

WHAT'S ON



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



**Musical Concert**  
Title: Sunglew 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



**Music and Art Festival**  
Title: Soulfulment  
Date: July 12  
Venue: Jatra Biroti  
Time: 2 pm onwards



**Poetry show**  
Title: Poetry Night at 3rd Space  
Date: July 11  
Time: 5 pm  
Venue: Counter Culture Club, Dhanmondi  
Entry: Free



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Tisha and Mimi working together after 17 years



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSEH

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Theatre and Performance Studies Department of Dhaka University is set to bring a new theatrical production, *Aparera* (The Others), to be staged on July 10 to 14 at 7 pm at the department's laboratory Natmandal auditorium.

This production dramatises the anatomy of love, relationship and desire in context of contemporary designs of living. This theatrical experimentation reexamines European modern masterpieces. It explores the idea of 'other' and love by engaging Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House* and *The Lady from the Sea*, Russian playwright Anton Chekhov's *The Seagull* and *Three Sisters*, as well as Swedish playwright August Strindberg's *The Father* and *Miss Julie*.

The production is designed and directed by Ashiq Rahman Leon, while Shahman Moishan worked as the dramaturge. Both of them are working as the Assistant Professor at the department. *Aparera* is performed by the Honors 3rd Year students of the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

After 17 years of last working together with Afsana Mimi, Nusrat Imroz Tisha is once again reuniting with the renowned director to work in a TV show called *Bahni*.

The show recently began filming with Tisha acting aside Intekab Dinar, Likhan, Tanvir and others. Tanvir starred as a special guest in the show.

Compared to her other roles, this is a very unique one for Tisha.

When asked about how she was feeling about working with Mimi again, Tisha said, "This is a completely new experience for me, and I'm enjoying it every step of the way."

"I've known Tisha for a long time now. But it feels like I am rediscovering her after all this time. She has been doing an excellent job in acting for this role," said Afsana Mimi.

*Bahni* is scheduled for release very soon.



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## Asif Akbar turns writer

Over the last two decades, singer Asif Akbar maintained a steady position in the music industry. The National Film Award winner made his breakthrough with the hit track 'O Priya Tumi Kothay', and did not have to look back ever since. The talented artiste continues to pursue his passion with utmost determination even to this day. In an interview with The Daily Star, Asif Akbar discusses his latest endeavour as a writer, his new book, music and more.

SHAH ALAM SHAZ

We came to know about a book that you have written. Are you aiming to release it during the upcoming Ekushey Boi Mela?

Yes, indeed. I have written a book which is currently in the editing phase. Renowned novelist Sadat Hossain is editing the text with precision. Once that is done, it will proceed for publishing. And no, I did not target the annual book festival. The readers can get their hands on it as soon as it is ready.

How do you identify as a writer?

To be honest, neither do I not consider myself to be a singer, nor a writer. I used to believe I was a cricketer as my life revolved around the sport, but here I am with an upcoming book. Basically, the book is a mixture of an autobiography, travelogue, my feelings, thoughts and music, along with some

interesting statuses I posted on Facebook over the years.

What have you named the literature?

The book is titled *Potkara Theke Manhattan* (Potkara to Manhattan). Named after my father's village of Potkara, the book comprises of a memoir about how I emerged as a musician and journeyed all the way to Manhattan in New York. Published by Onnodhara, readers will come across small, yet intriguing tales in my book.

Regarding your music, what is the status quo?

I have recently voiced a track titled, *Hahakar*. It is a melodious number, exactly the kind of music that I wish to make more often. My fans have shown much admiration for the song, and it is close to my heart as well. I am absolutely engrossed in music and wish to continue delivering new songs for the listeners. I always aim to promote good music as it will enrich our music industry.



PHOTO: SHAHREAR KABIR HEEMEL

## Shakib Khan's 'Bir' incoming

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Shakib Khan is one of the most popular actors of our time. At a time when actors are struggling to find roles, he continues to make successful movies each year, making him a true success in the film industry.

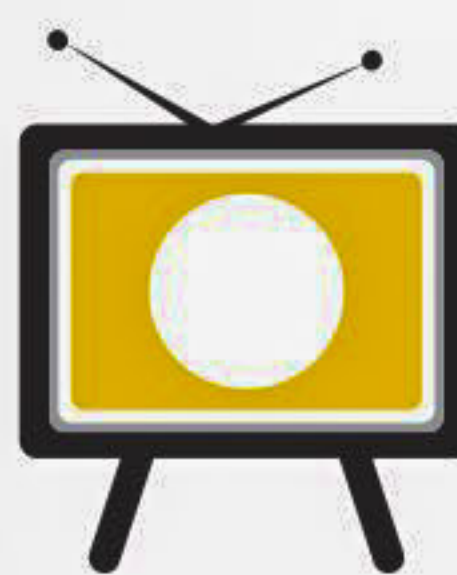
Starting from the July 15, The 'King of Dhaliwood' will be starring in a new film titled *Bir*. The film will be directed by award winning director Kazi Hayat. This will be his 50th directorial.

Shakib Khan will be playing Bir, the lead character in the film. The film will be produced under his production house SK Films.

When asked about the film, he said, "This is my dream film and the fact that Kazi Hayat is directing it, means it's going to be something fantastic. I am hopeful that this movie will be an important milestone in my career."

Shakib Khan has decided to not work on any other films during the shooting of *Bir*.

In the meantime, he is shooting for the film *Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na* at BFDC. This film will be released during Eid-ul-Adha this year.



TV WATCH

Fantasy series 'Maya Masnad' will be broadcast on NTV at 8:20 pm today. Directed by S M Salauddin, it features Sohel Rana, Saberi Alam, Shatabdi Wadud, Golam Farida Chhanda and Moushumi Nag as its lead cast.

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