

<p><b>WHAT'S ON</b></p>	<p><b>Live Performance</b>                  Title: Black at Jatra Biroti                  Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani                  Date: August 9                  Time: 7 pm onwards                  Tickets: BDT 300</p>	<p><b>Group Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Prologue 1                  Venue: Dhaka Gallery, Banani                  Date: Jul 13 - Aug 9                  Time: 3 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p><b>Photography &amp; Poetry Exhibition</b>                  Title: ProjectDebi: Revolutionary Photography And Poetry Exhibition                  Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi                  Date: August 26 - 28                  Time: 10 am - 7 pm</p>	<p><b>Concert</b>                  Title: 3 for 1                  Venue: 3rd Space, Dhanmondi                  Date: August 9                  Time: 6:30 pm onwards</p>	<p><b>Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Muhurtama solo art exhibition by Shamsat Tabreej                  Venue: Dwp Gallery, Lalmatia                  Date: July 27 - August 22 (except Mondays)                  Time: 5 pm - 9 pm</p>
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# Three upcoming films this Eid



Every year when Eid is around the corner, the work schedules for many in the entertainment industry tend to get busy. During these times, a variety of films, tele-fictions, songs and other ventures are released to keep the festive season vibrant and entertaining. Often, popular films are also screened in theatre halls. During the upcoming Eid ul Adha, three new films are scheduled for release this season.

**SHAH ALAM SHAZU**

One film that the audience is highly anticipating is, *Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na*. Expectations are high for this big-budget film since it stars the 'King' of Dhallywood, Shakib Khan, and is being directed by Zakir Hossain Raju, one of the most renowned directors in the industry. Apart from its release in Dhaka, the film will also be released in various cinema halls

across the nation. Bubby will star opposite Shakib in *Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na*. Another upcoming film in the list is *Beporwa*, directed by Raja Chanda. It will star actors Roshan and Bobby, who are enthusiastic about their venture. *Beporwa* will also be released nationwide during Eid. *Bhalobashar Jala* is the third film in the list, to be released during Eid ul Adha. The film is directed by Bashir Ahmed. It star new-comers Orpa and Shakil in the lead roles.



(From left) Stills from 'Beporwa', 'Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na' and 'Bhalobashar Jala'.

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## Chhayanaut pays homage to Rabindranath Tagore

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**

To commemorate the 78th death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, Chhayanaut arranged a cultural programme recently at their premises, a practice the organisation has been carrying out committedly. Various vibrant performances based on the bard's songs, poems and dance

recitals were presented during the occasion. During the event, performers from Chhayanaut staged the musical drama, *Shyma*, while Kanthashilan, a cultural group, staged *Ami Tomay Chharbo Na Maa*, adapted from Tagore's works. They also presented a poetic drama titled, *Karnakuntee Shngbad*.

## In memory of beloved author TONI MORRISON

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Recently, it was reported that Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison has passed away at the age of 88. Tributes from many artists, writers and leaders quickly poured in for Morrison as soon as news broke of her death.

"Her writing was a beautiful, meaningful challenge to our conscience and our moral imagination. What a gift to breathe the same air as her, if only for a while," former US President Barack Obama — who awarded Morrison the Presidential Medal of Freedom — wrote on Twitter.

"What a life," wrote author Clint Smith on the woman whose books focused on African American people. "What a remarkable remarkable life. She not only changed the landscape of American writing, she changed the landscape of America."



PHOTOS: TWITTER

"She wasn't just the queen of American letters," said bestselling author Ibram X Kendi. "She wrote America's letters. And whether we realize it or not, all Americans and all writers are indebted to Toni Morrison. Sleep well. We are eternally grateful for you. We are eternally grateful for America's letters." Oprah Winfrey also posted a heartfelt message on social media, in honour of the beloved author.



## 'Aleya Twist' - A modern-day Bengali adaptation of a Dickens classic

**SHARMIN JOYA**

The British Council Cultural Centre, in partnership with Komola Collective, worked on *Aleya Twist*, a modern day Bengali adaptation of the celebrated English novel, *Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens, as a part of a three-week project. Komola Collective is a London-based arts organisation dedicated to telling the stories from female perspectives that often go untold. The play is adapted by Leesa Gazi and directed by Filiz Ozcan. They are both Joint Artistic Directors of Komola Collective. The play introduces Aleya, a female protagonist, in place of Oliver Twist.

Aleya is played by Ritu Akter. A group of young girls from English and Digital for Girls' Education (EDGE) Clubs of Tangail and BRAC also performed in the play. The rest of the cast and crew were hired from local theatre groups. "It is a privilege to play Aleya. I am thankful to British Council for arranging such a great project and allowing me to have such a beautiful experience, working with so many professionals," says Ritu. Although the story is set nearly two hundred years later and many thousands of miles away from the original story, the



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difference in time and place does not take away the harsh reality that the original Oliver had to face. Aleya is a ten-year-old whose mother passes away right after childbirth. Aleya's struggles of surviving in unforgiving and greedy surroundings is the major plot point of the play. Before finally reuniting with her father, Aleya

encounters many harsh sides of the society, including child trafficking and stealing. The whole team rehearsed in Madhupur, Tangail, where they staged their first show. The play was staged at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy yesterday.

