



Live Performance
Title: Tagore recital with Joyita
Venue: Jatra Birott, Banani
Date: January 25
Entry: 300 BDT (200 BDT with a valid student ID)
Details:



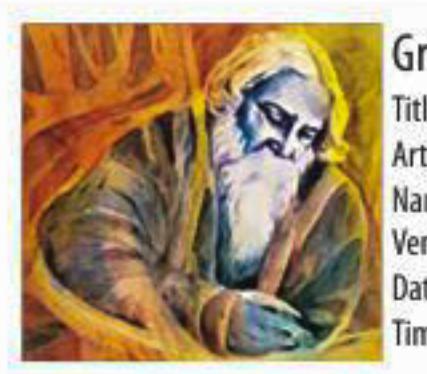
Musical Evening
Title: Cafe Shanchayita Presents Notun Aloye Cha Chakra
Venue: Cafe Shanchayita, Banani
Date: January 26
Time: 10:30 am - 7:30 pm
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Theatre
Title: Macbeth (presented by Department of Theatre and Performance Studies, University of Dhaka)
Venue: Natmonad, University of Dhaka & Jatiya Natyashala, BSA
Date: Jan 28-31 (Natmonad, University of Dhaka); Feb 2-4 (Jatiya Natyashala, BSA)
Time: 6:30 pm (Natmonad, University of Dhaka); 7:30 pm (Jatiya Natyashala, BSA)



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: The Brilliant Moon
Artist: Ifat Ara Dewan
Venue: Gallery Shilpangan, Lalmatia
Date: Jan 15 - 28
Time: 3 - 8 pm



Group Painting Exhibition
Title: Preceptor-Disciple: Disciple-Preceptor
Artists: Malay Bal, Zahangir Alom & Amit Nandi
Venue: La Galerie, AFD
Date: Jan 18 - Feb 1
Time: 3 - 9 pm (Mon-Thurs) & 9 am-12 pm

FAREWELL TO A MUSICAL LEGEND



Thousands of people were present at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday to pay tribute to the late lyricist, composer and music director, Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul. People from all walks of life placed wreaths and said their last goodbyes to the musician and freedom fighter, who passed away on Tuesday due to heart conditions.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Shilpoprohba honours artists and critics



ZAHANGIR ALAM

Popular art magazine *Shilpoprohba* has stepped into its 7th year journey. To celebrate the occasion, the Shilpoprohba team honoured six distinguished artists with lifetime achievement awards. The event was held at Gulshan's Edge Gallery on January 22. Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art (SPBA) organised the programme.

The distinguished artists who received the honour are Mustafa Monowar, Samarjit Roy Choudhury, Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Monirul Islam and Kanak Champa Chakma. Artist Nisar Hossain, art critic Zahid Mustafa,

artist and critic Rashid Amin, art critic and researcher Sylvia Naznin and young art curator Kehkasha Sabah were also awarded with special honours.

"SPBA will always support the country's artists and will especially nurture young talents," expressed SPBA Chairman and Shilpoprohba's publisher Anjan Chowdhury. "We are delighted to honour the artists of Bangladesh. Their contribution is endless and incredible." At the event, SPBA's founder chairman Aldem B Kabir also spoke. Distinguished artists, poets, art critics, ambassadors and art collectors attended the event. Rafi Haque, artist and editor of *Shilpoprohba* was also present.

Star Melodies to present 'Prakriti – Upomaye Gaantha Bangla Gaan'

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Star Melodies, an initiative of The Daily Star to promote Bangla music, will hold a special musical programme, titled, *Prakriti – Upomaye Gaantha Bangla Gaan* (Nature as Literary Metaphors Used in Bangla Songs).

Noted singers Khurshid Alam, Badrunnesa Dalia, Mamun Zahid and Julie Sharmilee will present songs at the programme. In addition, students of BAF Shaheen College, Dhaka, will also perform.

The event will be held at The Daily Star Bengal Arts Precinct of The Daily Star Centre on January 29 at 6 pm.

Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief, Culture Initiatives, *The Daily Star*, will host the programme.

Invitation passes can be collected from The Daily Star Centre. Seats are limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis.



Kanak Chapa coming to Ekushey Boi Mela with two books

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Celebrated singer Kanak Chapa also has a knack for writing, as two of her books are about to be published in this year's Ekushey Boi Mela. One of them is the second part of *Kataghuri*, the predecessor

to which was published in last year's Boi Mela. The cover of this book was done by Dhruba Esh. *Shei Pothe Jao*, also scheduled to release in the fair, is a childrens' book with stories from which valuable lessons can be derived. Both the books are to be published by Ananya.



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The 2019 Oscar nominations

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Nominations for the 2019 Oscars were announced recently. *Roma* and *The Favourite* each walked away with 10 nominations. The Academy also looked kindly on *Green Book* (five nominations), *A Star Is Born* (seven nominations), *Bohemian Rhapsody* (five nominations), *BlacKkKlansman* (six nominations), *Black Panther* (seven nominations), and *Vice* (eight nominations).

Rami Malek and Glenn Close, who took out best actor and actress at the Golden Globes, were both nominated for Oscars. Christian Bale (*Vice*), Bradley Cooper (*A Star Is Born*), Willem Dafoe (*At Eternity's Gate*), and Viggo Mortensen (*Green Book*) were also nominated for best actor.

Olivia Colman's nod for best actress for *The Favourite* followed the announcement that both Emma Stone and Rachel Weisz also received nods in the best supporting actress category for the film. Yalitza Aparicio (*Roma*), Glenn Close (*The Wife*), Lady Gaga (*A Star Is Born*), and Melissa McCarthy (*Can You Ever Forgive Me?*) are also up for best actress, while Amy Adams (*Vice*), Marina de Tavira (*Roma*), and Regina King (*If Beale Street Could Talk*) received attention in the best supporting actress category.

Cooper missed out on a directing nod for *A Star Is Born*, but Spike Lee earned his first best director nomination for *BlacKkKlansman*—it's also his first best picture nomination. As predicted by many industry watchers, there were no female nominees for directing: Barry

Jenkins, who spearheaded 2017's best picture, *Moonlight*, also didn't make an appearance in the category.

Mahershala Ali (*Green Book*), Adam Driver (*BlacKkKlansman*), Sam Elliott (*A Star Is Born*), Richard E. Grant (*Can You Ever Forgive Me?*), and Sam Rockwell (*Vice*) were nominated for best supporting actor. But fans were disappointed not to see Timothée Chalamet nominated for *Beautiful Boy*.

Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper's hit



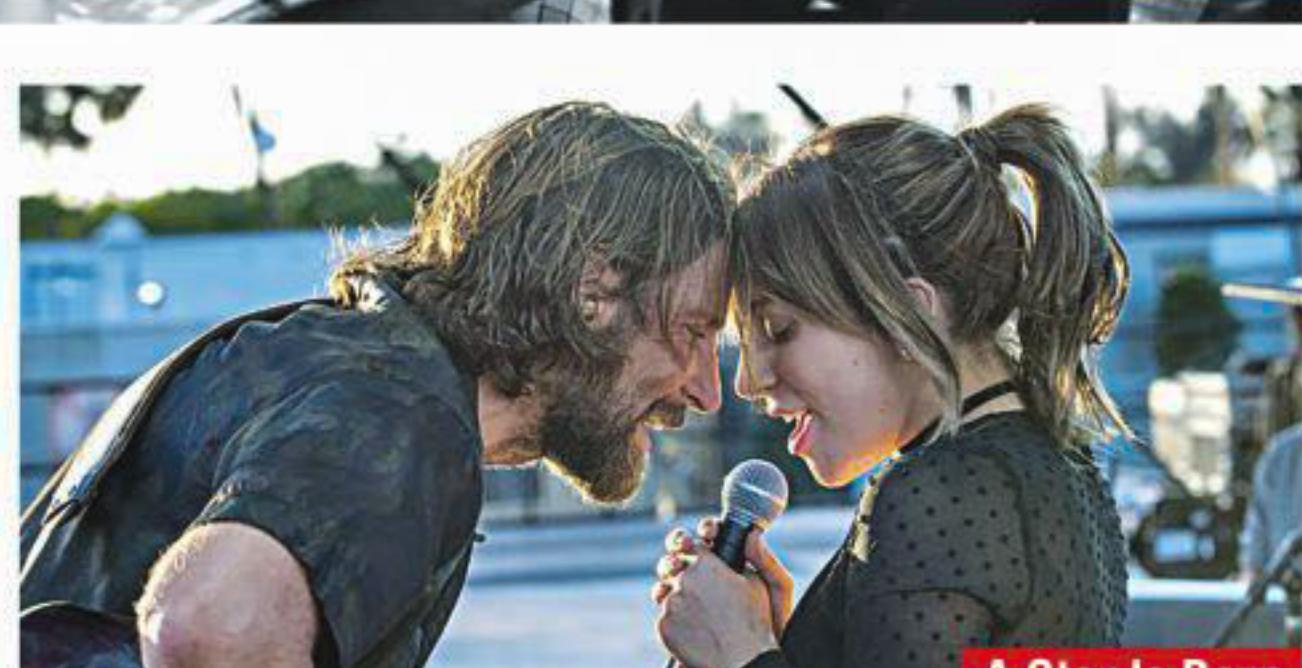
The Favourite

duet *Shallow* will face off for best song against nominees including *All the Stars* from *Black Panther* and *The Place Where Lost Things Go* from *Mary Poppins Returns*.

Best Picture will be a battle between *Black Panther* (a first for Marvel), *BlacKkKlansman*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Green Book*, *Roma*, *A Star Is Born*, *Vice*, and *The Favourite*. There is still plenty of time to watch all the films, before the awards are handed out in February.



Roma



A Star Is Born

Pran Premium Ghee-Anandadhara Pitha Fest at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel

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Pran Premium Ghee-Anandadhara Pitha Fest co-sponsored by IGLOO and Prime Bank Limited will begin tomorrow at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka. Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel Dhaka is providing a variety of scrumptious *pithas* at the two-day fest. Joler Gaan and Pooja Sengupta's Turongomi will perform at the open-air concert at

the Pitha Fest tomorrow, where appearances from celebrities will bring glamour. In addition, there will be entertaining activities for children, including magic shows, bioscope and a kids' play area. Plus, there will be lifestyle stalls at the fest showcasing and selling great products. Entry is open for all. You are invited to come along with your friends and family for an exciting weekend!



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