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A WAY TO BREAK BEYOND

opens at AFD

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Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) has organised a painting exhibition titled, *A Way to Break Beyond* by Salma Zakia Bristy in its La Galerie.

The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition will be held today. Nilu Rawshon Murshed, Chairperson, Abinta Gallery of Fine Arts and eminent artist Kanak Chanpa Chakma will attend the opening ceremony.

Salma Zakia Bristy was born in Comilla, Bangladesh. She finished her BFA in Printmaking from University of Dhaka. She also received the Grand Award in the 18th Asian Art Biennale, Bangladesh.

Children with autism are widely misun-

derstood by the majority of people in their surroundings, sometimes even by their parents during the initial stages. Unlike common people, they view the world from entirely different angles and their viewpoints might be worlds apart sometimes. Due to that, they are often subjected to be bullying. The artworks in *A Way to Break Beyond* are based on children diagnosed with autism, as well as the hopes and the optimism of their parents.

After the inaugural ceremony, the exhibition will be open to all till April 2. The visiting hours are Monday to Thursday from 3 pm to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 12 noon and 5 pm to 8 pm, respectively. The venue remains closed on Sundays.

Catching up with Fuad

ELITA KARIM

In the mid-2000s, the music industry in Bangladesh went through a massive change in sound, when Fuad Almuqtadir introduced a unique style of blending genres of folk, rock, pop and electronica, thereby creating a distinctive variety of fusion of Bangla words and music. Not only did the style mesmerise the younger listeners, but Fuad's pattern caught on with every other music lover in the country, especially the urban crowds in and outside of Dhaka. Recently being diagnosed with cancer, Fuad went through surgeries and is currently under medication. He lives in New Jersey, USA with his wife Maya and daughter Azalea.

You were in Bangladesh a few weeks ago for a couple of shows. Could you tell us a little about it?
I was in Bangladesh for two shows in particular. I am not sure if I can talk about the shows in detail, but we had a lot of fun after the longest time!

Can you tell us about the set-up who performed with you?
I had my dream team with me! Amzad (drums), Zerif (guitars), Pavel (bass guitars) and Johan (guitars-- who flew in from the USA as well) played with me. Shuvo, Tashfee, Jon and Rafa performed the songs.

Besides working on your family business, are you working on any music projects in the US?
I am working with a company, Music, through which we create content for different platforms, for instance TV shows.

What do you miss about Bangladesh and the music industry here?
Both my wife Maya and I miss Bangladesh very much! And yes, I also miss the preferential treatment that we always get here (laughs!). I miss the people I worked with here and I really wish I could take everyone to South Jersey with me!

You are a cancer survivor and are still under medication. However, you are still going strong! What would you like to say to all those who are trying their best to survive daily challenges?
Yes, I am still under medication and I take medication for depression as well. Surviving is difficult, but I have my family and my music for support. If you have depression, don't keep it within, don't hide it. You need to come out and talk about it. That's the only way to keep going!



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Dol Utsab, a festival of colours marking the full moon during the Bangla month of Chaitra, was celebrated yesterday at Charukala (Faculty of Fine Art), University of Dhaka. Every year, the youth jubilantly indulges in the playfulness of spraying each other with colours during this festival to commemorate the eternal love between prominent mythical figures, Radha and Krishna.

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JALAPUTRO

sails on Deepto TV

Television serial 'Jalaputro', directed by Parvez Amin, started airing on Deepto TV from March 10. It is aired six days a week from Saturday to Thursday at 8:30 pm.



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Adapted from Ekushey Padak winner Harishankar Jaladas' novel, the serial stars Shahiduzzaman Selim, Azad Abul Kalam, Ashish Khondoker, Rawnak Hasan, Runa Khan, Nadia Nodi, Monira Mithu, and Mahmudul Islam Mithu, among others. It is based on a screenplay by Mohi Muhammad.

The story revolves around the hurdles in the lives of fishermen living in a village. "*Jalaputro* is very close to my heart," says Parvez Amin. "I wanted to do something like this for a long time. It was quite challenging, I must say."

Many scenes for the serial were shot in Kuakata. It is currently being filmed in Manikganj.

'Once Upon a Time in Hollywood'

- a promising trailer

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The first trailer for Quentin Tarantino's upcoming film *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* was released recently.

The trailer of the director's ninth film revolves around TV actor Rick Dalton and his stunt double Cliff Booth — played by Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt respectively — in the late 1960s. Together they go on a journey to make a name for themselves in Hollywood.

Once Upon a Time in Hollywood has the Manson Family murders of 1969 as its backdrop. Margot Robbie plays the role of starlet Sharon Tate, the then wife of Roman Polanski, who was the most prominent victim in the murders. She appears in brief shots.

The film seems to have all the usual Quentin Tarantino ingredients. But it is the first time a Tarantino film has some of the top actors in the industry.

It will release on July 26, 2019.

