

WHAT'S ON

EXCERPTS
SOLO EXHIBITION
BY ALIA KAMAL

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Excerpts - Solo Exhibition by Alia Kamal
Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani
Date: November 10
Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

duet to duet

Photography & Poetry Exhibition
Title: Duet to Dust
Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani
Date: October 27 - November 9
Time: 12 pm - 10 pm

BATTLE BOX BD 2018

Beatbox Championship
Title: BattleBox BD 2018
Venue: Ground Floor, Center Court, Jamuna Future Park
Date: December 9

Prized Past

Literary Festival
Title: Dhaka Lit Fest
Venue: Bangla Academy
Date: November 8-10
Time: 9:30 am - 7:30 pm
Registration and tickets: www.dhakalifest.com

Inktober Bangladesh 2018

Art Exhibition
Title: Inktober Bangladesh
Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
Date: November 2-17
Time: 3:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Talent may be the key ingredient, but nothing was ever accomplished without discipline. To this end, American illustrator Jake Parker started the Inktober drawing challenge in 2009. What began as an attempt to improve his skills and develop positive drawing habits has now developed into a worldwide affair with hundreds of participants. For the month of October, artists all over the globe make drawings and post them online and this year's Inktober challenge saw a spectacular reception from Bangladeshi artists.

Celebrating the best of Inktober

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Inktober Bangladesh 2018, a first of its kind exhibition arranged by Cartoon People, bears testament to the inspiration the drawing challenge has instilled in artists of our country. Cartoon People is a group of Bangladeshi cartoonists and visual storytellers who have been working actively with cartoon, comics and animation since 2016. They hold workshops and create tutorials for their members so that they can develop their drawing skills. As the goals of both Inktober and Cartoon People align, they have arranged the exhibition in collaboration with EMK Center.

For the occasion, Cartoon People



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called for drawings from artists through e-mail and their official Facebook page and group. From the submitted pieces, the top 100 artworks and top 25 sketchbooks are on display at the event, which is a celebration that brings together both accomplished and budding artists under one roof. "Inktober Bangladesh 2018 is our attempt to provide artists an avenue to watch one another's works, exchange experiences and make connections," says Syed Rashad Imam Tanmo, the founder

of Cartoon People. "I was surprised by the number of sketchbooks we received for the exhibition, given that people usually shy away from showing their doodles in their sketchbooks - but it seems like there is a liking for drawings with ink amongst artists here." The works at the exhibition showcase the innovative minds of the artists, who have touched upon everything from personal emotions to social issues through their talents.

"Inktober is a great way to get rid of an artist's block," says Nafisa Anjum, a participating artist of the exhibition and a student of Viqarunnisa Noon School & College. "I was initially struggling, but as the month went by, I was able to represent my ideas quite clearly." Three of Nafisa's artworks were selected for the exhibition. Mahatab Rasheed, a student of Udayan Higher Secondary School, is also one of the participating artists. This year, his

Inktober drawings were based on his favourite English and Bangla songs. He thinks that Inktober is an inspiring challenge. Noted cartoonist and editor of *Unmad*, Ahsan Habib, artist Bishwajit Goswami and director of EMK center, Naveed Akbar, were special guests at the inauguration ceremony on November 2. The exhibition will be open till November 17. A live figure drawing session will also be arranged during the event on November 10.

Moushumi opens online portal

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Moushumi, besides being one of the most decorated stars in the film industry, now plans to give tough competition to online portals in the country! On her birthday on November 3, the famed actor unveiled her own news portal, 'YesNewsBd.com'. The platform is entertainment-based, and will look to provide authentic and relevant news regarding the glamorous world of showbiz. "I have had the fortune of being in great terms with journalists over the years, and I am glad that I will get to work even more closely with them", said Moushumi in the unveiling ceremony.



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Inspired from characters created by the legendary author Humayun Ahmed, 'Debi' was destined for success. Since its premiere, the film is still running strong across 50 theatres in the country and has recently leaped borders to land in the USA.

Rana replaces Nana!

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A lot of controversy surrounded Nana Patekar after allegations of sexual abuse were made against him in the wake of the #MeToo movement in India. After he quit his role in the upcoming *Housefull 4*, there were speculations as to who would replace him. It turns out that *Bahubali* famed star, Rana Daggubati, will replace Nana Patekar. The film's director, Sajid Khan, also had to step down due to allegations and was previously replaced by Farhad Sajmi in the position.



STAR CINEPLEX in Mohakhali soon



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Film buffs in Dhaka are in for a treat as they will soon have a new branch of Star Cineplex in SKS Tower at Mohakhali. Executives

from Show Motion Limited and SKS Tower recently signed a memorandum of understanding in this regard. Mahbub Rahman Ruhul, chairman of Show-Motion Limited, said that the multiplex

will be launched next May. Apart from that, there are plans in 2019 to build more than 20 halls in various places, including Uttara, Purbachal and also to build 100 branches throughout the country.



After its release in San Francisco on November 3, it will soon travel across various American cities to entertain the audience. Chanchal Chowdhury, who portrays the role of Misir Ali expressed his enthusiasm over the release in America, and said that he is rather hopeful for the film's foreign journey. Actor, and now producer Jaya Ahsan, said that it was a proud moment for the *Debi* family, that the film was transcending borders. They all hoped for the success of the film and also informed *The Daily Star* that the film will be released in Australia, Canada and some parts of Europe this month.

