

WHAT'S ON



**Art Exhibition**  
Title: Speed of Color by Khurshid Alam Saleem  
Venue: Shilpangan, Lalmatia  
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 Shamset Tabrej  
Venue: Dwip Gallery, Lalmatia  
Date: July 27 – August 22 (except Mondays)  
Time: 5 pm – 9 pm



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# Art exhibition marking the golden jubilee of the title ‘Bangabandhu’

**ZAHANGIR ALOM**  
The people of Bangladesh bestowed the title of ‘Bangabandhu’ on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Father of the Nation on 23 February, 1969. The then DUCSU (Dhaka University Central Students’ Union) Vice President and Sarbadaliya Chhatra Sangram Parishad President, Tofail Ahmed, announced the title on behalf of the people at a mass rally after the father of the nation was freed from jail in the Agartala conspiracy case. Since then, the greatest Bangali of all time has been known by

that title which, in Bangla, means the “friend of the people”.  
To mark the golden jubilee of conferring the title ‘Bangabandhu’, Shadhinata Charushilpi Parishad organised an artist camp titled *Bangabandhu Shabdati Amader* on February 23, 2019 at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy where 55 prominent and promising Bangladeshi and Indian artists took part. On the canvases, the participating artists portrayed varied themes like how Sheikh Mujibur Rahman became Bangabandhu, how he struggled for the independence, what

his source of power was and how the glorious history of Bangladesh was made.  
A two-week long exhibition with the outcomes of the artist camp was inaugurated July 27 at Sheikh Lutfur Rahman Gallery and Sheikh Sayera Khatun Gallery of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum, Dhanmondi 32, Dhaka. Information Minister, Dr Hasan Mahmud, inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. State Minister for Cultural Affairs K.M. Khalid; poet, researcher and member-secretary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Memorial Trust, Sheikh Hafizur Rahman; poet, critic and architect Rabiul Husain; curator of the museum, Md Nazrul Islam Khan, attended the event as special guests.  
Distinguished artist Ashrafur Alam Paplu, also the member-secretary of Shadhinata Charushilpi Parishad, delivered the welcome address and hosted the programme, while renowned artist and convener of Shadhinata Charushilpi Parishad, Anowar Hossain, presided over the ceremony. The exhibition, opening from 10 am to 5 pm, will conclude on August 9.

## Hobbs & Shaw hits Star Cineplex

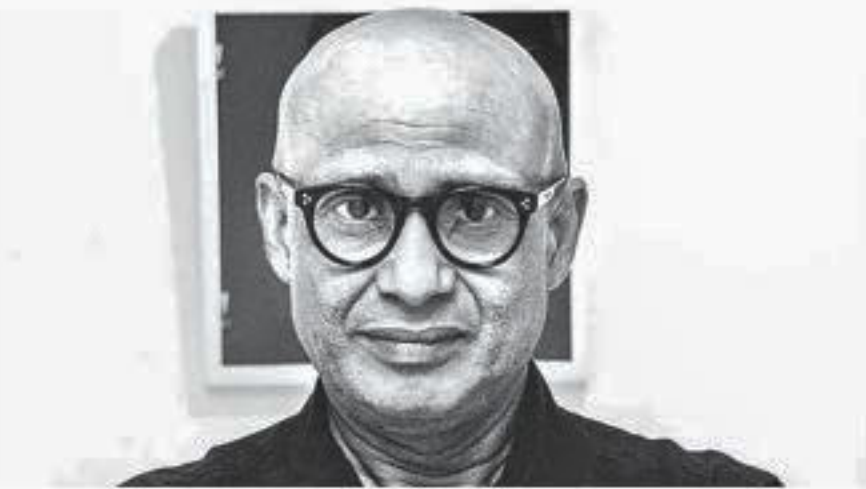
**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**  
*Hobbs & Shaw* is a 2019 American action film directed by David Leitch and written by Chris Morgan and Drew Pearce, from a story by Morgan. It is a spin-off of *The Fast and the Furious* franchise centered on Luke Hobbs and Deckard Shaw, characters introduced in the main series. Starring Dwayne Johnson and Jason Statham, the film follows the unlikely allies who are forced to team up against a greater threat. The film hits Star Cineplex today.



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## Shamset Tabrej's poetic imagery on canvas

**ZAHANGIR ALOM**  
Well-known poet Shamset Tabrej turns to the canvas when he fails to express his feelings properly with words. *Udbastu Chirkut*, *Amro Kanone Mabhoi Koler Gaan*, *Osru Mobarak* and *Muhurtama* are some of his many successful poetry books. His first solo exhibition, *Muhurtama*, is currently taking place at Dwip Gallery in Lalmatia.  
Eminent artist Monirul Islam inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest on July 27 while renowned artist Nisar Hossain, the Dean of the Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka, poet Mashrur Arefin, the managing director of City Bank Limited, renowned artist Shishir



Bhattacharjee and poet Sazzad Sharif attended the ceremony as special guests. The curator of the exhibition, well-known artist and critic Mustafa Zaman, spoke at the event.  
“I try to capture moments mingled with my personal feelings on canvas. The title of exhibition, ‘Muhurtama’, suggests

those connotations,” said Shamset Tabrej. “My artistic quest revolves around actions, which attempt to express the realities of the moments I explore.”  
The exhibition is a comprehensive showcase of a selection of paintings by the artist. The audience will find a determining character in his recently produced paintings, most of which are abstract in nature. The nuances of geometric forms, the diagonal stop mobility vision and critical annotations appear in some of paintings. The poetic imagery that he portrays with colours is composed of abstract elements, representing his own creative world. The exhibition will remain open from 3 pm to 9 pm daily except Mondays till August 22.

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## “Nothing will stop me from working” – Sonia Hossain

**SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ**  
Sonia Hossain is a well-known face on television, having made her mark as an actor, model and television anchor. Besides being a respected media personality, she is also an associate at a law firm, through which she attended the World Economic Forum’s 19th Annual Meeting in China recently. “I feel honoured to be a part of the event,” she says, “I had the opportunity to meet our honourable Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina and Olga Algayevora, the Slovak Diplomat and the Executive Secretary of the United Nation.” Sonia is now a registered member of the World Economic Forum, and is eager to attend their future events.

With the positivity that she brought back from the trip, she is now pumped up for some brand new projects. “As soon as I came back, I did two back-to-back live events, *Glam Eve* and *The Grand Boulevard*. I also finished shooting for a dance show.” Sonia is also getting ready to host her own radio show soon. “I am very excited for this, as this is the first time I will have my own radio show. It will air on Radio Aamar, and is planned to be a youth-based show.”  
Sonia Hossain also hosts three regular shows on three channels --Desh TV, BanglaVision and Asian TV respectively. “I had decided quite a while ago that I will not act regularly,” says Sonia in response to a question regarding whether she would be seen in a tele-fiction soon. “I have chosen anchoring as my primary career path at the moment, as it is more dignified, and I can give more time to my family.” However, she stated that given the right script, she would consider stepping in front of the camera as an actor again. “No matter in what capacity you see me in, I will never stop working. I am very passionate about what I do, and I will keep learning, growing, and be a better version of myself.”



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## IIUSFF closing ceremony held at DU

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**  
Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS), in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), successfully organised the 11th edition of International Inter University Short Film Festival (IIUSFF). DUFS, with the motto, “Better films, better viewers.”  
The closing and award-giving ceremony of the event was held at DU on July 31. Carolina Lamarre, the development officer of UNHCR, graced the ceremony as the chief guest. “This event is a prestigious platform for young

filmmakers to demonstrate their competence and develop their skills. Platforms like IIUSFF are incredibly important because of how efficiently they have shed light on the Rohingya crisis and the plight of the displaced across the world,” she said.  
Abu Shahed Emon, film director, Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, DUFS moderator, Biplob Mostafiz and Rashedul Hafiz, film activists, and Nahid Masud, the younger brother of Tareque Masud and a noted sound designer, were present at the ceremony as well.  
The Zahir Raihan Best Short 2019 was

awarded to the film, *Hearth*, directed by Alisher Zhadigerov from Kazakhstan. The Tareque Masud Best Emerging Director 2019 was awarded to the film, *Some Ancient Trees*, directed by Hasnat Sohan from Bangladesh.  
The Best Short Film on Refugees was awarded to the film, *The Box*, directed by Merve Cirisoglu Cotur from Turkey.  
The Runner Up Short Film on Refugees was awarded to *So Far from Kabul*, directed by Joel Cartaxo Anjos from France. The Best One Minute Short was awarded to *The Puppet*, directed by Chethuwang Tripura from Bangladesh.

## Jason Momoa to produce and star in Netflix’s ‘Sweet Girl’

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**  
Popular actor Jason Momoa is set to produce and star in the revenge thriller, *Sweet Girl*, for Netflix.  
Momoa will portray a husband who vows to bring justice to the people responsible for his wife’s death while also protecting his daughter. Gregg

Hurwitz and Philip Eisner wrote the script with current revisions by Will Staples.  
Brian Andrew Mendoza will make his feature directorial debut with *Sweet Girl*, which reunites him with Momoa. The pair worked together on the 2018 film, *Braven* and Netflix and Discovery Canada’s TV series, *Frontier*.



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