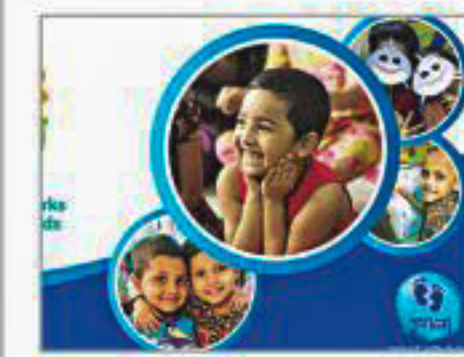


WHAT'S ON



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Deyaal - Solo Exhibition by Farhana Afroz Bappy
Venue: Jatra Birotti, Banani
Date: Dec 2 - 12
Time: 12 noon - 8 pm



Exhibition
Title: Ode to Joy
Venue: Drik Gallery
Date: November 29 - December 1
Time: 3 pm - 8 pm



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



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



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Reunion
Venue: Gallery Shipkangan, Lalmatia
Date: Nov 16 - 29
Time: 3 pm - 8 pm



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Ramendu Majumdar honoured in China

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Ramendu Majumdar, former President (world-wide) of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) and now its honorary president, was awarded the ITI 70th anniversary medal on November 23. He was honoured for his out-

standing long term commitment to ITI, in a Gala Ceremony held in the Hainan Opera House, in Haikou, Hainan, China. The 4-day anniversary celebration will come to an end today.

Two other former ITI Presidents - Jeong-Ok Kim of South Korea and Manfred Beilharz of

Germany - were also honoured in the event.

200 foreign and Chinese delegates attended this celebration, along with Haikou Theatre Festival under the patronage of UNESCO. Another delegate from Bangladesh, Babul Biswas, Secretary of the ITI Publications Committee, was also present at the celebration.

Musicality in Wood underway at Cosmos-Atelier71

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A five-day (November 23-27) long woodblock print workshop titled *Musicality in Wood* is now underway at Cosmos-Atelier71 Printmaking Studio in the capital's Malibagh area. The workshop is being conducted by artist Anisuzzaman, Professor of the Department of Printmaking, Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka.

Eminent artist Monirul Islam, Director of Alliance Française de Dhaka Olivier Dintinger and Gallery Cosmos Director Tehmina Enayet were present as distinguished guests at the inaugural ceremony on November 23.

Sixteen emerging artists from all over the country are participating in the workshop. The artists are: ATM Abid Hasan, Avijit Mondol, Bristy Pathan, Faisal Abir, Faizul Islam, Jeny Das, MD Ashrafur Alam, Md Fahad Uddin, MD Ragib Shakil Al Rafi, MD Saiful Islam, Sruty

Kashana, Md Taohidur Rahman, Nabanita Chowdhury, Raju Ahmed, Shahed Hossain and Tahera Tanzim Juthi.

Sourav Chowdhury and Zahangir Alom are participating in the workshop as guest artists.

The studio also intends to publish a portfolio with selected artworks of every participant derived from the workshop. It will run from 10 am to 5 pm every day until November 27 at the Cosmos-Atelier71 Printmaking Studio at Cosmos Centre.

Cosmos Atelier71 studio, established in 2009, has made a significant contribution towards printmaking medium more popular. As part of its vision to elevate art, the studio contains state-of-the-art facilities, which are exceptional in Bangladesh. It aims to break new grounds by acting as an incubator for the emergence of graphic art in Bangladesh.



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"Nothing beats performing live on stage"

- Sabbir



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SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Popular singer Sabbir has come a long way since his CloseUp 1 days. Aside from his singing career, the artiste has successfully ventured into music direction. He chats about his work and life beyond the recording studio.

What are you busy with right now?

I am busy with music direction. I've recently collaborated with a few artistes for this purpose. I've been working with Armaan from 'Mirakel', Dolly Sayantani, and a few others.

As a singer, how do you see the art of music direction?

My main focus is being a singer, but I enjoy directing music immensely. I feel directing music comes naturally to many singers, as it gives us a chance to experiment, and have more control.

It is currently the season for stage shows. How busy are you in this regard?

We look forward to winter every year because it's when we get to appear on stage and interact with the audience. However due to elections, I have fewer appointments than usual. I am going to travel to Chittagong, Cox's Bazaar, Bogra for performances. I will be performing in Dhaka as well and appearing in television shows.

Between television, audio, live shows, playback singing and radio, which medium do you enjoy more?

As a singer, I love singing, and I'm indiscriminate regarding how I am able to do it. However, nothing beats performing live on stage because you get to see the audience's reactions and interact with them directly.

There are many that hold the opinion that the music industry is going through a tough phase. How do you perceive this?

I am not pessimistic about the music industry. I know and believe in our capabilities of putting great music out there.



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50 EXCLUSIVE albums launched

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BanglaLink Vibe, one of the biggest Bangla music streaming apps, announced 50 exclusive albums on their platform at a press conference at Lakeshore Hotel on November 24. Subscribers to the app will now have a unique opportunity to enjoy completely

new music by popular artistes, including the all-new tracks of Habib, Balam, Kona, Minar, Adit, Elita, Imran, Topu, Pritom, Bappa, Meharin, Shafin, Nancy and Towfique. The app has a premium section for the users, which enables them to enjoy exclusive songs and features using a flexible payment modality. It is available for download in the app store.



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AB Bank unveils and promotes the book "1971: Resistance, Resilience and Redemption" written by Maj Gen Sarwar Hossain. It contains the legacy of Bangladesh's Liberation War history and heritage. Maj Gen Sarwar Hossain, Military Secretary to the President of Bangladesh, Sajjad Hussain, President & Managing Director (CC) and Tarique Afzal, Deputy Managing Director of AB Bank Limited, were also seen during the event.

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New episode of 'Ityadi' to air soon

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The latest episode of popular magazine show *Ityadi*, which will be aired on BTV and BTV World on November 30 after 8 pm news, was shot in Sunamganj district. The episode will provide an informative documentary on Sunamganj and pay tribute to the folk legends Shah Abdul Karim, Hasan Raja, Radharomon Dutta, Durbin Shah and many other talented people, whose classic creations enriched Sunamganj's heritages.

Along with this, a song, highlighting the beauty of Sunamganj, will also be featured. The song is tuned by Hanif Sanket and composed by Mehdi. A group of Sunamganj based dancers will also participate in a dance number, choreographed by Monirul Islam Mukul.

Ityadi is hosted by Hanif Sanket, produced by Fagun Audio Vision and sponsored by Keya Cosmetics Limited.