


WHAT'S ON




Film Screening
Title: Nibash – The residence
Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani
Date: March 30
Time: 7 pm – 9 pm



Screening Event
Title: Game Of Thrones Season 8
Screening
Venue: Arena – Café & Lounge, Ring Tower (4th Floor), 6/A Ring Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka
Date: April 15



Dance Drama
Title: Dance Drama MEERA
Venue: National Theater, BSA
Date: April 13
Time: 6 pm – 9 pm



Art Exhibition
Title: Still—Life: an art exhibition by Moon Rahman
Venue: Dwip Gallery, Lalmatia
Date: March 23 - April 7
Time: 3 pm – 9 pm



Musical Ensemble
Title: Shahed and Gaatch
Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani
Date: March 29
Time: 7 pm
Tickets: At the door for BDT 300 (BDT 200 with a valid student ID)



Yakub Ali Khan

Aditi Mohsin

(From left) Ronti Das and Mohammed Rashed

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STAR MELODIES

A musical tribute to our independence

Marking the memorable month of Bangladesh's independence, Star Melodies, an initiative of The Daily Star promoting Bangla music, arranged a musical evening titled Muktijoddhar Priyo Gaan at The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct yesterday. Hosted by Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief, Culture Initiatives, The Daily Star, the heartwarmingly melodious soiree, presenting personal favourite songs of Freedom Fighters, boasted a lineup of supremely talented singers.



(From left) Freedom Fighters Syed Abul Barq Alvi, Syeda Kamal, Bir Protik Habibul Alam and Professor Dr Abdus Salam Khan.

APORAJITA MUSTAFA

The evening started off with a choir presentation of the timeless songs *Dhono Dhanno Pushpe Bhora* and *Muktir Mondir*

Sopanotole by students of the Government Music College. Subsequently, Mahfuz Anam, Editor, *The Daily Star*, gave the welcoming address which was followed by a speech by Freedom Fighter Bir Protik Habibul Alam, who touched upon his memories of the Liberation War. The event unfolded further with performances of *Khelichho E Bishwo Loye*, *Tepantorer Maathe Bodhu He*, *Ashe Boshonto Phul Bone*, *E Ki Oporup Rupe Ma* and *Shaan*

Raate Jodi by Nazrul Sangeet singer, Yakub Ali Khan. Interspersed with words of reminiscence by the special guests of the evening, Freedom Fighters Bir Protik Habibul Alam, Professor Dr Abdus Salam Khan, Syed Abul Barq Alvi and Syeda Kamal, the musical evening continued to mesmerise through performances by Rabindra Sangeet singer Aditi Mohsin, who charmed the audience with her renditions of the Tagore songs, *Anondodhara Bohichhe Bhubone*, *Dibosh O Rojoni Ami Jeno Kar*, *Ami Keboli Shopon Korechhi Bopon*, *Amaro Porano Jaha Chay*, *Bhalobeshe Shokhi Nibhrite Jotone* and, lastly *Atulprasad Sen's* song, *Aji Badhinu Tomar Teere*. Vocalist Mohammed Rashed masterfully presented the songs *Maago Bhabna Keno*, *Muchhe Jawa Dinguli* and *O Re Nil Doriya*, while Ronti Das intricately rendered *Tumi Je Amar*, *Eki Sonar Aloy* and *Tomar Akash Duti Chokhe*. Apart from their respective solos, the two singers performed a duet of the eternal classic *Tumi Je Amar Kobita*, leaving the listeners in awe. The students of the Government Music College once again took to stage to conclude the evening with the inspiring tunes *Karar Oi Louho Kopat* and *Purbo Digonte Shurjo Uthechhe*.



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Ananya Top Ten Awards 2018 conferred

Every year since 1993, Ananya Magazine has recognised and honoured ten women for their remarkable contribution in their respected fields. Yesterday at the central auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum, the Ananya Top Ten Awards 2018 was held, in the presence of many successful women of the country.

AFSANA AZIZ NITOL

This year, Dr Sayeba Akhter (Medical), Parveen Mahmud (Management and Development) Afroza Khan (Entrepreneur), Sona Rani Rai (Cottage Industries), Laili Begum (Journalism), Nazmun Nahar (Youth), Sweet Das Chowdhury (Manipuri Dance), Rumana Ahmed (Sports), Shamsunnahar (Administration) and Fatema Khatun (Technology) were honoured by *Ananya Magazine*.

The award ceremony started with a dance performance by Shadhona Cultural Centre. Sweet Das Chowdhury, one of the awardees, was among the dancers. After the brilliant performance, a documentary on the lives of these ten women, made by Tapash Dutt, was screened for the audience. The hurdles that these women went through on their journeys of becoming successful were beautifully



portrayed in the documentary. "Our aim is to show the many faces of development and women's involvement in it," said Tasmina Hossain, the editor and publisher of *Ananya Magazine*. "By recognising these women, I hope we can achieve that." Member of Parliament and renowned actor, Suborna Mustafa, and Former State Minister of the Ministry of Public Administration, Ismat Ara Sadique, presented the awards as the chief guest and special guest respectively.

Aga Khan Music Awards 2019 to be held

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

The Aga Khan Music Awards (AKMA) is a part of the Aga Khan Music Initiative (AKMI), which is an interregional music and arts education programme with worldwide presence. The music awards were established by His Highness the Aga Khan to recognise creativity in the field of music and to rejuvenate it in Muslim dominant societies across the world. The Master Jury of the AKMA announced the winners and finalists for the awards' inaugural ceremony. They comprise of nine laureates and fourteen finalists, who come from thirteen countries across the globe.

A three-day celebration of the awards will be hosted by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, Portugal from March 29 onwards. The finalists will perform for a live audience, following which the winners will be announced at the award ceremony on March 31. The winners will share a prize fund of USD 500,000, and will also collaborate with the AKMA to further develop their careers. The music awards will be conferred in several categories including Performance, Creation, Education, Preservation, Revitalisation and Dissemination and others. A special Patron's Award will also be conferred during the ceremony.



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