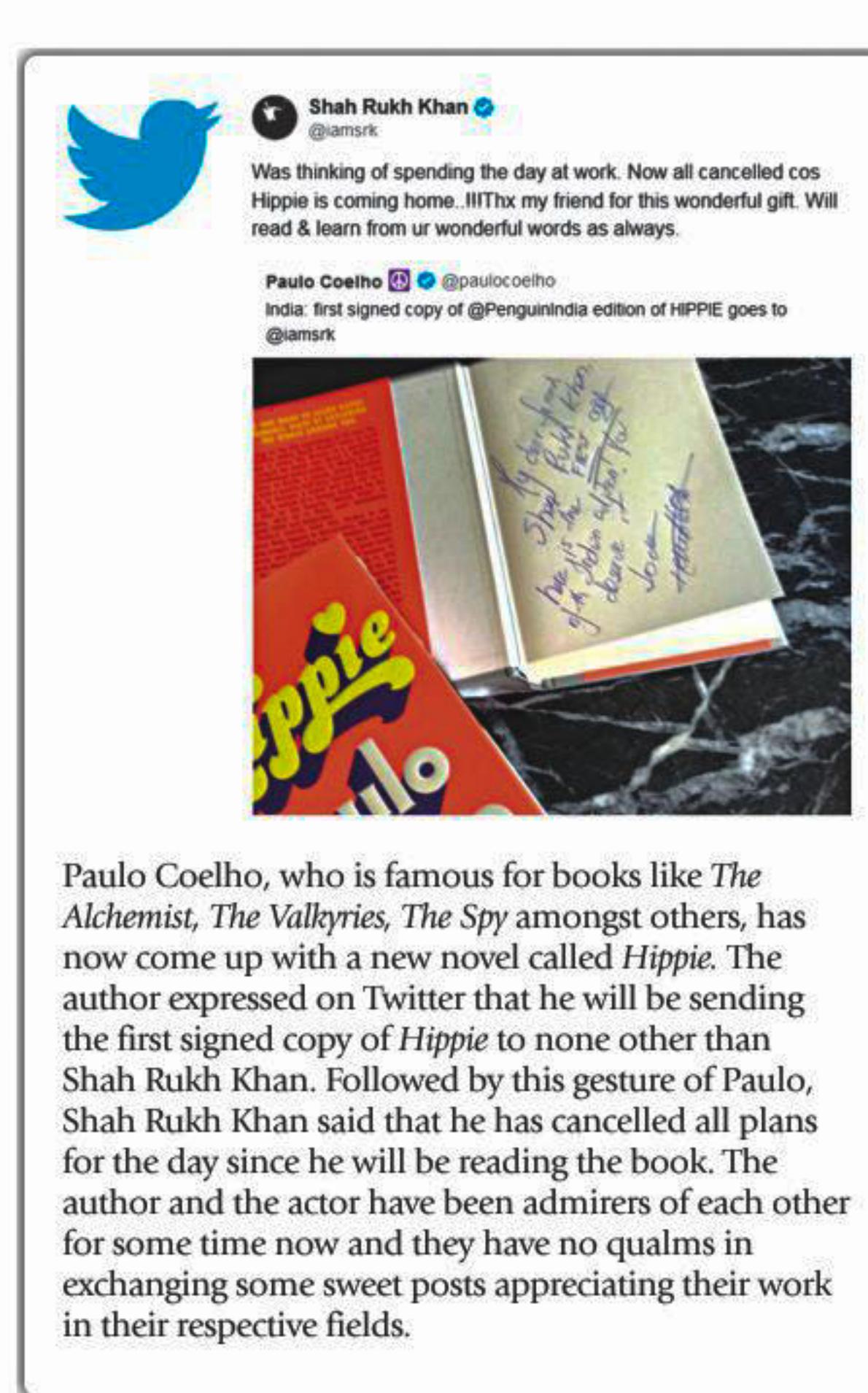
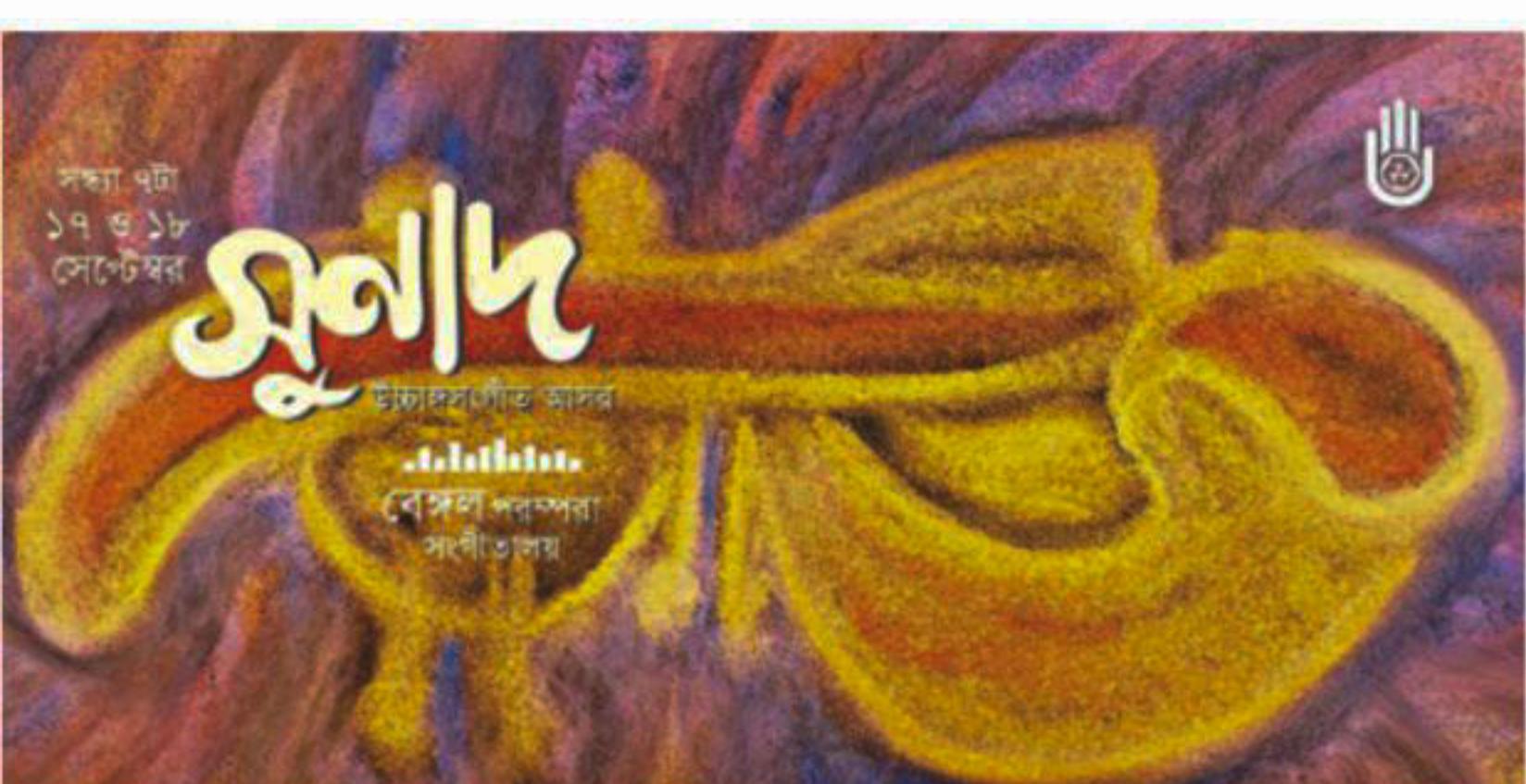
'Sunaad' ends today

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To promote and disseminate North Indian Classical Music in Bangladesh, Bengal Foundation has set up Bengal Parampara Sangeetalay in Dhaka, where young and talented singers are learning classical music under eminent Gurus of the subcontinent in a congenial aura.

The students of Bengal Parampara Sangeetalay will perform Khayal, Dhrupad, Sarod, Sitar, Tabla and Esraj in the first edition of Bengal's regular musical arrangement titled 'Sunaad'.

Today is the last day of the two-day long programme at Chhayanaut. It will start at 7pm.



Paulo Coelho, who is famous for books like *The Alchemist*, *The Valkyries*, *The Spy* amongst others, has now come up with a new novel called *Hippie*. The author expressed on Twitter that he will be sending the first signed copy of *Hippie* to none other than Shah Rukh Khan. Followed by this gesture of Paulo, Shah Rukh Khan said that he has cancelled all plans for the day since he will be reading the book. The author and the actor have been admirers of each other for some time now and they have no qualms in exchanging some sweet posts appreciating their work in their respective fields.