

WHAT'S ON

**TRIBUTE TO MAD**  
**কর্তৃক প্রদর্শনী**  
 Exhibition  
 Title: Tribute to Mad Cartoon  
 Exhibition  
 Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi 15A (New)  
 Date: August 23 – 25  
 Time: 3 pm – 8 pm

**Exhibition, Screening & More**  
 Title: Shilper Aloye Bangabandhu  
 Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Venue: BSA Premises  
 Date: August 1 – 31  
 Time: 11 am onwards

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

**Rock Concert**  
 Title: Legacy of Rock N Roll  
 Venue: ICCB, Hall 04 (Naboratri), Bashundhara  
 Date: September 13  
 Time: 3 pm – 10 pm  
 Hotline: +8801707975206

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Colours  
 Venue: AFD, La Galerie  
 Date: August 23 – August 31  
 Time: Mon - Thurs from 3 pm - 9 pm, Fri and Sat from 9 am - 12 pm and 5 pm - 8 pm (closed on Sunday)

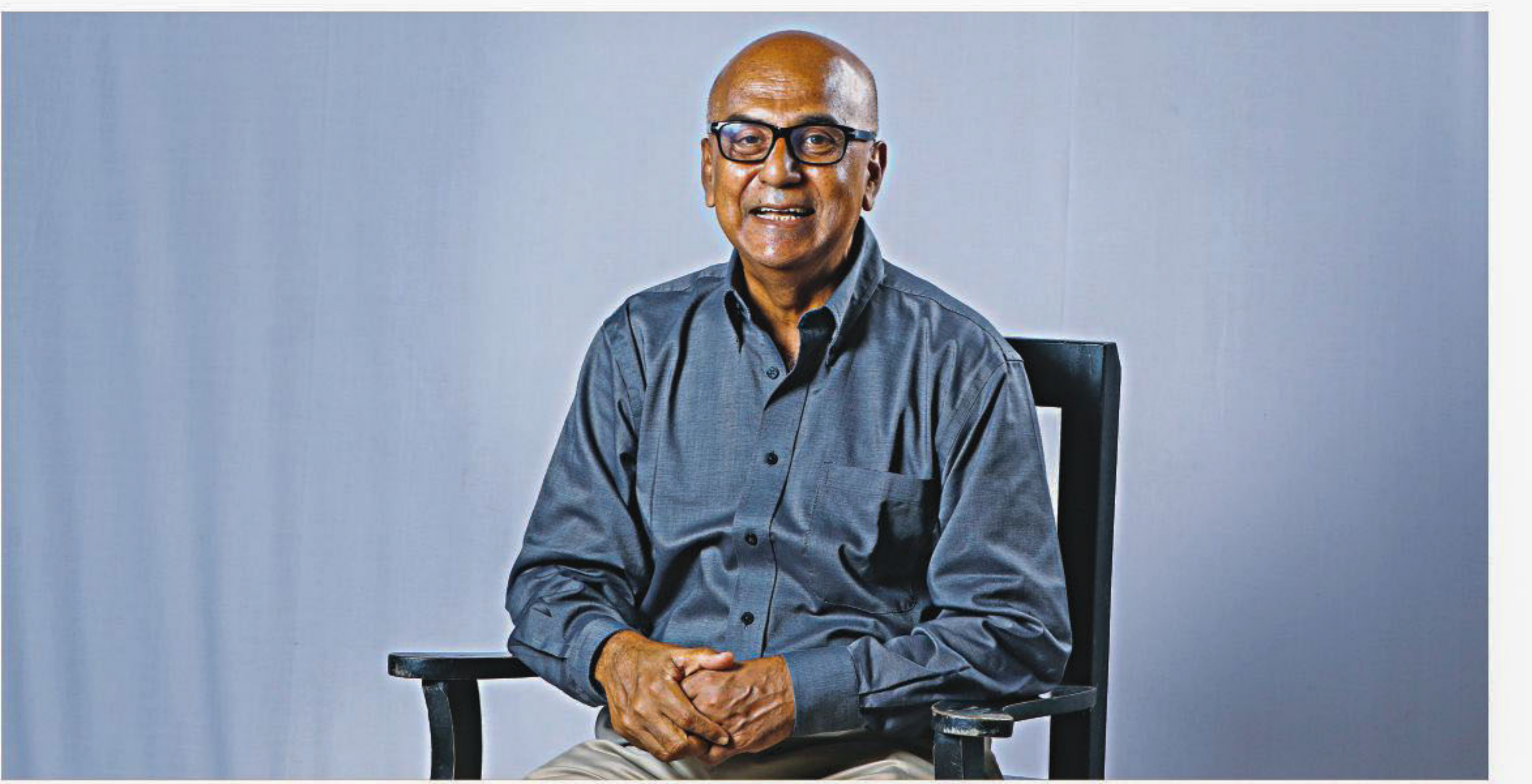


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# Shahid Mahmud Jangi: The celebrated lyricist

ZAHANGIR ALAM

Shahid Mahmud Jangi started writing songs in 1977. He has carved a niche for himself in the field of songwriting with a number of hit songs for many pioneering Bangladeshi bands and soloists. He penned songs like *Hridoy Kada Matir Kono Murti Noy* (Renaissance), *Ekdin Ghum Bhanga Shohore* (LRB) and *Somoy Jeno Katena* (Samina Chowdhury) among others. He has recently written eight songs for Renaissance's upcoming albums. Pilu Khan is the composer of the songs.

Jangi shared his thoughts on the state of music in Bangladesh. "Unfortunately, in our country, music is not revered as Literature. Whereas, Tagore's Nobel Prize-

winning collection of poems, *Geetanjali*, can be regarded as a piece of music, and singer Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature," he says. "Music is one of the most esteemed forms of art."

Jangi wrote the patriotic song, *Mukto Manik Pabar Ashaye Amra Dichchhi Pari* for Souls' second album. He also penned *Dik-e Dik-e Ahajari Shobar Chokkhe Pani*, *Protidin Protiti Muhurto Keno Chute Jetam Tomar Kachhe*, *Tumi Ami Noy Aj Cholo Gai Gaan, Oi Dekho Gaichhe Paul Robson...*, *Dekho Dukhi Janata Egiye Chole*, *Tader-i Gaan Kore Bob Marley, Cha-er Cup-e Porichoy Tomar Sathey* and *Anobik Aghate Hiroshima Kande* for the band.

When Naquib Khan left Souls in 1981 and formed Renaissance, Ayub Bachchu took his

position. Jangi also wrote songs like *Aj Je Shishu Prithibir Aloye Eshchhe*, *Tritiyo Bishwa Emoni Ek Bishwa*, *Hey Bangladesh, Tomar Boyosh Holo Koto* and many others for Renaissance.

"When Bachchu left Souls, he sang one of my songs. He always encouraged me to write new songs. One day, he took me to the forest hill of Chattogram where I was supposed to complete the song *Ekdin Ghum Bhanga Shohore*. I had written only the first four lines of that song. Once I was there, I was also inspired to write the song, *Ki Jani Ki Ek Din Chhilo*," recalls the lyricist.

He has also written all the songs for Pilu Khan's upcoming solo album, *Tomra Bhalo Aho To?* Having penned captivating songs for multiple renowned artistes over the years, Jangi aspires to keep doing what he loves.

# NUSRAAT FARIA all set for 'Bhoy'

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Having won the hearts of the masses on both sides of Bengal, Nusraat Faria is gearing up for her upcoming Kolkata-based film, *Bhoy*. The diva will be travelling to India soon for the shoot. Directed by Raja Chanda, the shooting will take place across various scenic locations in India.

According to the actor, this venture will be unique compared to her previous films, in terms of the storyline as well as her character. Nusraat is rather

enthusiastic about *Bhoy*. Her last film, *Bibaho Obhijaan* was also a Kolkata-based film which was released both in Bangladesh and India, much to the amusement of her fans.

Apart from her international ventures Nusraat is busy with films in Bangladesh. She recently shot for the film *Dhaka 2040*, where she will be seen opposite Bappi. The film is directed by Dipankar Dipon. Moreover, her film *Shahensha*, starring Shakib Khan, is expected to release in October.



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# 'Colours' on the walls of AFD



Rifat Jahan's 'Dreamscape 15' (Acrylic and pen on paper)

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**

Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) is currently hosting the group art exhibition, *Colours*, at their La Galerie. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition was held yesterday.

Eminent architect and poet Rabiul Hossain attended the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest while noted artist Kanak Chapa Chakma was the special guest.

The participating artists are: Farhana Afroz, Farzana Islam, Monidipa Dasgupta, Mukti Bhowmik, Rebeka Sultana, Monira Sultana, Rehana Yesmin, Rifat Jahan and Shaila Akhter. All of them are graduates of the Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka. The artists are good friends with one another. This exhibition, which they organise annually, is aimed at celebrating their journey and growth, as they continue to evolve and create dialogues about their practices as artists. The exhibition will conclude on August 31.



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# 'Haree Phatibe' staged at BSA

**ASHLEY SHOFTORSHI SAMADDAR**

Utpal Natyadal staged the 50th show of their play, *Haree Phatibe*, at the Studio Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), recently.

Based on a story by Utpal Datta, the play is directed by Apu Shahid. It reveals the recklessness of human beings, and presents

their selfishness, hypocrisy and corrupt nature, through a witty and humorous script. The characterisation and comedic elements in the play not only manages to entertain the audience, but also depict real-life circumstances.

The cast of the play was comprised of Enamul Mir, Imtiaz Asad, Nur Sabah, Shukorno Ahmed, M R Hasan, Moni

Kanchan, Hasne Ara Dahlia, Kazi Paris, Mintu Sarder, Shohag, and Ratul Mir. Mintu Sarder, an assistant director, provided the technical backstage support for the production.

Thandu Raihan was behind the lighting and Apu Shohid directed the music and background score, along with other members of the crew.



Rebeka Sultana's 'Unknown love -80' (Acrylic on canvas)

# Keanu Reeves to return as Neo for 'The Matrix 4'

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**

Keanu Reeves is set to officially return as Neo for the long-awaited fourth installment in the famous sci-fi series, *The Matrix*.

According to reports, Lana Wachowski, one half of the Wachowskis who directed all the three films in the franchise with sister Lilly, will write and helm the new project. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the series.

Besides Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss is reprising her role as Trinity in the film. Aleksandar Hemon and David Mitchell have co-written the script with Lana Wachowski. She is also attached to produce with Grant Hill.

Warner Bros Pictures and Village Roadshow Pictures will back the movie.

The studio has been trying to reenter *The Matrix* universe for some time, but figuring out the producing rights slowed down the process.

In the meantime, Reeves has enjoyed something of a career renaissance, thanks to his role as John Wick and appearances in films ranging from *Toy Story 4* to the romantic comedy, *Always Be My Maybe*. While the actor is currently reprising his role as Theodore "Ted" Logan in the long-awaited, *Bill & Ted Face the Music*, it turns out he has made plans to revisit another one of his iconic roles in the near future.

Plot details of *The Matrix 4* are currently unknown, along with the treatment of Morpheus, originally played by Laurence Fishburne. Production of the film is expected to begin early next year.



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