

WHAT'S ON



Art Exhibition
Title: Speed of Color by Khurshid Alam Saleem
Venue: Shilpangan, Lalmeta
Date: July 27 - August 7
Time: 3 pm - 8 pm



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Prologue 1
Venue: Dhaka Gallery, Banani
Date: Jul 13 - Aug 9
Time: 3 pm - 8 pm



Photography & Poetry Exhibition
Title: ProjectDebi: Revolutionary Photography And Poetry Exhibition
Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
Date: August 26 - 28
Time: 10 am - 7 pm



Theatre
Title: Aleya Twist
Venue: British Council Bangladesh & BSA
Date: August 6 & 7
Time: Aug 6 at 7 pm at British Council, Fuller Road; Aug 7 at 7 pm at BSA



Art Exhibition
Title: Muhurtama solo art exhibition by Shamsset Tabrejee
Venue: Dwp Gallery, Lalmeta
Date: July 27 - August 22 (except Mondays)
Time: 5 pm - 9 pm



Pt Subhankar Banerjee on tabla and Pt Debojyoti Bose on sarod.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Celebrating monsoon through the bliss of classical raagas

ZAHANGIR ALOM

The two-day (July 26-27) Malhar Festival hailing the rainy season concluded at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on Saturday. The High Commission of India, Dhaka, in association with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, organised the programme at the National Theatre Hall of BSA.

Renowned Indian stalwarts, Pt. Kushal Das (Sitar maestro), Pt. Debojyoti Bose (Sarod maestro), Sawani Shende Sathaye (Vocalist) and Pt. Subhankar Banerjee (Tabla maestro) coupled with famous Classical singer from Bangladesh, Priyanka Gope, enthralled music lovers of Dhaka with their fantastic solo and sat-sangat performances.

The festival, which aims to connect classical music lovers in both Bangladesh and India, offered a great opportunity for music enthusiasts to witness prominent Indian artistes presenting their best compositions.

The opening day of the event witnessed mind-blowing performances by Shawani Shende



Priyanka Gope performs a scintillating piece.

Sathaye, Subhankar Banerjee, Tanmay Abhay and Mukund Shreeram. The programme began with a beautiful presentation of Raaga Miyan Ki Malhar by Sawani followed by a Kajri and Raaga Ramdaasi Malhar by Kushal Das.

Priyanka Gope beautifully presented Khayals set on Raaga Miyan Ki Malhar and Raaga Surdasi Malhar. Pt Debojyoti Bose

surpassed the sphere of words, revealing the magic of his Sarod. Debojyoti started off with alap of Raaga Gaud Malhar very slowly, almost like a butterfly coming out of its cocoon. Pt. Subhankar Banerjee joined him during the bistar, jor, jhala and tchai with teen taal. Starting slowly with his tabla, Pt Subhankar ascended to a higher musical realm. With his

characteristic style, he passionately produced divine rhythms. Set on madhyala teen taal, Pandit Debojyoti later played Raaga Ramdasi Malhar on his sarod in a way that strongly resembled a vocalist's performance. He concluded his recital, performing a Bhatiali dhun mingling with the tunes of a Tagore song *Jodi Tor Daak Shune Keu Na Ashe*. Exquisite loykari on tabla with awe-inspiring bistar on sarod thoroughly captivated the audience.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Riva Ganguly Das, Bangladesh Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Gowher Rizvi were in attendance. Political advisor HT Imam, State Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Affairs Md Shahab Uddin, Textiles and Jute Minister Golam Dastagir Gazi, State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and co-operatives Swapan Bhattacharjee, Bengal Foundation Chairman Abul Khair, eminent thespian Ramendu Majumdar and BSA director general Liaquat Ali Lucky, among others, were present at the festival.

Film Producers Association election held after 7 years

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The Film Producers Association election was held in a festive environment on July 27, at the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (FDC). The election, which took place after seven long years, saw a total of 130 producers vote for the working years of 2019-2021. Actors Shakib Khan, Anjana, Jaya Ahsan, Alamgir and Nirob also voted, as they are also producers.

Khorshed Alam received the most votes, with the second highest votes going to Shamsul Alam. The winners

and contenders for the panel are: M N Ispahani, Kamal Mohammad Kibria, Mehedi Hasan Siddiqui, Morshed Khan, Rashidul Alam, Zahid Hossain, A J Rana, Mohammad Hossain, Yasmin Haque Bobby, Kamal Hasan, Apurba Roy, Nadir Khan, Shahidul Alam, Ila Jahan, Mohammad Iqbal, Dani Sidak and Alimullah Khokon.

Among the 19 winners, 10 will be voted today to make the committee. The previous committee had Sohail Rana and Dipjol as the President and General Secretary respectively.



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'Nazrul Utsab 1426' was held at Chhayanaut on July 25 and 26, celebrating the best of the National Poet's works. Renowned artistes, as well as students from different institutes, performed at the festival.



New trailer of 'THE GOLDFINCH' shows promise

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The third trailer of John Crowley's upcoming film, *The Goldfinch*, was released recently. Based on Donna Tartt's Pulitzer winning novel of the same name, the film revolves around Theo, who has a troubled past that leads him to the world of art forgery. The drama-thriller stars Nicole Kidman, Ansel Elgort, Oakes Fegley, Finn Wolfhard and Aneurin Barnard among others.

The, at the age of 13, witnesses his mother's death in a terrorist bombing in The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The tragedy changes his life forever as he embarks on a journey of grief, guilt and redemption. Throughout the story, he clings on to a painting of a tiny bird chained to its perch, the goldfinch. At the centre of Crowley's take on *The Goldfinch* is a tragic and engaging mystery. The film is set to be released on September 13, 2019

JKKNIU hosts musical shows to support flood victims

AMINUL ISLAM, from Mymensingh

Students from different departments of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) in Mymensingh, kicked off musical shows titled, *Banbhasi*, at and outside their campus to collect funds to support flood victims across Bangladesh.

The programme included musical performances, poetry recitations as well as art-based activities.

Mahedi Tanjir from the Theatre and Performance Studies Department of the university, leads the initiative.

The programme opened with a two-day musical soiree on July 22, on a stage built at the university's pond, where a large number of students took part.

As a part of the initiative, the Udichi Shilpi Sangsad unit at the university also organised a two-day programme, where documentaries and films were screened. The programme concluded on July 25.

Three more teams are also working at different areas of the country to raise funds, informed Jakirul Islam Jahangir, a final year student of JKKNIU's Theatre and Performance Studies Department.

A group of teachers and students also distributed relief materials to flood victims at Razibpur in Kurigram recently.

Kazi Mahmudul Hassan, a teacher of the Computer Science and Engineering Department, Kalyanangsu Naha and Dr Sdhartha Dey of the Fine Arts Department and Shanjoy Kumar Mukherjee of the Public Administration Department were present.

The Vice-Chancellor of JKKNIU, Professor Dr AHM Mustafizur Rahman, praised the efforts of the students and teachers in helping flood victims across the country.



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