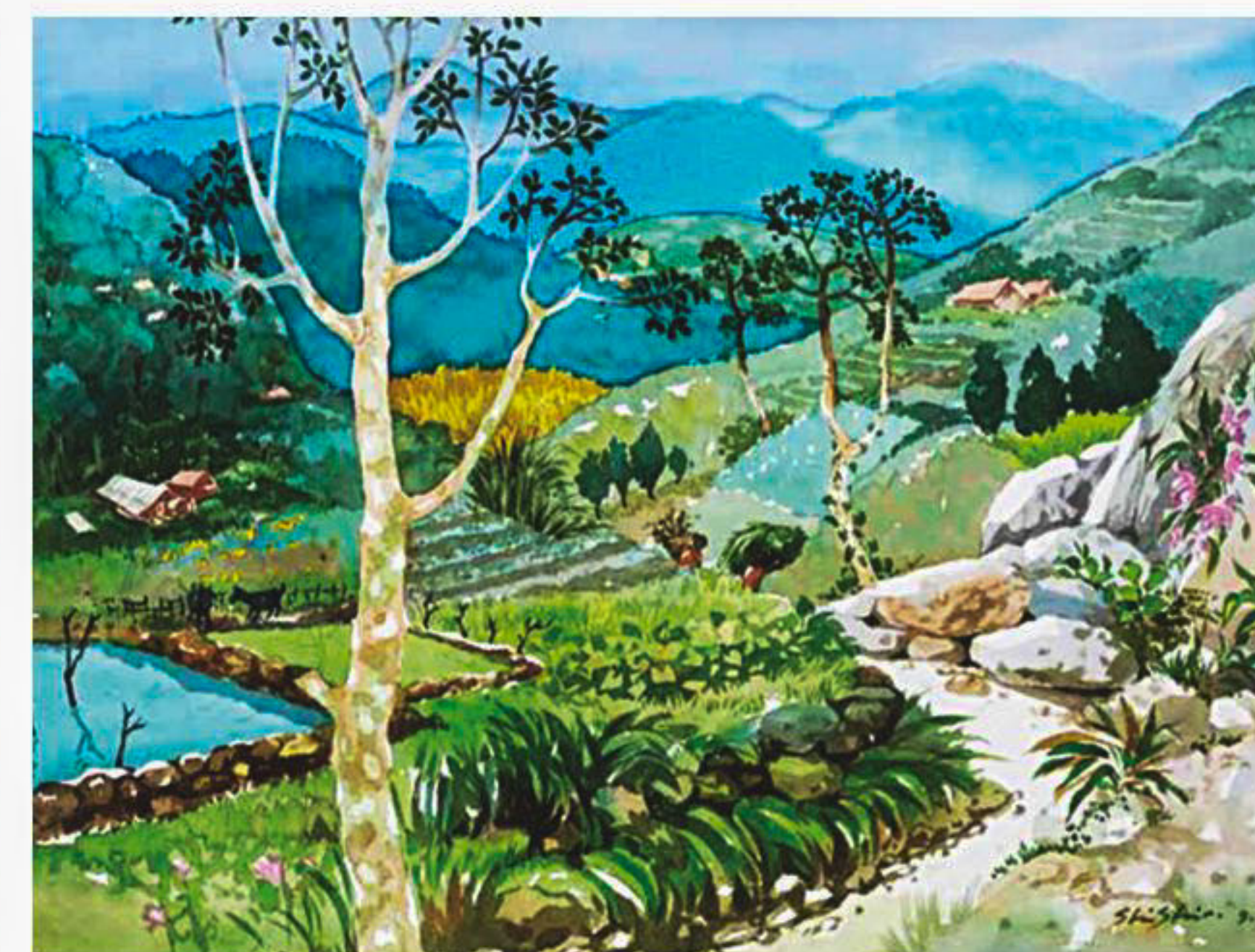


<p>Theatre Title: A New Testament of Romeo & Juliet Troupe: Empty Space Venue: National Theatre, BSA Date: September 29 Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Musical Evening Title: Star Melodies' Shurer Badhoney Venue: The Daily Star Centre, Kazi Nazrul Islam Ave Date: September 28 Time: 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Exhibition Title: Jamdani Festival 2019 Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhamondi Date: September 6 - October 12 (closed on Sundays) Time: 12 noon - 8 pm</p>	<p>Live Performance Title: Another Coffee Shop Gig 2 Venue: Espresso Coffee Shop, Banani Date: September 27 Time: 3 pm – 8 pm Tickets: BDT 200</p>	<p>Live Performance Title: An English Summer Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani Date: September 26 Time: 6 pm onwards Tickets: BDT 300</p>
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SUBORNA MUSTAFA

shoots in Gazipur for 'Lukochuri Lukochuri Golpo'

(From left) Artworks by Murtaja Baseer, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Sheikh Afzal Hossain. (Bottom) Artwork by Aminul Islam.

'17' opens at Galleri Kaya

ZAHANGIR ALOM

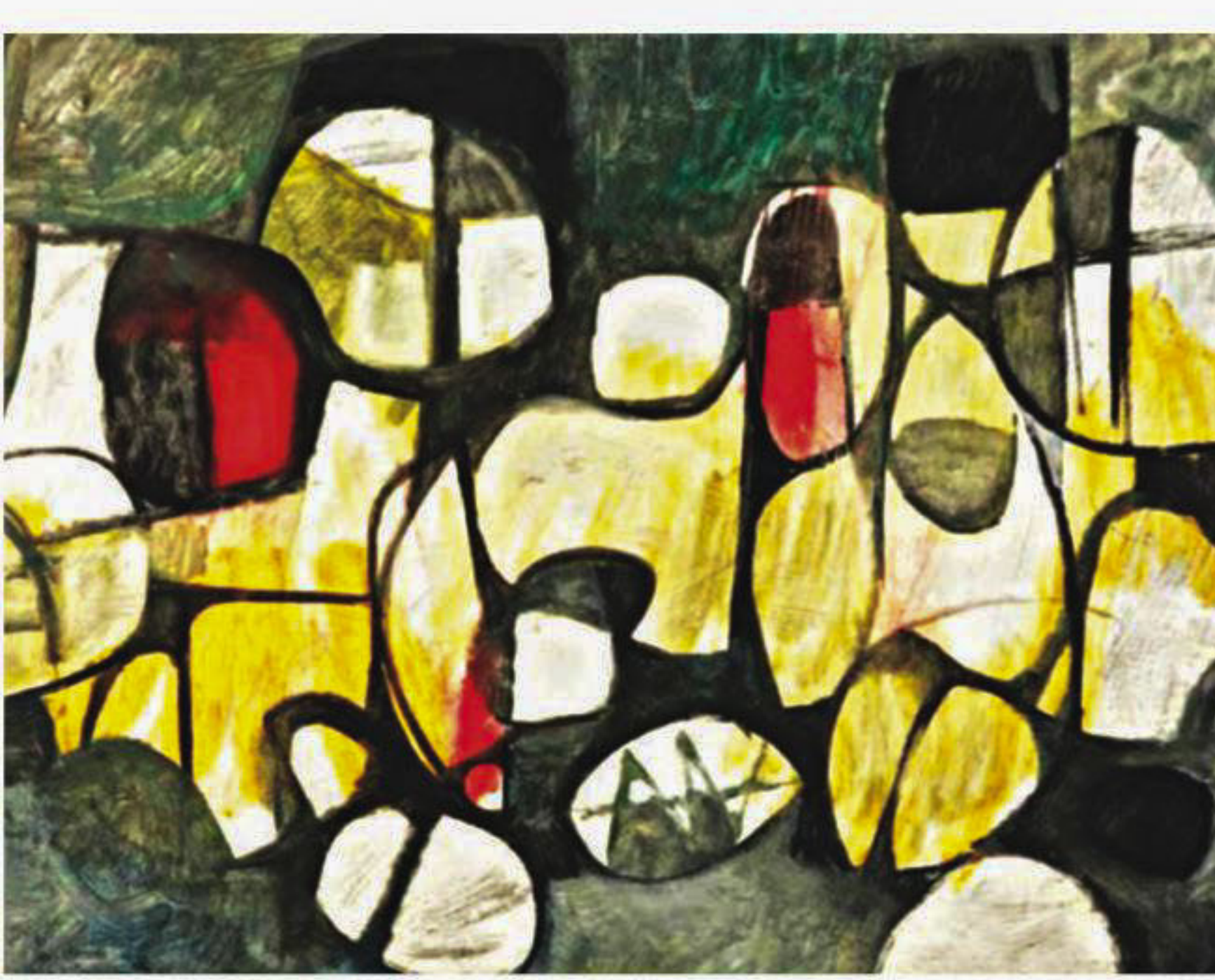
An exclusive group art exhibition titled '17', by modern and contemporary artists of Bangladesh, began yesterday at Galleri Kaya in Uttara. Eminent artist, Professor Murtaja Baseer, inaugurated the event as the chief guest. The exhibition is showcasing a selection of 48 artworks by 17 artists. The paintings are done in oil, acrylic, indigenous pigment, watercolour, ink, charcoal, pastel, pencil, on paper and canvas.

Aminul Islam, who passed away in 2011, was a leading member of the pioneering modern art movement in Bangladesh. His oil painting, *Rhythm of Forgotten Music-1*, is on display at the gallery.

A man of many talents, Murtaja Baseer, has established himself as one of the top artists in Bangladesh over the years. Throughout his illustrious career, Baseer, who is also a poet, writer, novelist, researcher and numismatist, has gradually transformed his working style from realism and semi-realism to abstract realism. The artist's folk-themed oil pastel work, *Woman-4*, stands out at the exhibition. Baseer is also passionate about filmmaking.

Renowned artist Qayyum Chowdhury is exhibiting his work of nature and folk-inspired landscapes at the event. He was instrumental in establishing the art scene of Bangladesh, as we know it today.

Samarjit Roy Choudhury is a famous



name in the country's art sector. His unique approach to developing a visual dialogue between simplified, nearly abstract language and motifs from the country's rural and traditional roots, is one of the most notable features of his work. Several works by the artist, including *Opera Stars*, are on display at the show.

Prolific painter Hashem Khan's artwork of mystic bards and birds of Bangladesh, are being showcased at the exhibition.

Rafiqun Nabi promotes the practice of contemporary art in the country. Known for his woodworks, acrylic paintings, watercolour works, and his cartoon character, 'Tokai', Nabi is widely revered in Bangladesh. He is largely responsible for taking Bangladeshi art to international platforms. His famous mixed media work, *Tokai*, along with the watercolour pieces, *Rocks and Goats*, are displayed at the event.

Sculptor and painter Hamiduzzaman Khan's watercolour works have earned him accolades across the world. Known for his amiable personality, Khan shuns the thought of confining himself to a single medium, always experimenting with different styles. His brilliant bird's-eye-view watercolour pieces of the 60s are also on display, alongside Kalidas Karmakar's unique composition, *The Lady and the Bird*.

Vibrant hues, aesthetic composition, and diverse yet meticulous forms are the striking features of Chandra Shekhar Dey's *Waiting in Autumn*. On the other hand, one of the leading artists of Bangladesh, Mohammad Eunus, has poetically depicted visual beauty in his abstract paintings. Jamal Ahmed's mixed-media work, *Before the Storm*, is also one of the most stunning displays at the event. Kazi Rakib and Ranjit Das's work also impressed at the exhibition.

Ahmed Shamsuddoha's depiction of natural landscapes in *Golden Bengal* evokes serenity. Portrait artist Sheikh Afzal Hossain's work is pleasing to the eyes, especially his portrayal of aphrodisiac women. Shishir Bhattacharjee's signature drawings, accompanied by one with a majestic view of the mountains, was meticulous. Mohammad Iqbal showcased the innocence of underprivileged children for the show. Sponsored by ADN Group, the exhibition will remain open every day from 11 am to 7:30 pm till October 5.

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Suborna Mustafa is a household name of the entertainment industry, and also an active member of the parliament. Her acting prowess has enthralled the masses over the years. She has been acting for some time now in the tele-fiction, *Lukochuri Lukochuri Golpo*, written and directed by Badrul Anam Saud.

Currently, the shooting for the tele-fiction is taking place in a resort in Gazipur. Suborna Mustafa plays one of the main characters, Rupa, in *Lukochuri Lukochuri Golpo*. Apart from her, the cast comprises of Raisul Islam Asad, Intekhab Dinar and Nadia Ahmed, among others.

According to the director, the plot is the lifeline of the tele-fiction, along with the renowned cast. Suborna Mustafa also expressed that she is happy that the show has been accepted by the audience with open arms.

The 45th episode of *Lukochuri Lukochuri Golpo* aired on BTv recently. As the work steadily progresses, the team plans to shoot continuously until they complete the shoot for episode 75.



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Aparna Ghosh to star in 'Onteshtikria'

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Prominent actor Aparna Ghosh will be acting in *Onteshtikria*, a film funded by the government for 2018-19. It is directed by Hosne Mobarok Rumi. The shooting of the film will start from October. Aparna has previously acted in films funded by the government.

"My character is a young girl, who falls victim to the tragedy of 1971. We also meet her in 2019, when she has aged. It is a challenging part to play," said Aparna.

She is also gearing up for the release of *Gondi*, directed by Fakhrul Arefin Khan.

'Hridoye Mati O Manush' to shed light on biofloc technology

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Popular television show, 'Hridoye Mati O Manush', planned, directed and hosted by Shykh Seraj, will air on Channel i at 9:40 pm tonight.

The episode will feature a special report on the biofloc technology, a technique that is gaining popularity amongst fish farmers in the country. Zohirul Haq and Mustafizur Rahman, two young entrepreneurs from Arahazar, Narayanganj, will take part in the show. They produce different species of fish through the biofloc technology.



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'The Secret Garden' teaser promises a magical world



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

The first teaser for the remake of 'The Secret Garden', 26 years after the 1993 adaptation of the classic novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, was released recently.

The new film, starring Julie Walters and Colin Firth as Mrs Medlock and Archibald Crane respectively, follows the story of a young girl, Mary Lennox, who lives in India before being sent back to England to live with her uncle in the mysterious Yorkshire Moors following the sudden death of her parents. The film has made significant changes to the original novel, as it has been brought forward to 1947 England, on the eve of Partition in India, and following the aftermath of World War II. The film also stars Dixie Egerickx as Mary Lennox, Edan Hayhurst as Colin, and Amir Wilson as Dickon. It will hit theatres in April 2020.