

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Musical Event Title: Fête de la musique 2019 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka Date: June 21 Time: 2 pm – 10 pm</p>	<p>Solo Print Exhibition Title: Grits and Grains Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka Date: June 14 – 29 Time: 3 pm – 9 pm (Monday-Thursday); 9 am – 12 noon (Friday and Saturday)</p>	<p>Exhibition Title: Mukhoshor Aaraley Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi Date: July 12 – 14 Time: 3 pm – 8 pm</p>	<p>Music Festival Title: Rabindra- Nazrul Jonmojayanti Venue: Bangladesh School of Harmony, Indira Road Date: June 21 Time: 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Concert Title: Rushlan's Acoustic Night Venue: Counter Culture Club, Dhanmondi Date: June 19 Entry: BDT 300 Time: 4:30 pm onwards</p>
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Miles announces grand celebration for 40th ANNIVERSARY

MINAM HAQ

Formed in 1979 by Farid Rashid, Miles embarked on a musical journey that played a prominent role to shape the band music scene in Bangladesh. As this year marks their fourth decade as musical marvels in the entertainment industry, Miles, in association with Windmill Advertising Limited, held a press conference at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

Band members Shafin Ahmed, Hamin Ahmed, Manam Ahmed, Syed Ziaur Rahman Turjo and Iqbal Asif Jewel, along with Windmill Managing Director, Sabbir Rahman Tanim, all spoke at the event.

"As part of celebrating our 40th anniversary, we have drawn up a grand plan. We will conduct an international tour, where we will play at multiple exclusive solo concerts in the USA, Canada and Australia," informed front man Shafin Ahmed. The period of the overall programmes planned, will



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begin from this month onward and will run till December.

He later conveyed in brief, the band's history. He also mentioned how Miles was the first band to have set many milestones in Bangladesh including, the first band to be sponsored by a soda company, the first band to play at an international concert, the first band to tour USA and many others.

"This tour can be termed as 'Magic of Miles'. Apart from the international

performances, Miles is also scheduled to celebrate their joy with the citizens of Bangladesh," mentioned Sabbir Rahman Tanim, during the press meet. "We have planned road shows, concerts and much more across Chattogram, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Khulna, to make this occasion a truly memorable one."

The finale of the celebrations will include a grand gala, to be held at International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB). According to the organisers, it will be a one of a

kind concert, where many renowned bands of the country will also join in to sing and play songs by Miles, as a tribute to the band. To make the overall celebrations more enigmatic, a list of arrangements have also been made, including an exhibition that will showcase the instruments used by Miles, rare photographs, discussions on unknown facts regarding the band, segments to pay tribute to the late and former members of Miles and many other activities.

A candid chat with TARIQ ANAM

National Film Award winning actor Tariq Anam Khan has been a prominent face in the industry for years. Two of his films, 'Abar Boshonto', directed by Ananya Mamun and 'Nolok', directed by Sakib Sonet, were released this Eid season. He has also worked on many television projects recently. The actor talks about his latest films and more in a chat with The Daily Star.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

How did you come across the script of 'Abar Boshonto'?
Director Ananya Mamun approached me for *Abar Boshonto*. The story was unlike anything that I came across before. We shot the film in Bali and Dhaka. We tried to make a film that the audience can easily connect to. *Abar Boshonto* conveys a beautiful message. It showcases that no matter how old you are, you should aim to enjoy your life to the fullest.

Tell us a little about your experience of working on the film.
To be honest, it was very bold of director Ananya Mamun to cast me as the male lead of *Abar Boshonto*. Not all directors are as brave as her. People of my age rarely get the opportunities to play such roles. I had a great experience working on the film.

You have worked with Shakib Khan in 'Nolok', another Eid release. How do you feel about the success of that film?
We are overwhelmed with the positive response for *Nolok* from all over Bangladesh. It is a complete family film and it has a festive vibe to it. I am happy to be a part of two notable Eid films this year.

What other films are you currently busy with?
I have completed shooting for *Beporoya*, directed by Raja Chanda and *Peyarar Shubhaash*, directed by Nurul Alam Atiq. I will start shooting for *Gangchill* next month.



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Many happy returns to the dynamic MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO

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Ferdousi Majumdar, one of the towering figures in Bangladeshi theatre, has made a rich contribution to the country's cultural sector. She is one of the leading figures of the neo-theatre movement which reshaped the country's theatre scenario in independent Bangladesh. The celebrated actor was born on this day in 1943 in Barishal to a well-off Muslim family.

Ferdousi Majumdar's brother Muneer Chowdhury introduced her to the world of theatre. Tragically, she lost her brother during the Liberation War. Together with her husband

Ramendu Majumdar and friend Abdullah Al Mamun, she founded the troupe, Theatre. She has acted in numerous plays, tele-fictions, and films. She played key roles in many notable theatrical productions, including *Payer Awaz Pawa Jaye*, *Kokilara*, *Macbeth*, *Meraj Fakirer Maa*, and *Baramkhana*. She has also garnered fame as a director.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to the arts, Ferdousi Majumdar was awarded the Ekushey Padak in 1998. Today also marks the birthday of her daughter, Tropa Majumdar, who has carved a space for herself with her remarkable work in theatre and television.

Censor board green lights 'Mayaboti'

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The Film Censor Board of Bangladesh has approved Arun Chowdhuri's upcoming film, 'Mayaboti', with no cuts. "The distinguished members of the censor board were immensely impressed with the film," says Arun Chowdhuri. "The hard work and dedication of the cast and crew shines through every aspect of this project."

Needless to say, we are delighted with the censor board's decision. 'Mayaboti' is produced by Anwar Azad Film Production.

The film stars Nusrat Imrose Tisha, Yash Rohan, Mamunur Rashid, Raisul Islam Asad, Dilara Zaman, Aruna Biswas and many other prominent actors. It revolves around Maya, a young girl who goes through many obstacles in her life.



A still from Arun Chowdhuri's 'Mayaboti.'



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