

<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: Mukhosher Aaraley Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi Date: July 12 – 14 Time: 3 pm – 8 pm</p>	<p>Music Festival Title: Rabindra- Nazul Jonmojayanti Venue: Bangladesh School of Harmony, Indra 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: Today Entry: BDT 300 Time: 4:30 pm onwards</p>



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GRITS AND GRAINS running at AFD

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The first solo art exhibition by Iqbal Bahar Chy, *Grits and Grains*, is currently taking place at La Galerie, Alliance Française de Dhaka. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition was held on June 14.

Eminent artist Shahid Kabir attended the opening ceremony as the chief guest while architect Salauddin Ahmed was present as the special guest. There are around 60 artworks on display at the exhibition.

Born in Cox's Bazar, Iqbal Bahar Chy earned his BFA and MFA from University of Development Alternative. He has received several accolades including the Kibria Young Printmaker Award 2018 and Golden Award in Freedom of Thoughts: Bangladesh-Japan Contemporary Art Festival 2013.

He has also participated in a number of group exhibitions at home and abroad, including the Beijing International Art Biennale in 2015 and 2017, Taiwan Print Biennale in 2018, and Asian Art Biennale in 2014 and 2018.

Chy imbues his prints with a unique vision. His wood intaglio expresses a rather otherworldly landscape which he thinks stems from a juxtaposition of external as well as internal experiences and thoughts. Through an elaborate process, he creates a saturated depiction of his surroundings- and continues his scribbles using certain starting points of his thoughts, finally rendering a blend of reality and unreality into subtle shapes of symbolism and expression. He seeks to develop a matrix using the nuances of his understanding of nature and art. The exhibition will be open to all till June 29.



Chy's wood intaglio piece, 'Relation- 26'.

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Muhurat held for Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

A ceremony for the *muhurat* (inauguration) of the film *Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na* was held recently at Dhaka Club. Helmed by Zakir Hossain Raju, the film stars popular duo Shakib Khan and Bubly.

Many popular names from the film industry attended the event. State Minister for Ministry of Information, Dr Md Murad Hasan graced the event as the chief guest. Also present were Member of Parliament, Nurunnabi Chowdhury, president of Bangladesh Motion Picture Exhibitors Association, Iftekharuddin Naushad, renowned director Shohanur

Rahman Shohan, president of Bangladesh Film Directors Association, Mushfiqur Rahman Gulzar and many others.

During his address, the chief guest Dr Md Murad Hasan, State Minister for the Ministry of Information, mentioned that the film has a lot of potential and hoped that it will be a huge success. The director of *Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na* informed that he has directed various films throughout his career and is rather optimistic about his latest venture. He believes that the film will help bring audiences back to movie theatres. The film is slated for release during the upcoming Eid ul Adha.

In his speech addressing the audience, Shakib Khan mentioned that his first National Film Award was for a Zakir Hossain Raju directorial. He also emphasised on the fact that the plot of *Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na* appealed to him emotionally and he believes that it will have a similar impression on the audience. Shakib Khan also thanked the production house, Desh Bangla Multimedia, for stepping forward at a crucial time to help make the film.

Bubly, who also starred opposite Shakib Khan in *Password*, which is running successfully nationwide, said that she is equally hopeful about *Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na*.



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Bangladesh International Theatre Festival sets off tomorrow

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The Ministry of Cultural Affairs in collaboration with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), International Theatre Institute (Bangladesh Centre) and Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation is all set to organise the weeklong (June 20-26) festival titled Bangladesh International Theatre Festival 2019 at BSA. Theatre troupes from different countries including France, Russia, China, Vietnam, India, Nepal and Bangladesh will stage their productions at the festival.

A press conference was held yesterday at the seminar room of the National Theatre Hall, BSA where the State Minister of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs K M Khalid, MP briefed the journalists. Chairman of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF), Liaquat Ali Lucky, also Director General of BSA; renowned thespian Ramendu Majumdar, also President of International Theatre Institute (ITI, worldwide); Nasiruddin Yousuff, also



President of ITI (Bangladesh); festival director Debaprasad Debnath; Professor Abdus Selim and secretary general of BGTF Kamal Bayezid among others attended the press conference. Dr Md Abu Hena Mostofa Kamal, NDC, Acting Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, presided over the press meet.

This first of a kind festival will raise its curtains at the main auditorium

of National Theatre Hall, BSA at 6:30 pm tomorrow. Following the opening ceremony, artistes of Dhriti Nartanalaya (Bangladesh) will stage the dance drama *Mayar Khela* at 7:30 pm on the day.

A French production of *Oh My Sweet Land* and an Indian production of *Macbeth* will be staged on June 21. Bangladeshi, Chinese, Nepalese, Vietnamese and Russian productions

–Zaitun Bibir Pala, F CK, *Jhialincha* (Dragonfly), *Kim Tu* (adapted from *The Wilderness*) and a light puppet show will be staged on the following days of the festival.

A seminar along with a masterclass will take place at 3 pm on June 22 as part of the festival. To get free ticket theatre lovers can register online at www.internationaltheatrefestbd.com.

'Kobi Swamir Mrityur Por Amar Jobanbondi' screened at Goethe-Institut

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As a part of the popular film screening and discussion series, 'Through Her Eyes', Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, in cooperation with the International Film Initiative of Bangladesh (IFIB), screened films directed by Tasmiah Afrin Mou recently.

The highlight of the event was the screening of the award-winning Bangladeshi short film, *Kobi Swamir Mrityur Por Amar Jobanbondi*, written and directed by Tasmiah Afrin Mou. The short film, *Nayikar Ek Raat* (2019) and the

documentary film, *Tokai*, (2012), directed by Mou, were also screened.

Mou is a young filmmaker from Bangladesh. *Kobi Swamir Mrityur Por Amar Jobanbondi* is her debut short film. Before this, she made a handful of documentary films. One of her documentary films, *Tokai*, received the Award for Best Short Documentary at Guangzhou International Documentary Film Festival, China, in 2014. Born in Dhaka, Mou studied Political Science at University of Dhaka. Mou is also known as a writer. Her book, *Baksha Bondi*, was published in 2015.

PORI MONI preps for 'Bishwa Shundori'

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Popular actor Pori Moni is currently in Faridpur to shoot for her upcoming film, *Bishwa Shundori*, produced and directed by Chayanika Chowdhury and written by Rumman Rashid Khan. Apart from Pori Moni, the film also stars Siam Ahmed, Suborna Mustafa, Fazrul Rahman Babu and many others. "I play the role of Shobha in *Bishwa Shundori*," says Pori Moni. "It is a new and exciting role for me. The film has a beautiful story as well."



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Rafiqul Alam and Abida Sultana team up for musical soiree in Europe

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Eminent Bangladeshi musicians Rafiqul Alam and Abida Sultana, is set to attend a cultural programme in Munich, Germany on June 23. The Bangladeshi community in Munich arranged the event as a part of their Eid festivities, where they have invited the duo to entertain expatriates.

Rafiqul Alam informed that along with his own songs, he will also be performing songs by the *Pancha Kabi* (five leading poets). Abida Sultana will amuse the audience with her original numbers and some folk songs as well.

The musicians are scheduled to fly into Europe today. Apart from the musical segment, the organisers have also made arrangements for dance, recitation and other entertaining activities. If all goes well, the musicians may also visit Italy to attend a similar programme.