

WHAT'S ON

Solo Print Exhibition
 Title: The Soul of the Soil
 Artist: Farzana Rahman Boby
 Venue: Gallery Shilpanjan, Lalmatia
 Date: July 5-18
 Time: 3-8pm

Musical Concert
 Title: Sunglow Musical Fest-1
 Venue: International Convention City
 Bashundhara, Hall 4
 Date: July 19
 Time: 6 pm onwards

Exhibition
 Title: Mukhoshor Aaraley
 Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
 Date: July 12 - 14
 Time: 3 pm - 8 pm

SUMMER BOOK FEST
 Book Festival
 Title: Summer Book Fest
 Venue: The Junction, Niketon
 Date: July 5 - 7
 Time: 11 am - 7 pm

Musical Evening
 Title: Gaan Kobitar Chhayatole
 Date: July 5
 Time: 6:30 pm onwards
 Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum



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NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION sets off at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy



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The 23rd National Art Exhibition is underway at the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). The exhibition, inaugurated on July 1, is featuring an array of artworks on diverse mediums and genres by 310 artists.

Prime minister's political adviser, HT Imam, inaugurated the exhibition as Chief Guest. Former Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid, Md Abdul Mannan Ilias, additional secretary (administration) to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and internationally renowned Bangladeshi artist Monirul Islam were present as special guests at the inaugural ceremony.

Ashraful Alam Paplu, director of the Department of Fine Arts, BSA, delivered the welcome address, while Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general of BSA, presided over the programme.

For their best artworks, eight artists were awarded in different categories at the inaugural ceremony. The guests handed over awards (award money, crest and certificates) to the deserving artists.

Kamruzzaman bagged the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award 2019, worth BDT 2 lakhs for his work *Global Warming-2*. Four



artists - Tanvir Mahmud, Ruhul Karim Rume, Rafat Ahmed Badhon and Sahid Kazi received Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Honourable Mention Awards in Sculpture, Print Making, Painting and Installation categories respectively. Uttam Kumer Talukder received Bengal Foundation Award for his work *Story of Life-1*, Faria Khanum Tuly bagged Artist Kazi Anowar Hossain Award for her work *Preetibimba-4*, while Sumon Wahed received the Dipa Haque Award at the ceremony.

This year, 850 artists applied for the participation in this exhibition. After primary selection, the five-member selection committee selected 322 works among the 1500 artworks for

the exhibition. Among the artworks, 159 are paintings, 45 are sculptures, 50 are prints, 17 are crafts, 8 are ceramics, 37 are installations and video art and 7 are performance art.

The Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, established Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) in 1974 in order to continue the glorious development of art and culture of Bangladesh. In 1975, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy started the National Art exhibition, to showcase the contemporary art of the country biennially. To keep the continuation of that tradition, BSA organised the country's largest exhibition, which will continue till July 21.



Topu entertains Kolkata for the first time



SUBRATA ACHARYA, from Kolkata

Prominent musician Topu recently entertained the audience in Kolkata during a musical evening arranged at a renowned restaurant. Bangladeshi record label G-Series and Kolkata based musician Anurag Halder jointly organised the programme.

Like many Bangladeshi musicians, Topu is also admired on both the sides of Bengal.

With the digital era in progress, Bengali music lovers, regardless of their location can now easily access the music of their choice. Despite being a part of the music industry for quite a while, this was the first time Topu visited the compelling city of Kolkata.

During a chat with *The Daily Star*, the artiste informed that he was delighted to have performed for such an audience at

the event, organised in part by his admirer, Anurag. Anurag also mentioned that he was overjoyed to make the arrangement possible with an artiste he admired from a young age.

Ek Paye Nupur, Bondhu Bhabo Ki, Ekta Gopon Kotha, Ei Ki Beshi Na were amongst some of the numbers Topu performed during the programme that had the audience mesmerised.

TV WATCH



Young singing sensation Oyshee will be featured in BanglaVision's 'Music Club' at 11:25 pm today. The audience can call the number on display and talk to the artiste amidst her performances. The programme is produced by Nahid Ahmed Biplob.