

WHAT'S ON

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Excerpts - Solo Exhibition by Alia Kamal  
 Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani  
 Date: November 11-24  
 Time: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Musical Evening**  
 Title: Kotha O Shurer Omor Juti  
 Venue: The Daily Star Centre  
 Date: November 27  
 Time: 6 pm

**Group Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Joloj 4 (Aquatic 4) - Streets of Dhaka  
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka, Dhanmondi  
 Date: November 9 - 24  
 Time: 3 pm - 9 pm (Mon to Thurs);

**Art and Craft Exhibition**  
 Title: Native Artistry  
 Venue: Six Seasons Hotel, Gulshan 2  
 Date: November 30  
 Time: 10 am - 10 pm

**Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Miniscope  
 Venue: Dwpip Gallery, Lalmitia  
 Date: Nov 10 - 29  
 Time: 3 pm - 9 pm (Monday off)

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Reunion  
 Venue: Gallery Shilpangan, Lalmitia  
 Date: Nov 16 - 29  
 Time: 3 pm - 8 pm



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MONIHAR

Experiencing movie magic at Jashore

**SHAH ALAM SHAZI**  
 Inaugurated in December 1983, Monihar, the renowned movie theatre near the Jashore Bus Terminal, became quite popular amongst film buffs within a short time of its launch, owing to its construction style that was ahead of the era. Audiences from different parts of the world including Japan, Korea, Africa, Australia, Russia and England are known to come to Monihar to watch movies, making the theatre one of the most influential forces of the Bangladeshi film industry. To this day, popular film stars drop by Monihar to check out the reactions of

their fans to their latest release. "Monihar is a matter of pride for our district. We are privileged to have so many people come here for a bit of an escapism through cinema," says Zahir Iqbal Nannu, founder of Swapno Dekho, a social welfare organisation in Jessore. Designed by Kazi Mohammad Hanif, the cinema hall is often hailed as the leading platform for Dhallywood. Whenever a new film was scheduled for release, it was almost customary that the movie premiere should be held at Monihar. After its launch, the first movie to be screened at the hall was director

Dewan Nazrul's *Johnny*, starring Sohel Rana and Babita. The number of seats in the movie hall of 4 bigha land is 1,400 and currently, Monihar has 40 employees. Latest films including the Jaya Ahsan and Chanchal Chowdhury starrer *Debi* and Shakib Khan starrer *Suphero* are now showing at Monihar. For decades, Monihar has been bringing together thousands of people to share the experience of movie magic. After all, there is nothing quite like a room full of people laughing, crying and grasping at the same moments as they journey through a story together.

1 MINUTE PLEASE

SANZIDA MAHMOOD NANDITA

**AFSANA AZIZ NITOL**  
*Singer Sanzida Mahmood Nandita first came into the limelight with Bangladeshi Idol. She has been charming the audience ever since - both as a singer and a presenter. She takes out some time for us in this week's "One Minute Please!"*  
 Are you a cat person or a dog person?  
 I would prefer dogs.  
 A singer you admired growing up?  
 I used to look up to Sandhya Mukherjee.  
 What is the one thing you would like to bring, if you were stranded on an island?  
 Myself. I love to be alone.  
 Where do you see yourself in 10 years?  
 I aspire to be the best in whatever I am doing.



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SNOOP DOGG gets his star

Hip-Hop legend Snoop Dogg recently received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Having sold over 35 million albums worldwide, the rapper addressed, "I want to thank me for doing all this hard work. I want to thank me for having no days off. I want to thank me for never quitting. I want to thank me for always being a giver, and trying to give more than I receive. I want to thank me for trying to do more right than wrong. I want to thank me for just being me at all times." Fellow rapper Dr Dre, record producer Quincy Jones and talk show host Jimmy Kimmel were among the many in attendance during the ceremony. Today also marks the 25th anniversary of Snoop Dogg's debut album.

SOURCE: AFP

Shilpakala to premiere archaeological play 'Mahasthan' today

**ZAHANGIR ALOM**  
 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) has been producing and premiering plays about famous archaeological sites of Bangladesh for several years. They staged *Sompur Kathon* and *Wari-Bateshwar* in 2014. Following the trend, this time, BSA is all set to stage the play *Mahasthan*, which sheds light on the 2500-year old archaeological site and its distinctive political and cultural

heritage. The play will premiere today at 6 pm followed by another show tomorrow at Mahasthangarh, Shibganj, Bogura. Around 400 theatre artistes and cultural activists are now busy in a three-day (November 20-22) rehearsal to successfully stage the archeological play at the ancient capital of Bengal. Md Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, will inaugurate the premiere with eminent

litterateur Professor Hasan Azizul Haque as chief guest and BSA DG Liaquat Ali Lucky in the chair. Renowned thespians Manchasarathi Ataur Rahman and Professor Abdus Selim; Md Altaf Hossain, DG, Department of Archaeological; Fayeze Ahmed, DC, Bogura and Md. Ali Ashraf Bhuyan BPM, SP, of the district will attend the occasion as special guests. Written by Dr Selim Mozahar and

directed by Liaquat Ali Lucky, *Mahasthan* is an artistic tale of transforming archaeological-history into visual poetry. "Centering on Mahasthan of Pundranagara, the play portrays the epoch from the arrival time of *Mahamuni* Gautama Buddha in Bengal to the Liberation War of 1971, together with the region's historical, political and cultural backdrops and its successive changes, evident facts and popular tales," said Dr Selim Mozahar.



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Winners of 23rd Berger Young Painters' Art Competition awarded



Winners of 23rd Berger Young Painters' Art Competition (BYPAC), organised by Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, were awarded on November 19 at Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden. The winners were - Chitram Sen Anik (1st), Md Tariqul Islam Hirok (2nd), Nabraj Rai (3rd), Jannatul Nesa Tumpa (4th), Asma Chowdhury (5th), Suborna Morsheda (6th). The crests were handed over by Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director, Berger Paints Bangladesh, and certificates and prizemoney were handed over by Professor Nisar Hossain. Prominent artist Syed Abul Barq Alvi was honoured with Life Time Achievement Award of BYPAC 2018. 40 paintings, including the six award winning artworks, are on display at Zainul Gallery (Gallery-1) from November 20-24, 2018. Source: Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited

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