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– Enamul Haque

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Enamul Haque has been a part of the entertainment industry for over five decades, working in television, films, theatre, script writing as well as radio. In 2012, Haque, who is also a retired professor at the Department of Chemistry at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, earned the esteemed Ekushey Padak for his illustrious career. However, such accomplishments have not slowed him down, as he continues to be a busy actor and a regular favourite on the screen. We caught up with the artiste on his 77th birthday.

Wishing you a very happy birthday.

How do you feel on this special day?

Thank you so much. It feels wonderful to receive best wishes from my friends, family and fans on my birthday. I am grateful to them for their immense love and support.

Do you have any special plans for today?

I do not have any plans of my own. But I am sure members of my theatre troupe, Nagorik Natyongon, along with my daughter, Hridi, will plan a surprise for me.

Tell us about some of your fondest birthday memories.

On my 50th birthday, members of Nagorik Natyongon arranged a festival in my honour. It was quite a

memorable day.

What would you like to wish for on your birthday?

I am an avid Bangladeshi at heart. I am very proud of Bangladesh's accomplishments, but I believe that we still have a long way to go. My wish on this day is for everyone to keep working for the betterment of the country.

What are your comments on the current state of the television industry?

I am afraid that TV channels these days have become more about money-making and less about quality projects and creativity. I do not think people are really focusing on the artistic expertise.



Bengal's Eid albums out now

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Marking the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr, Bengal Foundation has brought four new Eid albums. Recorded by prominent and promising singers of Bangladesh and India, the albums feature Tagore songs, Kabial Bijoy Sarkar's Islamic numbers, Sursagar Himangshu Dutta compositions and several semi classical genres from Benaras Gharana.

Late singer Saiful Islam's solo album *Morner Majhey* is a treat to the Islamic song aficionados as the artiste recorded several selected numbers including *Nabi Naam-er Nouka*, *Juale Morner Majhey* and *Tomar Ekti Din-er Ektu Porosh*. Recorded in Lalon Academy, Manab Mukherjee directed musical arrangement for the album.

Renowned Nazrul singer Sharmen Sathi Islam Moyna can be heard singing Sursagar Himangshu Dutta compositions like *Raat-er Moyur Chhoralo Je Pakha*, *Chhilo Chand Megher Parey* and *Chand Kohe*, *Chameli Go* in the album *Chameli Tomari Chand*. Noted Indian musician Durbadal Chattopadhyay arranged music for the album.

Sohini Mukhopadhyay Pola's solo album *Kahar Tore* has Tagore songs like *Ami Nishidin Tomaye Bhalobashi*, *Pushpabon-e Pushpa Nahi* and *Tobu Mone Rekho*. Pola is blessed to have acquired musical lessons from her aunt, legendary singer Kanika Banerjee. Durbadal Chattopadhyay directed the musical arrangement for the album.

Promising classical music vocalist Suchisree Ray recorded several semi classical genres like *Thumri*, *Dadra*, *Chaiti* and *Kajri* of Benaras Gharana for her latest album *An Ode to Benaras*.

REMEMBERING Humayun Faridee

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Humayun Faridee, one of the most celebrated actors of Bangladesh, was born on this day in 1952. He was one of the most influential artistes of the nation, who captivated the audience for over two decades with his powerful and versatile performances in theatre, television and films. The artiste was posthumously awarded with the Ekushey Padak in 2018.

Although he entered the University of Dhaka to study Organic Chemistry in 1970, his education was halted due to the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971. Later, he went to Jahangirnagar University to study Economics and during his time there, he became a close associate of Nityacharya Selim Al Deen.

Faridee was one of the main organisers of the drama festival of Jahangirnagar University in 1976. He further became a member of Dhaka Theatre during his student life in the university. He later acted in and directed many tele-fictions as well. He garnered immense popularity acting in the television shows, *Songsaptak*, *Kothao Keu Nei*, *Kachher Manush* and many others.

In 2004, he won the National Film Award in the best actor category for his role in the film, *Matritto*. Humayun Faridee passed away on February 13, 2012.



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DURONTO TV'S special quiz show for ICC Cricket World Cup

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Duronto Television has come up with a special programme titled, *Char Chokka Marpach*, directed by Monirul Hossain Shipon, marking the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019. It will be aired tomorrow at 12:30 pm and 9:30 pm. *Char Chokka Marpach* is a fun quiz show, featuring ten teams, on the World Cup. The teams are based on the participating nations of this year's tournament.

The questions will be on the rules, history, batting, bowling, and other areas related to cricket. The show is presented by Arzo Meghdut and Joyeth Kolyan, who will dress up as umpires. Each team will include four members, from ten reputable schools in Dhaka, who will be dressed in jerseys, as the players.

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Shilpacharya's death anniversary observed at his hometown

AMINUL ISLAM, from Mymensingh

Mymensingh Bibhagiyo Charushilpi Parshad, a forum for young artists, organised a painting competition for children in Mymensingh yesterday, marking the 43rd death anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin.

Around 70 children from different educational institutions gathered at Shilpacharya Zainul Park on the bank of the Brahmaputra River. The competition

was judged by artists Joyanto Kumar Mondol and Biswajit Karmaker Tapu. Artist Mohammad Rajon, convener of the event, delivered the welcome speech, while its member secretary Goutam Kumar Debnath anchored it.

At the end of the competition, the guests distributed prizes among the 14 winners. Certificates were also presented to all the participants of the competition.



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Bhabna's upcoming EID ventures

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Prominent actor Ashna Habib Bhabna is busy with multiple shoots, with Eid nearing by the day. She is set to star in a number of telefilms, including Animesh Aich's *Phera*, Ruhel Rana's *Aakash Bhanga Brishti*, Aminul Islam Kuasha's *Shesh Dekha* and Farid's *Nari Bisheshoggo*. Bhabna has also recently wrapped up the seven-episode Eid special TV serial, *Diabetes*. Zahid Hasan is her co-star in the project.

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