

WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition

Title: Jolokabbo 2

Venue: Edge Gallery, Gulshan-2

Date: September 18 – October 26

Time: 10am-8pm

Art Exhibition

Title: Feeling the Void by Hamiduzzaman Khan

Venue: Dwip Gallery

Date: October 7- October 27

Time: 3 pm – 9 pm

Exhibition

Title: Jamdani Festival 2019

Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi

Date: September 6 – October 12 (closed on Sundays)

Time: 12 noon - 8 pm

Exhibition

Title: Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesher Shonosharothi

Venue: National Art Plaza, BSA

Date: September 28 – October 26

Time: 11am - 8pm

Solo Print Exhibition

Title: "Transformation" by Md Rafiqul Islam

Venue: La Galerie, AFD

Date: September 27 - October 12

Time: 3 pm – 9 pm

"The Puja celebrations in Chattogram are spectacular" – Aparna Ghosh

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 Prominent film and television actor Aparna Ghosh is celebrating Durga Puja at her hometown, Chattogram, as she does every year.
 Aparna likes the vibrant and colourful atmosphere of Chattogram at this time of the year. "There is a competitive spirit amongst the people here during Puja," she says. "Everyone is determined to put up the most extravagant decorations and arrangements throughout the festive season."
 Aparna stated that she was first familiarised with the celebrations and rituals of Durga Puja at the South Nalapara Puja Mandir, the biggest and most well-known Puja pandal in Chattogram. She enjoys visiting the

Dewanji Pukur Puja Mandap, which is located at an open field, once every year. The Puja celebrations held at Jemson Hall in Chattogram have designated areas for men and women, which other venues do not, informed the actor. Every year, Jemson Hall organises a cultural programme during Durga Puja.
 "Jamal Khan Kusum Kumari Girls' High School is also well-known for hosting a grand programme at their field during Puja. I love going there," says Aparna. "Interestingly, their Puja celebrations are always thematic." Paanchbari, another venue, brightens up Chattogram with beautiful lighting during Puja.
 "The Puja celebrations in Chattogram are spectacular. Every year, I make sure that I visit the well-known mandaps and programmes here," adds Aparna.



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PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

A nostalgic Durga Puja for BAPPA MAZUMDER

SHARMIN JOYA
 Celebrated singer and composer Bappa Mazumder has captured the hearts of millions, both as a solo artiste and with his band, Dalchhut. He looks back on his fond memories of Durga Puja in a candid chat with The Daily Star.
 Bappa is the son of classical musicians Ustaad Barin Mazumder and Ila Mazumder. "My mother was the heart and soul of every festival that we celebrated. She looked after everything," says Bappa. "Back in the day,

all our friends and loved ones came over to our place during the Puja festivities, and Maa cooked for everyone. After her demise, nothing feels the same anymore. I miss those gatherings and spending quality time with my loved ones."
 He also spoke about visiting different mandaps with his friends. "Those beautiful memories are still embedded in my mind and thinking about them makes me emotional," says a nostalgic Bappa. Unfortunately, due to his busy schedule, he misses the morning

Puja offerings.
 Bappa is currently working on a song, composed by Titas Kazi. Besides lending his vocals to the song, Bappa has done the music arrangement for it. Dalchhut is also working on their upcoming projects. Four of Bappa's old hit songs, which have been rearranged and sung by new and promising singers, will be released on iflix soon. The artiste further informed that he has another pleasant surprise for everyone, which he does not want to announce just yet.



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'Poncho-Kobir Gaan' staged in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, from Pabna
 Gonoshilpi, the leading cultural organisation of Pabna, staged a musical show paying tribute to five leading composers of Bangla (known as the Poncho-Kobi) at the Bonomali institute in Pabna recently.
 A discussion took place on the occasion, reverberating the life and literary work of as

Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, revolutionary composers Rajani Kanta Sen, Atul Prasad and Dijendra Lal.
 "Each of the five leading composers contributed to the enrichment of Bangla literature around the world. These five eminent poets, through their work, encouraged people to fight against colonial

realm in Bangla." Said Professor Shibojit Nag, the President of Pabna Gonoshilpi, said in his inaugural speech.
 Highlighting the life and work of the five eminent poets, the speakers pointed out their contribution in love, revolution, ethical value of life and every aspect in literature. The artists of the performed the legendary songs of the five poets on the occasion.

Australian actor Megan Mitchell joins Farooki's 'No Land's Man'

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK
 Australian actor Megan Mitchell is set to star in internationally acclaimed director Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's forthcoming feature film, *No Land's Man*, alongside Nawazuddin Siddiqui. Award-winning US producer Shrihari Sathe has also boarded the film, which is currently in pre-production for an early 2020 shoot. The predominantly English-language film revolves around a tragic, strange, and at times funny journey of a South Asian man whose life becomes more complicated when he meets an Australian girl in the States.
 New York-based Sathe received the producers' award at the 2019 Independent Spirit Awards. He has produced like the US Indie film, *It Felt Like Love* (2013), directed by Eliza Hittman, the Palestinian drama, *Screwdriver* (2018), directed by Bassam Jarbawi, and the Tibetan drama, *The Sweet Requiem*, directed by Tenzing Sonam and Ritu Sarin, to his credit.
 Mitchell, a Melbourne-based theatre actor, is making her feature debut with *No Land's Man*. Siddiqui, who boarded the film earlier this year, is known for his roles in the Netflix series *Sacred Games* and indie films such as *The Lunchbox* and *Manto*. He is also producing alongside Sathe, Farooki, Nusrat Imrose Tisha and Anjan Chowdhury.
 Farooki wrote the film with David Barker (*White Sun*) as a script consultant. He believes that getting Sathe on board is one of the best things that has happened to the film, while Barker has brought some much needed relevance and narrative flow into the script. "Megan is going to be refreshing in the lead role," he adds.
No Land's Man was selected for BIFF's Asian Project Market in 2014, the same year that it won the APSA-MPA script development fund.



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ICE Today hosts 'Best in the Wedding Industry Awards 2019'



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(From left) Peiya Jannatul, Farzana Shakil, Prito Reza and Kaniz Almas Khan.

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 Jarwa House and ICE Today recently organised *Best in the Wedding Industry Awards 2019*, an award ceremony that promotes the wedding industry of Bangladesh. The event brought movers and shakers in the realm of beauty, wedding planning and photography of Bangladesh, under one roof. The lavish event commenced with a red carpet ceremony at the Skyball room of Le Meridien Dhaka on October 5. The winners were as follows:
 Category: Bridal beauty Industry
Best Bridal Makeup Artist: Anika Bushra from Splendor by Anika Bushra
Best Bridal Makeover: Gala Makeover Studio and Salon by Navin Ahmed
 Category: Wedding Planning & Decorations
 Enchanted Events & Prints
 Event Touch International
 Category: Wedding Photography
Best Photography Service: ARTILAND
Best Production House: Checkmate Events
Best Wedding Filmmaker of the Year: Wedding Diary

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QUIZ - 03

What does the laminated card that Joker held out everytime he laughs read?

WINNERS LIST OF QUIZ - 02

- Muhtasin Fuad, Malibag
- Wajid Hasan Shah, Gulshan-1
- Asif Uzzaman, Mohakhali
- Fardin Islam, Rampura
- Dorothy Quazi, Uttara
- Sabbir Ahmed, Gulshan North Avenue
- Abdullah Al Sayed, Mirpur-14
- Zahir Alam, Shahbag
- Mohammad Minhaj Uddin, Purana Paltan Line
- Shohidul Haque, Kallyanpur