

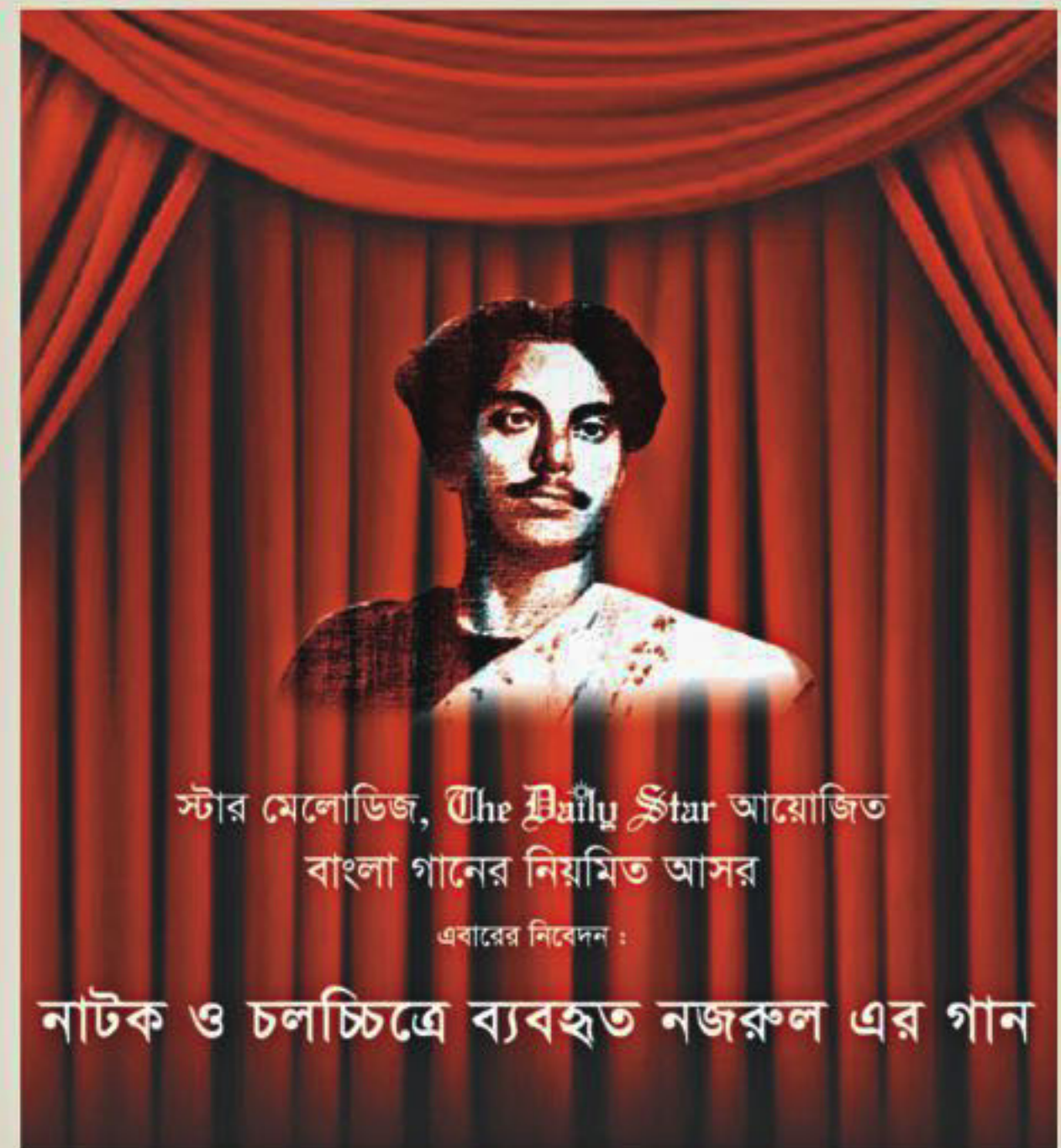
STAR MELODIES to host musical evening on Nazrul tomorrow

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Star Melodies, an initiative of *The Daily Star* promoting Bangla music, will host a musical evening on Nazrul tomorrow at 6:30 pm.

The event to be held at The Daily Star – Bengal Arts Precinct of The Daily Star Centre will feature songs by Yasmin Mushtari, Sheikh Jasim, Idris Ali, and Sushmita Anis. As a new initiative to involve students of different institutions across the city, students of Nazrul Institute will perform songs at the event.

Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief, Culture Initiatives, *The Daily Star*, will host and coordinate the programme. The programme is open to all. Invitation passes can be collected from the reception of The Daily Star Centre. Seats are limited.



Jaya Ahsan talks 'Debi'

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Jaya Ahsan, who has captured the hearts of millions with her incredible performances on film and television over the years, has many hit projects under her belt. An ardent fan of Humayun Ahmed's 'Debi,' she fills in the shoes of Ranu and also makes her debut as a producer in the film adaptation of the novel. 'Debi' hits theatres today.

The marketing team of *Debi* has left no stone unturned to generate buzz about it. How did you come up with the promotional tactics for the film?

I think promotion is an integral part of any film and our team has worked really hard to promote *Debi* in creative ways. I am also grateful to the media, without their support, we would not have come this far.

Speaking of creative tactics, you became a news presenter to promote the film recently. How was the experience?

It was a completely new experience. I have to admit I was nervous before doing it. But I really did not expect such a great reaction from everyone.

Do you think adapting Humayun Ahmed's novel for the big screen has helped *Debi* garner more attention?

I think so. This is the first time Misir Ali will be seen in a film, which is why I think the fans of Humayun Ahmed are excited. The film will also introduce Misir Ali to those who are not familiar with the novels.

How was the experience of being a producer on the sets of *Debi*?

I do not think I have worked any differently this time just because I am a producer too. I have always worked with compassion, and this time was no different.

Would you like to convey any message to the viewers?

I believe the viewers are the ultimate inspiration behind any film. *Debi* will only be a success if the audience loves it. I hope people enjoy watching it in theatres.



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WHAT'S ON

Musical Soiree
Title: Arnob Live
Venue: Chhayanaut Cultural Center
Date: October 19
Time: 6 pm – 8 pm

Musical Soiree
Title: 10 Years of The Armeen Musa Band
Venue: Jatra Boro
Date: October 19
Time: 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm
Tickets: Tk 300 (Tk 200 with valid)

Film Screening
Title: Swiss Film Night 2018
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, Dhanmondi
Date: October 23
Time: 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Art Exhibition
Title: Museumplein 2018
Venue: Mirinal Haque Creative Arts House#5/A, Road#2, Gulshan 1
Date: October 25 – 27
Time: 3 pm – 8 pm

Cosplay Event
Title: The Haunted Halloween Weekend
Venue: Jamuna Future Park
Date: October 26 – 28
Time: 2 pm – 8:30 pm
Single Day Passes: Tk 200

Celebration of Fall
Title: Autumn Leaves & Paperies
Venue: The Create Space, Baridhara
Date: October 19 – 20
Time: 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Nrityanchal stages 'Rai Krishna Padabali'



Indrani Halder, the host of the performance.



Nrityanchal stages the dance drama 'Rai Krishna Padabali,' directed by Sukalyan Bhattacharya.

AFSANA AZIZ NITOL

The atmosphere of Kalabagan Puja mandap was festive on Wednesday night with the blasts of *dhaak-dhol* and music. A cultural programme organised by Kalabagan Puja Committee doubled the celebration of the night.

Prominent dancers Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad

performed along with 40 other dancers of their dance troupe Nrityanchal. Together, they staged the dance drama *Rai Krishna Padabali*, directed by another renowned dancer from India, Sukalyan Bhattacharya. Shamim Ara Nipa played the role of Rai whereas Shibli Mohammad played the role of Krishna. Director Sukalyan Bhattacharya played the role of Bhanu Singha.

Beloved actor Indrani Halder came all the way from India



Shamim Ara Nipa in performance.

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to join the Puja celebrations in Bangladesh to host the dance drama and watch Nrityanchal perform.

"I always try to travel during Puja holidays, since this is the only time of the year I get a break from shooting," says Indrani Halder. "Sukalyan Bhattacharya is a dear friend of mine. When he informed me about this performance by Shibli and Nipa, I knew I had to watch it."



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Inauguration of Dwip Gallery

AFSANA AZIZ NITOL

The way our city has fallen prey to rapid urbanisation is portrayed by Kazi Salahuddin Ahmed in his recent exhibition titled *Fallout*. The exhibition began at a new art gallery called Dwip Gallery, which was recently inaugurated in Lalmatia, Dhaka.

Fallout by Kazi Salahuddin Ahmed, curated by Mustafa Zaman, will remain open till October 27. In Mustafa Zaman's words - "*Fallout* is a set of pictorial traits that rest beyond the region of the disaster of the city."

The issues of air pollution, rapid urbanisation and Rana Plaza disaster

are reflected through the paintings.

The exhibition was jointly inaugurated by eminent artist Monirul Islam and Ambassador Abdul Hannan, the Director of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka Olivier Dintinger. Dwip Gallery hopes to organise more such exhibitions and create a platform for artists to showcase their work in the future.

Wahid Ibn Reza in 'ANGRY BIRDS 2'

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Wahid Ibn Reza has been making headlines for stellar visual effects in some of the biggest Hollywood blockbusters in recent years such as *Furious 7*, *Doctor Strange*, *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, *Captain America: Civil War*, amongst many more. He is currently working on the upcoming animated film *Angry Birds 2*, set to hit theatres in September, 2019. He is coordinating the modeling and matte painting department for the film, which is a sequel to the 2016 hit, *Angry Birds*. The movie is co-directed by Thurop Van Orman and John Rice, starring Awkwafina, Dove Cameron, Sterling K Brown, and others.



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