

**WHAT'S ON**

**Award Winners' Art Exhibition**  
Organiser: FFA, DU  
Venue: Zainul Gallery, FFA, DU  
Date: December 23 - 29  
Time: 11 am - 8 pm

**Winter Festival**  
Title: Him Utshab  
Venue: Jahangirnagar University  
Date: January 17 - 19  
Time: 10 am

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Winning With Art  
Venue: Bay's Galleria, Gulshan 1  
Date: December 1 - 31  
Time: 10 am - 6 pm

**Reunion**  
Title: 70 years of Charukala and Zainul Mela  
Venue: Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka  
Date: December 25 - 29  
Time: 9 am - 8 pm

**Theatre**  
Title: Kalchokro by Nattyabed  
Venue: Studio Theatre, BSA  
Date: December 27  
Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm



PHOTO: SHEKH MEHEDI MORSHED

# 'Bohipir' sends out a strong message

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Through the story of a young girl named Tahera, who was a victim of forced marriage, the play 'Bohipir' conveys a strong message for society. Based on Syed Waliullah's story, 'Bohipir' was recently staged at the Experimental Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The play was directed by Afrin Huda, a lecturer at Jagannath University. She also played the role of Khodeja, the wife of a zamindar. Her headstrong, vocal and confident attitude stood out throughout the play.

The crew of the play consisted of promising artists. The older characters, such as the Pir, zamindar and his wife, were portrayed by young artists. While the characters tried their best to give a believable performance, a few elements of the play, including the make-up and demeanour did not look as natural as intended.

However, the crew successfully managed to portray the struggles of a young girl living in a rural area of the country.

Aronika Sraboni Athoi, who played the character of Tahera, seemed extremely passionate while portraying the helplessness and impatience of her character, who escaped her village after being forcefully married to an old Pir.

The serious issues grappling today's society were manifested in the play in a humorous way. Audiences were emotive throughout the performance, which proved that the production did justice to Syed Waliullah's story.

After the play concluded, a short documentary including pictures of women, who were victims of child marriage and forced marriages were shown to the audience in order to create awareness about the issue.

# Corraya-Orsha duo to delight viewers on Christmas

This Christmas day, a one-hour Christmas special telefilm titled 'Kono Obhijog Nei', directed by Joyonto Rozario and scripted by Sajin Ahmed Babu, will be aired on NTV at 6:25 pm. The telefilm will star Kalyan Corraya, Nazia Haque Orsha and Mili Basher, among others.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

The cast recently shot in Tejgaon Government High School, Holy Rosary Church and Uttara, Dhaka. The two leads will be seen playing the role of university

students. The story revolves around Corraya's character, whose rich businessman father became bankrupt. "I am glad to work on a Christmas special telefilm," says Corraya. "Christmas is a special occasion for me."

Currently, Corraya and Orsha are in Sreemangal, filming a telefilm titled *Ekhane Nongor*, directed by GP Shadhon. The duo has also finished filming two more telefilms. One of which is titled *Romeo Juliet* and

the other is yet to be named. The telefilms are directed by Abu Hayat Mahmud. "Kalyan is a brilliant actor," says Orsha. "We hope to keep on entertaining the audience together."



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# Toronto pays tribute to AB

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

10 Bangladeshi bands from Canada paid tribute to legendary musician Ayub Bachchu in a stellar concert organised at the Blessed Cardinal Newman High School in Toronto on December 15. In honour of AB's undying passion for music, the bands dedicated their performances to the recently deceased guitarist. The performing bands at the event were Oboshor, Band4, Tulu and the Lightman, Sector2.0, Reflection, Chandan & friends, Shoor, Shikor, Jantrik, TWB and Manush.



Hundreds of people from all walks of life paid final tributes to iconic filmmaker, actor and writer, Amjad Hossain. His body was taken to Jamalpur High School Ground in his hometown yesterday.

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A three-day long solo photography exhibition, displaying works pertaining to 'The Sea and its Children', by national and international award-winning photographer, Shoeb Faruquee, was held at the Zainul Gallery in Chattogram's Shilpakala Academy from December 20-22.

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The 100th episode of popular tele-fiction 'Bhalobasha Kare Koy' will be aired today on NTV at 9:45 pm. Written and directed by Rulin Rahman, the tele-fiction features ATM Shamsuzzaman, Mosharraf Karim, Shampa Reza, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tania Hussain and Badhon, among others.