



Samrat, Nayak Raj Razzak and Bapparaj



Aly Zaker, Sara Zaker and Iresh Zaker



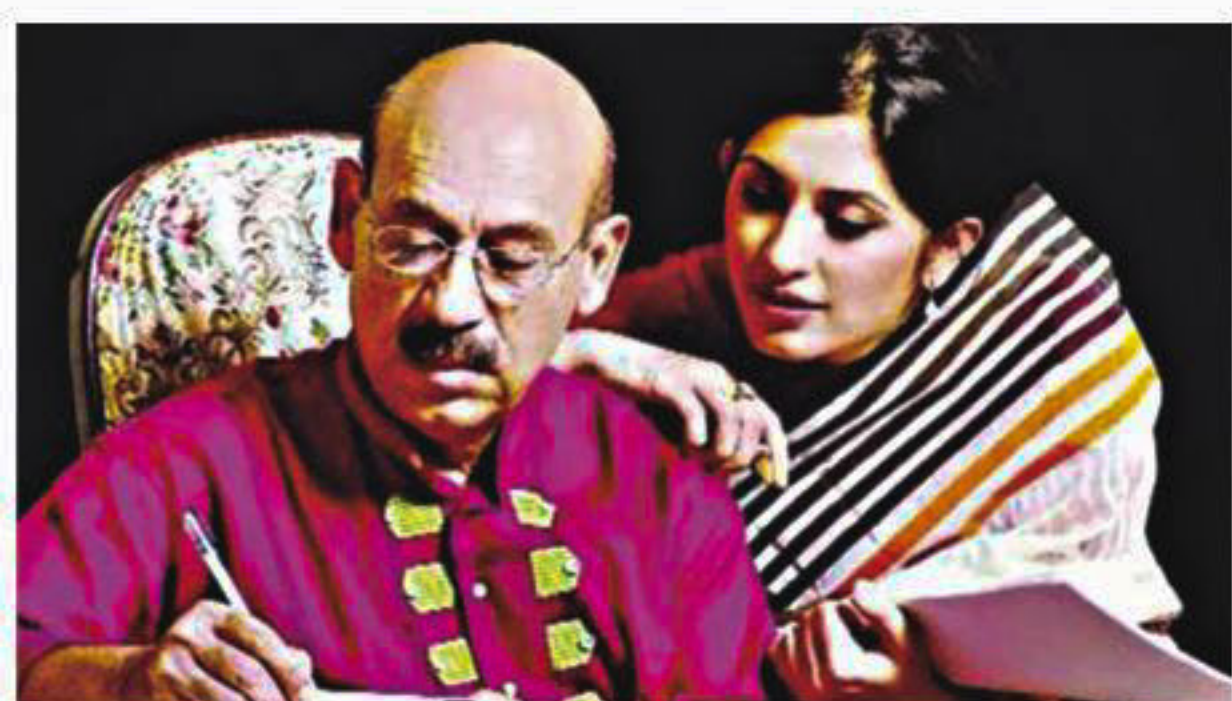
Ferdousi, Tropa and Ramendu Majumdar



Aankhi Alamgir and Alamgir

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# Raising a generation of artistes



Abul Hayat and Bipasha Hayat

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*Familial support is key for talents to flourish, and in many cases, legends have given way to their kids to match their legacy. The cultural traditions of Bangladesh have been preserved and nurtured over generations, and led to the birth of new artistic ideals. In the world of theatre, the names Ferdousi Majumdar and Ramendu Majumdar stand out like shining beacons. Their daughter, Tropa Majumdar is a celebrated thespian and TV actor, holding the torch passed down by her parents.*

Another widely celebrated couple from the same world is Sara Zaker and Aly Zaker. Their son, Iresh Zaker, has carved a space for himself in the acting industry. Similarly, TV actor Hridi Haque is active on stage, a space made familiar to her by her parents, Dr Enamul Haque and Lucky Enam.

Abul Hayat has been a treasured face on the small and big screen. His daughter, Bipasha Hayat reigned over the television industry in the '90s with her acting prowess. Her sister, Natasha Hayat has also marked her presence on the small screen for a while.

M Hamid and Falguni Hamid have had popular TV careers during their time, and their daughter Tonima Hamid enjoyed staggering success during her active years. The actor has shied away from the public eye for a while now, and enjoys a happy private life.

Golam Mustafa is celebrated as a TV and film actor, and also a great orator of poetry. His daughter, Suborna Mustafa is an iconic actor, and continues to be busy with projects today. Actor Sharmili Ahmed



Anowara and Mukti

also paved the way for her daughter, Tanima Ahmed, who retired from her acting career years ago. Shilpi Sarkar Apu and Naresh Bhuiyan's son, actor Yash Rohan, is also an upcoming name on television and the silver screen.

Some second generation stars, however, chose to veer into a different career path. One shining example is Nayak Raj Razzak's sons, Bapparaj and Samrat, who delved into directing during their careers.

Khan Ataur Rahman, music composer and director who has directed a number of notable films during his career, has a son who chose to walk down a very different artistic path. Today, his son Agun is a well known singer, and his daughter Romana Islam has chosen to walk in the same footsteps as well.

Ankhi Alamgir, daughter of famous actor Alamgir, is a well known singer with a myriad of hits to her credit.

Mukti once dominated the silver screen of the '90s, enjoying the success that her mother Anowara once had. Today, Mukti has retired from her acting career.



Habib Wahid and Ferdous Wahid

In the music world, father and son, Ferdous Wahid and Habib Wahid, have led successful singing careers.

Internationally renowned vocalist Runa Laila's daughter, Tani Laila is also an accomplished singer, but has chosen to stay out of the limelight recently. Noted singer, Sabina Yasmin's daughter Badhon also took an early retirement from music.

Legendary composer, Mahmudun Nabi's music is still alive, thanks to his daughters – singers Fahmida Nabi and Samina Chowdhury.

Popular singer Bappa Mazumder's father was the legendary classical musician Ustaad Barin Mazumder, while Emon Saha found his footing as a music director under the guidance of his father, Sattya Saha. Meanwhile, noted singer Alauddin Ali's daughter, Alif Alauddin is a singer and a television presenter.

The great Humayun Ahmed's daughter, Sheila Ahmed was a famous child actor who also had a brief acting career as a young adult. While she has been in retirement for some time, the late author's son Nuhash Humayun has recently found success as a director.

Jatra artiste, Amalendu Biswas and his wife, a fellow artiste named Jyotsna Biswas are parents to Aruna Biswas, an actor and director of great repute.

Debashish Biswas, a noted anchor and director, is the son of Dilip Biswas, a noted director of the Bangladesh film industry.

The legacy of singer Bashir Ahmed will forever be etched in history. His children, Raja and Humayra Bashir enjoy successful singing careers today.

Folk music legend, Abdul Alim's daughter Noorjahan Alim continues to take his legacy forward. Khalid Hasan Milu, another great singer is still alive in spirit, thanks to his sons Protic Hasan – a successful singer and Pritom Hasan – a music director, singer and actor.

## MUSICAL SOIREE and discussion at BSA

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*Cultural organisations Swapnokunri and weekly Purbapor arranged a musical soiree titled Chirayata Bangla Gaan at the National Music and Dance Centre auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on Wednesday.*

The event featured performances of Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, *adhunik* (modern) numbers and folk songs by both Bangladeshi and Indian singers. Noted Indian singer, Rana Dhanuka rendered Tagore songs and *adhunik* songs originally recorded by Hemanta Mukherjee and Manna Dey while Ditipriya Dutta presented Tagore songs, Nazrul compositions and *adhunik* songs. Renowned tabla artiste Manash Chakraborty accompanied the singer duo at the programme.

Bangladeshi artistes – Swati Karanjai and Atanu Karanjai – together with singers of Swapnokunri performed heart-touching folk melodies at the event.

Prior to the soiree, a short discussion was held at the venue where Secretary to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Shyam Sundar Sikder attended as the chief guest while Narayan Chandra Shil, Director General, Bangladesh Betar, was present as the special guest. Poet and editor of Purbapor, Hasan Mahmud delivered the welcome address.



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## The Ocean Dance Festival 2019

APORAJITA MUSTAFA

World Dance Alliance – Asia Pacific (WDA-AP) will be attending their annual general meeting and network meetings from November 22-25, 2019 in Cox's Bazaar. The four-day long dance extravaganza by the beach, comprising of seminars, workshops and live performances, will be organised by WDA, Nrityajog (WDA-AP's Bangladesh chapter), Bangladesh Tourism Board, University of Chittagong and Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Government of Bangladesh.

Internationally renowned British-Bangladeshi dancer, Akram Khan is scheduled to arrive as the keynote speaker at the festival. Bangladeshi dancers are encouraged to apply with performance proposals to the festival committee by February 25, 2019. "Our aim is to showcase an array of performances by talented Bangladeshi dancers who truly deserve an opportunity to present their work on such a prestigious global platform" said Lubna Marium, the Vice President of the South Asian chapter of WDA and the Chairperson of Nrityajog.

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## Concert for Autism Awareness at Army Stadium today

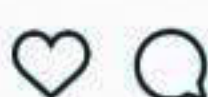
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Bangladesh Musical Bands Association (BAMBA), in collaboration with PFDA-Vocational Training Center (PFDA-VTC) and the Ministry of Social Welfare of the Government of Bangladesh will organise a "Concert for Autism Awareness" today at

Army Stadium from 12 pm to 10:30 pm. The concert, arranged by Sky Tracker Limited, boasts a star-studded band line-up including Miles, Warfaze, Souls, Dalchhut, Feedback, Shironamhin, Maqsood O' dHAKA, Powersurge, Nemesis, Vikings, Arbovirus and Dreek. Tickets are available at Shwapno outlets and Bagdoo.com.



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Taking to Instagram, Karan Johar shared an epic picture of him along with Bollywood's biggest stars like Shah Rukh Khan, Aamir Khan, Deepika Padukone, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh. In the picture, the stars look happy as they pose for the photo of the year. Although fans hoped that this was an announcement of a blockbuster in the making, it appears that the stars were just catching up with each other at a party.