

<p>WHAT'S ON</p>	<p>Theatre Title: An Inspector Calls Venue: Mohila Samity Auditorium, Bally Road Date: December 11 - 15 Time: 3 pm (December 14 & 15); 7 pm (December 11 - 15) Hotline: +8801722488909</p>	<p>BRILLIANT The 4th New Crafts International Artists Group Exhibition and Academic Seminar Organisers: FFA, DU, Tsinghua University, Shanghai Art & Design Academy, BSA & Bengal Foundation Venue: National Art Gallery # 2 & 3, BSA Date: Dec 8-15; Time: 10 am - 8 pm</p>	<p>Group Art Exhibition Title: Winning With Art Venue: Bay's Galleria, Gulshan 1 Date: Dec 1 - Dec 31 Time: 10 am - 6 pm</p>	<p>Photography Exhibition Title: American Landscape - A Photography Exhibition by Shibly Shiraj Venue: EMK Center Date: December 8 - December 20 Time: 9:30 am - 8 pm</p>	<p>Live Concert Title: Jazz Planet: A Live Jazz Performance by Imran Ahmed Trio Venue: Gulshan North Club, Gulshan 2 Date: Today Time: 7 pm - 10 pm Ticket Details: Gears for Ears</p>
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MONIRUL ISLAM

to receive Royal Spanish Order of Merit tomorrow

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Internationally renowned Spanish-Bangladeshi artist Monirul Islam will be conferred the Royal Spanish Order of Merit at the residence of the Ambassador of Spain in Bangladesh, tomorrow evening. The living legend of art was recently bestowed with the Bangla Academy Honorary Fellowship 2018 in Fine Arts. He will also receive Zainul Sammanona (conferred by the Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka) on December 29, the birthday of Shilpacharya Zainul Abadin. "I feel proud and lucky to have worked with our great Guru, Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin. When I was a young teacher at Dacca Art College (Now Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka), I came to my hometown Chandpur, at the confluence of three mighty rivers -- Padma,

Meghna and Dakatia, to accompany him at a four-day outdoor work on a boat," mentioned the Ekushey Padak winning artist whilst going down memory lane.

Monirul Islam, who was also conferred the Cross of Officer of the Order of Queen Isabella in 2010, says that art, aesthetics and emotion are basic things of life. "Life is a canvas and it is the artists who portray the various aspects and elements of life into it. Understanding art is a process that incorporates many things. It doesn't happen all of a sudden in someone."

Subtle lines and a harmonious colour balance between space and composition is the hallmark of his art, embellished with doodles, lyrical lines, dots, tiny motifs and a lot of symbols. Applying meticulous colours in thin layers and reducing the texture of the paint to

its most minimal expression, Monirul Islam established his signature style of art in the early '70s.

According to the great artist, art is successful when it is admired universally. No specific language is needed to garner acceptance and appreciation, because art itself is a language with a heavenly grace. The people who are able to wear the beauty of art are the luckiest people in the world. "My artistic fantasy plays with many unfinished works scattered in my studio. They seem to grow with my dreams spreading their wings. I dream of depicting what I cherish; but I don't know if I'll make it," says Monirul Islam. "This unquenchable thirst is a prerequisite for any artist to move forward. Art itself is much more powerful than the artist."



PHOTO: STAR



TISHA'S 'PHOENIX' TAKES OFF TODAY
 A still from 'Phoenix', directed by Redoan Rony and starring Nusrat Imrose Tisha.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Nusrat Imrose Tisha, who has garnered landmark popularity with her remarkable performances both on television and the silver screen, will be seen in Chabial's telefilm, *Phoenix*, helmed by Redoan Rony. It is presented by *Bhalobashar Bangladesh*, a campaign which shows the positive sides of Bangladesh from the perspective of the Bangladeshi youth to help people reignite their patriotism. *Phoenix* will air on Maasranga Television, SA TV, Nagorik TV and ETV at 8 pm tonight. Ahead of the release, Tisha talks about working on the telefilm and more.

What kind of themes does the telefilm, 'Phoenix', touch upon?
 I cannot reveal too much, but I can say that *Phoenix* is about the ups and downs we face as human beings in our everyday lives. It is a character-driven story that shows how, even after losing something, we can emerge victorious at the end of the day.

How does the title, 'Phoenix' relate to the story of the telefilm?
 According to historical accounts, a phoenix is a legendary bird that burned itself to ashes on a pyre, and rose alive from the ashes to live another period. Bearing that

in mind, in the telefilm, we have portrayed how human beings can wither away as well, but when the time comes, they can rise to the occasion.

How was the overall experience of teaming up with Redoan Rony for this project?
 This is my second collaboration with Redoan Rony. He is one director who brings out the best in any actor. He puts so much hard work and dedication behind everything he does, and I think that is commendable. I had a great time shooting for *Phoenix*.

'Phoenix' will be aired on four different channels tonight. Are you nervous or excited about its release?
 I am thrilled about its release. I have previously worked on a television project that was televised on many channels at the same time on the same day - I believe that this is a really smart pattern of presenting a programme to the audience. I hope that our telefilm is well received by the viewers.

How are the preparations going for your upcoming film, 'Bobaa Rohossho'?
 I am currently doing all the homework on my character in *Bobaa Rohossho*, and really focusing on the getting into the skin of the role. We will start the shooting of the film sometime in January 2019.

A comical approach by BongoBD

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Popular YouTube channel BongoBD has arranged a new comedy series for the first time titled *Plural Number 3rd Person*. The story revolves around two unemployed bachelor friends and portrays their day to day experiences with their landlord and neighbors. With its fresh take on the youth of the digital age, the cast of the series will make a debut through *Plural Number 3rd Person*. The characters were played

by Mushfik R Rahman, Ziaul Haq Palaash, Nishat Priyam, and Shaon Majumder.

Shahjada Shahed wrote the script for the comedy-based plot, while Imran Emon created the unique characters and Shafiqul Alam Sonnet was behind the cinematography. Stellar Digital Limited (Bongo) produced and promoted the exclusive comedy series. Keeping in mind the wide range of audience, the new show will be aired on a private television channel after its YouTube release.




The cast of 'Plural Number 3rd Person'. PHOTO: COURTESY

SINGER Shakib Khan!

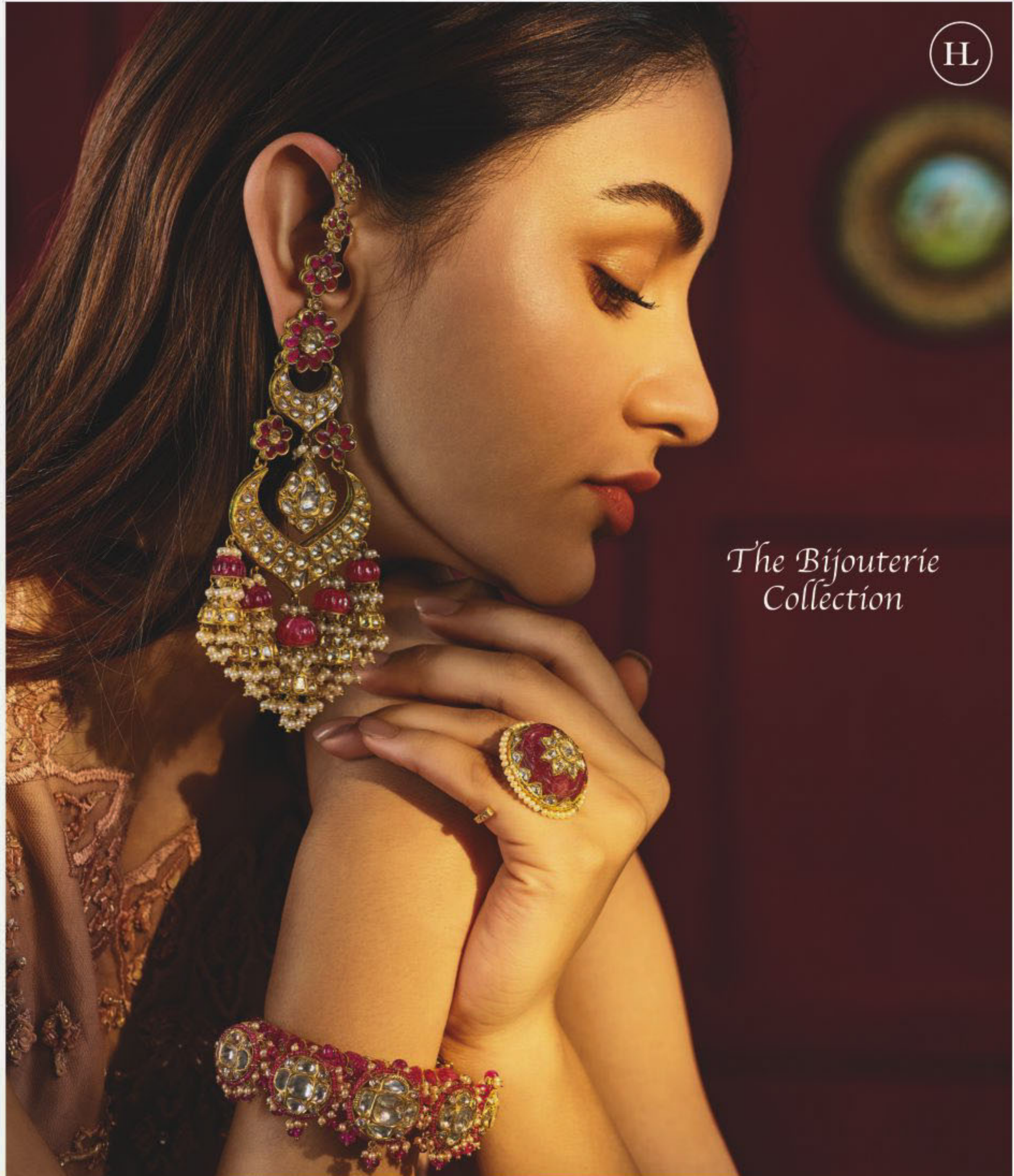
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Dhaliwood ace Shakib Khan's acting resumé speaks for itself. However, the superstar is now ready to rock the top charts as he lends his voice to a song from Kazi Hayat's upcoming movie, *Bir*. Interestingly, this isn't his first playback endeavour, as Shakib Khan had previously sang the song *Ami Chokh Tule Takale* from the film *Moner Jala*.





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