

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 pm - 8 pm



Musical Concert
Title: Sunglow Musical Fest-1
Venue: International Convention City
Rashundhara, 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



Musical Evening
Title: The songs of Mahmuduzzaman Babu
Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani
Date: Today
Time: 7 pm - 10 pm
Ticket: BDT 300 (BDT 200 with a valid student ID)



Masterclass
Title: Piano Masterclass by Tahsan Khan
Venue: Yamaha Music Store, Jamuna
Future Park
Date: Today
Time: 4 pm - 8 pm
Entry: BDT 500

Abdullah Al Mamun's 77th birth anniversary today



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

"Mamun was a multidimensional mastermind. Bangladesh's television drama industry gained its initial momentum under his leadership while he made tremendous contributions to Bangladesh's theatre industry as well," expressed theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar. "We lost him too early. But he continues to live on and live strong through his works."

The telefiction *Shongshoptok*, adapted and produced by Abdullah Al Mamun from Shaheed Budhhijibi Shahidullah Kaiser's novel, marked a pivotal point for the Bangladeshi television drama

industry in the 80s. Abdullah Al Mamun was also responsible for ushering many stalwart actors into the fraternity.

"Abdullah Al Mamun was an exceptionally versatile artist. He was successful in every path he pursued," reminisced theatre exponent Mamunur Rashid. "We feel his absence in our fraternity and miss him dearly."

Abdullah Al Mamun was one of the founding members of the theatre troupe, Theatre. The plays – *Meraj Fokirer Maa*, *Meherjaan Arekbar*, *Aynay Bondhur Mukh*, *Tomrai*, *Senapati*, *Subochon Nirbashone*, *Kokilara*, *Bibisaab*, *Ujan Pobon*, *Shahjadir Kalo Nekab* and *Dyasher Manush* are some of his most famous

Today marks the 77th birth anniversary of one of Bangladesh's all-time top icons in the arts and entertainment industry, Ekushey Padak recipient, Abdullah Al Mamun. A celebrated personality in the arenas of theatre, television and cinema, Abdullah Al Mamun left behind a dynamic collection of works to his credit. The brilliant plays he wrote in his time are being staged to this day by his theatre troupe, Theatre, and other theatre companies. The playwright-actor-director virtuoso passed away on August 21, 2008 at the age of 66.

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works, that continue to be staged till date. His directorial works for the silver screen, *Sareng Bou*, *Dui Jibon*, *Akhoni Somoy* and *Dui Beyaier Kirti* were all commercial as well as critical successes. He won the National Film Award for best direction for both *Dui Jibon* and *Akhoni Somoy*.

"It is not possible to talk about Mamun Bhai in little detail. I truly cherished the person and artiste he was. He loved his work and his work is what keeps him alive amongst us to this day. I believe he will continue to breathe on with his work for many more years to come," said evergreen actor Afzal Hossain, who acted in Abdullah Al Mamun's film *Dui Jibon*.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED



Moushumi's upcoming movie ORJON 71

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Popular actor Moushumi has signed on for a new film titled *Orjon 71*, directed by Mirza Sakawat Hossain. The *muhurat* for the movie will be held at the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC) premises on July 16.

Orjon 71 is based on the limitless contributions of the Bangladeshi police force during the Liberation War of 1971. Moushumi will be seen playing the role of Firoza, an integral character in the movie. Shatabdi Wadud will be playing the role of a courageous police officer, opposite Moushumi. The movie will be filmed at BFDC, Rajarbagh Police Line and a few locations in North Bengal.

Apart from *Orjon 71*, Moushumi is also working on the film *Modhu Da*. Her latest release was *Nolok*, which premiered last Eid ul Fitr.

AMI KOTHAY HARABO - A one of a kind initiative

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Three prominent musicians, Emil Karim, Fuad Almuqtadir and Jon Kabir, collaborated for the music video titled *Ami Kothay Harabo*, which released recently on Gaanchill Music's official YouTube channel. The soundtrack is for the short film, *Ferar Gaan* on iFlix, directed by Shafayet Mansoor Rana.

Entirely shot on a smartphone by a renowned brand, the initiative is amongst the first of its kind in Bangladesh. Penned by Tanvir Chowdhury, *Ami Kothay Harabo* was composed and arranged by Fuad,

and voiced by Emil of Shunno fame. Jon played the titular character, both in the short film and the music video.

The plot for *Ferar Gaan* revolves around the life of a star, played by Jon. When a die-hard fan tries to confront him, his ego gets the best of him and the fan is thrown out. Soon Jon begins to suffer the consequences of karma, and to right his wrong, he embarks on a journey to locate that fan. The music video shows how a disillusioned star desperately searches for the admirer, and upon finding him, spends time with him, hoping that all will be well.

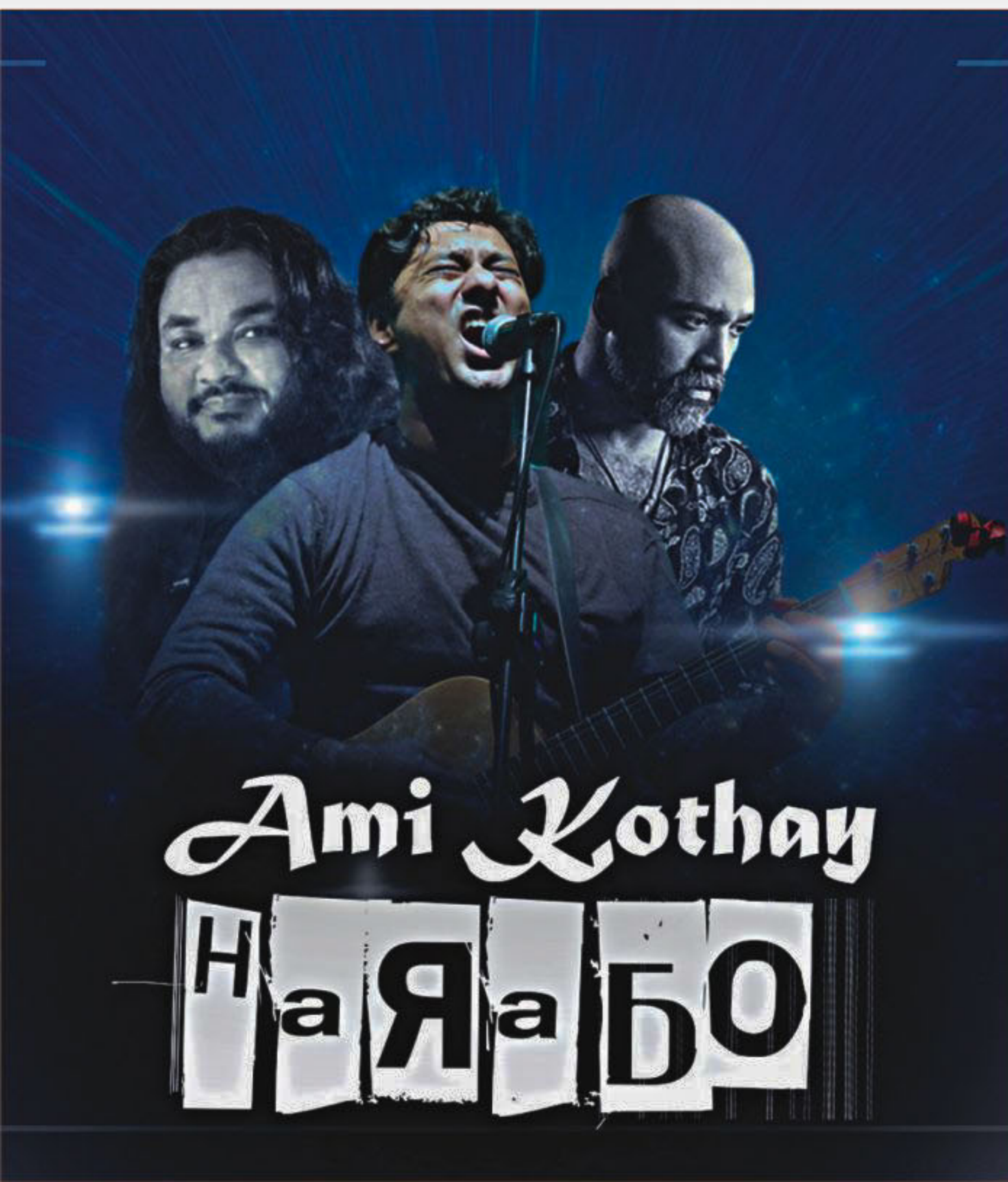


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Barshamangal: BSA welcomes monsoon

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With an entertaining arrangement of music and dance, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) recently welcomed the monsoon season at their National Theatre Auditorium.

The evening commenced with an instrumental act, followed by a welcome

address by Liaquat Ali Lucky, Director General, BSA. He spoke of the significance of all the seasons of Bangladesh during his speech.

The musicians from BSA presented an array of melodious tracks, while the dancing troupe from BSA entertained the audience with their impressive performances.



TV WATCH

Popular actors Apurba and Zakia Bari Mamo have teamed up for the tele-fiction 'Laila Majnur Korbani'. Directed by S A Haque Alik, it is scheduled to air during the upcoming Eid ul Adha on a private satellite channel.

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