



Film Screening
Title: Ek Je Chilo Raja
Society: Alliance Française de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: January 12
Time: 4 pm - 7 pm



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



Musical Evening
Title: Sovvota And The Band Live At Ajo Idea Space
Venue: Ajo Idea Space, Uttara
Date: January 19
Time: 7:30 pm - 9 pm



Heritage Walk
Title: Make A Tour Presents Explore Old Dhaka - A Heritage Walk (Season-2)
Venue: Old Dhaka
Date: January 11
Time: 8 am - 4 pm



Bulbul Chowdhury Birth Centenary
Organisers: BSA & BNSS
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Yearlong Celebration currently



The show was hosted by actors Andy Samberg and Sandra Oh, who also took home the Best Actress (Drama) award for the TV series, 'Killing Eve'.

KEY WINNERS AT THE GOLDEN GLOBES 2019



Christian Bale won the award for Best Actor (Comedy or Musical) for 'Vice'.

SHABABA IQBAL

The 76th Golden Globes for films and television, chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, were presented at a grand event recently, hosted by actors Sandra Oh and Andy Samberg. In films, *Bohemian Rhapsody* took home the award for Best Drama, while *Green Book* won the top honour in the Comedy or Musical category. The star of *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Rami Malek, won the award for Best Actor (Drama) for bringing the aura and flamboyance of Freddie Mercury to



Rami Malek, the star of 'Bohemian Rhapsody', won the award for Best Actor (Drama).

life brilliantly in the Queen biopic, while Glen Close took home the award for Best Actress for her performance in *The Wife*. Christian Bale and Olivia Coleman won the awards for Best Actor and Actress (Comedy or Musical) for their performances in *Vice* and *The Favourite* respectively. Lady Gaga, who made her film debut with *A Star Is Born*, received the Best Original Song award, along with her co-lyricists, for the track, *Shallow*, from the same film.

In the television arena, *The Americans* won the top honour as the Best Drama Series,



Lady Gaga with the Best Original Song award for 'Shallow' from 'A Star Is Born'.

while the Netflix series, *The Kominsky Method*, won the award for Best Comedy or Musical. Meanwhile, co-host Sandra Oh won the Best Actress (Drama) award for her performance in *Killing Eve*. Oh is the first female of Asian descent in 39 years to win a Golden Globe as best leading actor. She paid tribute to the slew of Golden Globe-nominated films and TV shows featuring black and Asian actors and directors, including *Crazy Rich Asians*, *Black Panther*, and *BlackKkLansman*. In addition, Richard Madden received the award for Best Actor in a Drama Series for *Bodyguard*.

Bangla Utshab 2019 concludes

ZAHANGIR ALOM, from Kolkata

The concluding day of Bangla Utshab 2019, held at Nazrul Mancha, Rabindra Sarobar in Kolkata, welcomed guests to a mesmerising evening of music, featuring an array of artistes from Bangladesh and West Bengal.

Kolkata-based artistes Pandit Bickram Ghosh (tabla), Gopal Burman (srikhol), Satyajit Mukherjee (drums) and Abhisek Mallick (sitar), opened with the famous piece, *Pancham Se Gara*, composed by Pandit Ravi Shankar. Dhaka-based artistes, Md Moniruzzaman (flute) and Dasarath Das (Bangla dhol) followed with a folk piece based on the song, *O Amar Dorodi Agey Janle*.

The third piece, a *jugalbandi* offering by all the artistes, was followed by solo pieces where Dasarath Das enthralled the audience with his Bangla dhol.

Bickram, who had been accompanying Pandit Ravi Shankar for 12 years, captivated the audience producing a five-beat rhythm that was evocative of a train approaching and leaving a station. He also played several experimental pieces including generating rhythms on his chest and cheeks, with his hands. The audience also responded to his *sawal-jawab* styled claps.

The troupe wrapped up the *jugalbandi* styled recital performing Ravi Shankar's piece from the Concert for Bangladesh, which was held at the Madison Square Garden, in USA during the Liberation War of Bangladesh. The *kirtan* inspired recital was embellished with a flute piece by Md Moniruzzaman.

The performance, weaving together folk and classical melodies, truly left an impression on music lovers from both Dhaka and Kolkata as Bickram Ghosh predicted prior to the performance.

Popular band Chandrabindu set off their performance with the songs *Bhideshi Tara*, *Bondhu Chol* and *Bondhu Tomaye E Gaan Shonabo*.

Bangladeshi artistes Samina Chowdhury and Andrew Kishore together with Indian singers Rupankar

Bagchi and Iman Chakrabarty performed Bangla adhunik songs and film numbers at the festival.

Bagchi rendered the songs *Tor Moto Keu Nei*, *Roopkatha*, *Tomar Taney Sara Belar Gaane*, *Priyotoma*, *Chupi Chupi* and *O Chand*. Iman Chakrabarty presented a Tagore song, *Kholo Dwar Bodhua*, along with the film scores *Bihu* and *Tumi Jakey Bhalobasho*.

Samina Chowdhury presented the songs *Ek Shohider Bodhu Ami*, *Phul Photo Phul Jhore*, *Somoy Jeno Katena*, *Kobita Porar Prohor* and *Amar Majhe Nei Akhon Ami*. Andrew Kishore performed several of his popular numbers, including *Hayre Manush*, *Amar Buker Moddhe Khane*,



Pandit Bickram Ghosh

Porena Chokher Polok and Jiboner Golpo Achhe Baki Olpo. He later sang the duet number, *Amar Gorur Garite Bou Sajiye* with Samina Chowdhury. The duo thoroughly entertained the audience. In addition, Durnibar Saha rendered several Rabindra Sangeet at the event.

Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty wrapped up the festival starting off with Tagore's *Amar Matha Noto Kore Dao Hey*. The maestro later performed several raga-based classics including *Sobai Amra Tomar Bagane Eksathey Phota Phul*, *Ami Sur-e Sur-e Ogo Tomaye Chhuye Jai* and the famous composition, *Ghum Ashay Na*.

Bengal Group, Bandhan Bank, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Nothing Beyond Cinema jointly organised the festival.



Samina Chowdhury and Andrew Kishore

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Dipankar Dipon

Siam Ahmed

Nabila, Siam pair up for Lilith

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Popular actors, Masuma Rahman Nabila, of *Aynabaji* fame, and Siam Ahmed, of *Dohon* and *Poramon 2* fame, have teamed up for the first time to shoot for the web film, *Lilith*. The duo is set to act under the direction of acclaimed filmmaker Dipankar Dipon, the director of the 2017 hit, *Dhaka Attack*. The shooting for *Lilith* is scheduled to commence from the 13th of this month across various locations in the capital. Nabila will be seen playing the character of Lilith, while Siam will play Adnan. Both the actors have expressed that the uniqueness of the story has drawn them to take on their individual roles. Comprising of nothing less than a stellar cast, the film has already intrigued fans and moviegoers.

Based in a futuristic Dhaka, *Lilith* is a romantic story. It will be produced under the banner of hoichoi, an on-demand video streaming platform, owned by Indian parent company, Shree Venkatesh Films (SVF).

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'Iti, Tomari Dhaka' to open Jaipur International Film Festival 2019

APORAJITA MUSTAFA

Bangladesh's first anthology film, *Iti, Tomari Dhaka*, is set to open the 11th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) on January 18, in Jaipur, India. The film features an assortment of shorts by eleven exceptionally promising, young directors from the Bangladeshi film fraternity, with Dhaka as its central theme. The directors include Abdullah Al Noor, Golam Kibria Farooki, Krishnendu Chattopadhyay, Mahmudul Islam, Md Robiul Alam, Mir Mukarram Hossain, Nuhash Humayun, Rahat Rahman, Syed Ahmed Shawki, Syed Saleh Ahmed Sobhan and Tanvir Ahsan.

"Working on *Iti, Tomari Dhaka* was definitely a great learning experience for me as an individual filmmaker," said Syed Ahmed Shawki. "But I believe the collaborative effort amongst the entire team is what made the film deserve its world premiere at the 23rd Busan International Film Festival last year and the opening of the 11th Jaipur International Film Festival to be held next week."



A still from 'Iti, Tomari Dhaka'.

At the moment, the film is awaiting censorship approval for its release in Bangladesh.

"There have been plenty of Bangladeshi films which made it to the international film scene in recent years, but what sets *Iti, Tomari Dhaka* apart is its main character - Dhaka city," said Nuhash Humayun. "The

film comprises all eleven directors' individual perspectives on our beloved Dhaka city, displaying a range of emotions including love, pain, joy, fear, anger and frustration. It is a grand honour to be placing Dhaka under the spotlight at the opening of the Jaipur International Film Festival 2019."

Akimun Rahman awarded with Ananya Sahitya Puroshkar

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Recently, eminent writer Akimun Rahman was awarded with the Ananya Sahitya Puroshkar 1425 (Ananya Literary Award) at the Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the Bangladesh National Museum in Shahbag. She was honoured for her outstanding contribution to Bengali literature.

Poet Asad Chowdhury was the chief guest of the event, which was presided over by the editor of *Ananya*, Tasmina Hossain. Noted researcher Begum Akhtar Kamal attended the ceremony as a special guest.



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