

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Jolokabba 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–November 3
Time: 3 pm – 9 pm

Cultural Festival
Title: Ganga-Jamuna Cultural Festival
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala
Academy
Date: October 11–October 20
Time: 7 pm

Exhibition
Title: Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh
ShopnoShorothi
Venue: National Art Plaza, BSA
Date: September 28 – October 26
Time: 11am - 8pm

Album Launch
Title: Kichu Kotha Gaan - Launch of
Ghashphoring Choir's Album
Date: October 19
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: 5:30 pm onwards

"Real-life romance is unpredictable"

– Sabila Nur

Much to the surprise of her fans and admirers, Sabila Nur recently announced her marriage to long-time friend and confidante, Nehal Taher. The talented actor is set to tie the knot in the presence of friends and family on October 25. The Daily Star talks to an excited Sabila Nur in an exclusive interview.

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

Starting with the obvious, congratulations on the big news. How long has this been in the works? Thank you very much! I am very excited right now. I would like to thank all my

friends and fans, who have congratulated me as of yet. Even though the wedding has been in the works for three months, I have known Nehal for quite a while now. I am happy that things are falling into place.

You have acted in a lot of romantic dramas and telefilms. How different does it feel, now that you are tying the knot in real life? You see, in a television drama, you can tell what might happen next after watching a certain scene. Reality is completely different, and real-life romance is unpredictable. There is no guarantee that you will have a good day after a fallout. My fiancé is understanding, kind and my best friend, so I could not have been luckier to find him.

Which projects are you currently working on? I have finished shooting for *Aporadhi*,

directed by Rafat Majumdar Rinku, and *In a Relationship* by Mehedi Hasan Hridoy. Both the telefilms are opposite Tawsif Mahbub, through whom I actually met Nehal. (laughs).

You have always been selective about your work. What do you look for in a project? For me, the project, and the character I play, has to be interesting and original. It is true that I was typecast for playing a 'tomboyish' character, but I have grown out of that image. It is also important that any work I do does not clash with my studies as well, and thus far I have been able to maintain a CGPA of 3.97 in my university!

Do you have any message for your fans? I would like to thank my fans for their support, and I assure you, I will still be working with the same vigour and enthusiasm. Do keep us in your prayers.



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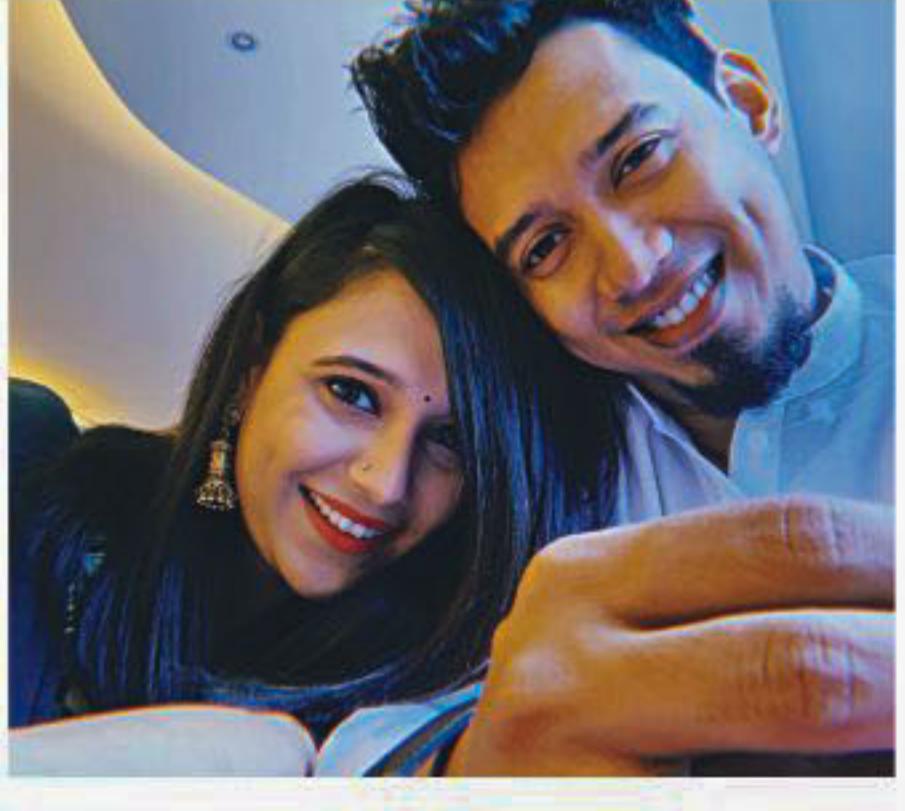


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Science Film Festival 2019 opens

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For the first time, Science Film Festival was opened in Bangladesh. Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, in cooperation with JAAGO Foundation, Children's Television Foundation of Bangladesh, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, PASCH-Schools: Partners for the Future, South Point School and College, Oxford International School, Maple Leaf International School and Mastermind International School, have jointly organised the festival. It is being held at different venues in Dhaka and Chattogram from October 12 to November 15.

The inaugural ceremony of the festival was held on October 12 at the Nawab Ali Auditorium of Maple Leaf International School in Dhanmondi. Burkhard Ducoffre, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Dr Samiya Selim, Director, Center for Sustainable Development



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(CSD), University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, were among the honorable guests.

Welcoming the distinguished guests and attending students from different schools, Dr Kirsten Hakenbroch, Director, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, gave a speech.

"Leaving the stage of a least-developed country is a huge achievement for Bangladesh and scientific research will be a key factor in this endeavor," said Burkhard Ducoffre. "The Science Film Festival presents scientific issues accessibly and entertainingly to a broad audience and demonstrates that science can be approached in various ways."

Dr Samiya Selim, Director, Center for Sustainable Development (CSD), University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, mentioned that

the importance of science communication is now more urgent than ever. "The initiative importantly aims to reach the younger audience, and address the science behind climate change, plastic pollution, sustainability and other such critical issues," she said.

The Science Film Festival is a celebration of science communication in Southeast Asia, South Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. It promotes science literacy and facilitates awareness of contemporary scientific, technological and environmental issues through film and television content with accompanying educational activities. Film screenings, tailor-made for each age group, bring science themes closer to the life experience of young learners.

SCIENCE FILM FESTIVAL BANGLADESH
12 OCTOBER - 15 NOVEMBER 2019



Rajmoni Cinema Hall closes down

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Cinema hall authorities often complain about facing continuous losses in the business. Earlier, renowned cinema halls -- Purnima and Shyamoli -- located in the capital, had been shut down due to the slump of business. Hundreds of theatres have been demolished all over the country in the past few years, in order to accommodate commercial spaces.

Rajmoni Hall, located in Kakrail, was established in the 80's. It started business with the film *Lalu Bhulu*, and last displayed Shakib Khan's *Nolok*.

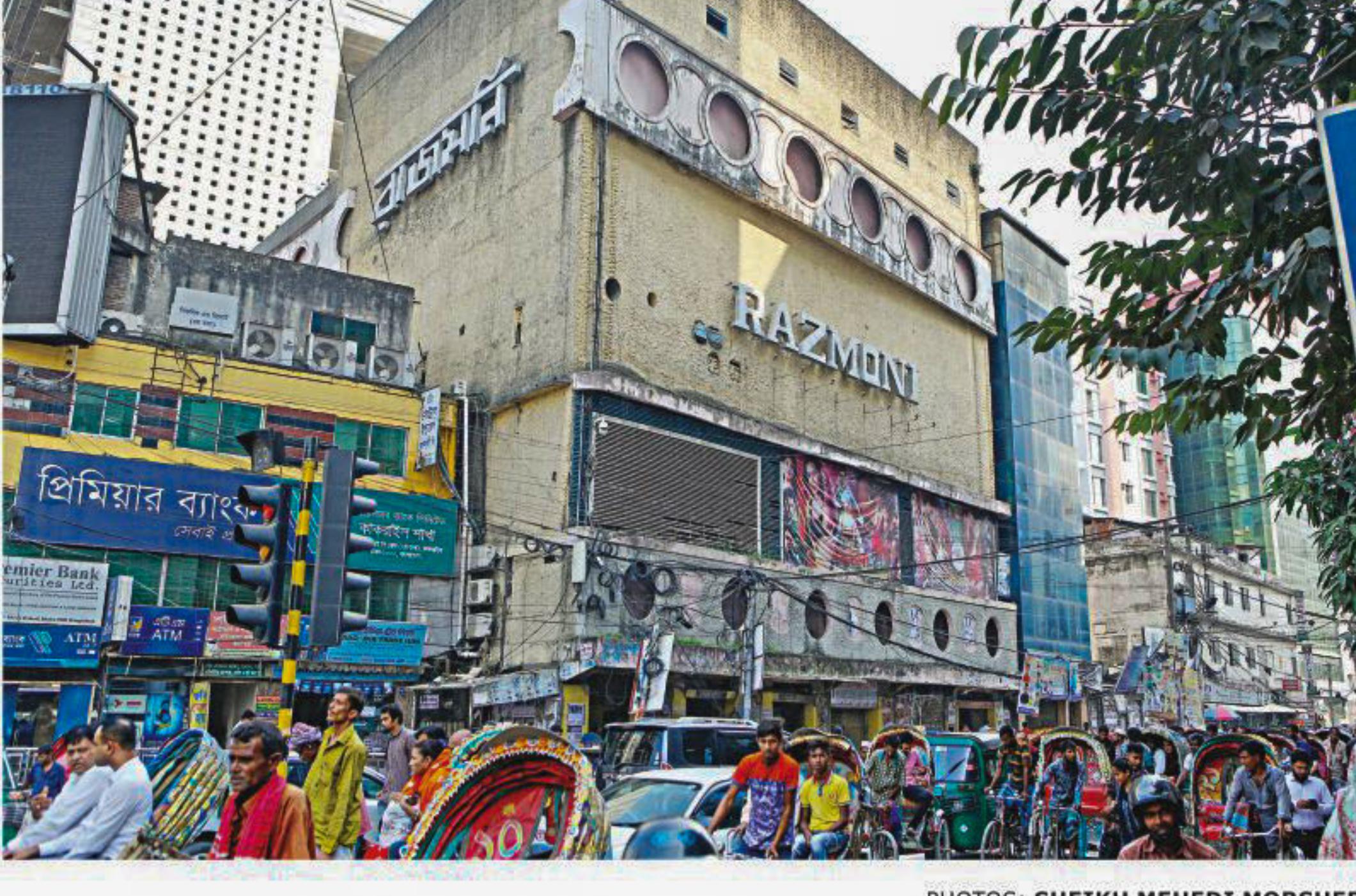
Freedom fighter Ahsanullah Moni is the owner of Rajmoni Cinema Hall. *The Daily Star* talked to Shahidullah, the in-charge of the theatre. "We cannot bear the expenses anymore, and as the situation has no sign of improvement. We had to come to the decision of closing it down," he says. He also informed

that the owner would build a commercial space on the plot.

"The film industry is going through a crisis. We are not making profit from the business. Sadly, it has been same for many years, and it has become difficult for hall owners to survive in this field," says Iftekhar Uddin Naushad, President of Bangladesh Motion Picture Exhibitor Association, and owner of Modhumita cinema hall.

The artistes in the film industry are worried. "The halls are closing down at a fast rate, and this is very alarming for our film industry. It is a threat for us as well," says veteran actor Prabir Mitra. "We also have to see it from the owners' perspective," says another senior actor, Rozina. "It does not make sense to incur losses at such an alarming rate."

Another cinema hall owned by Ahsanullah Moni, named Razia, is also rumoured to be closing down soon.



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Suchanda and Rafi Hossain to be awarded the Fazlul Haque Memorial Award 2019



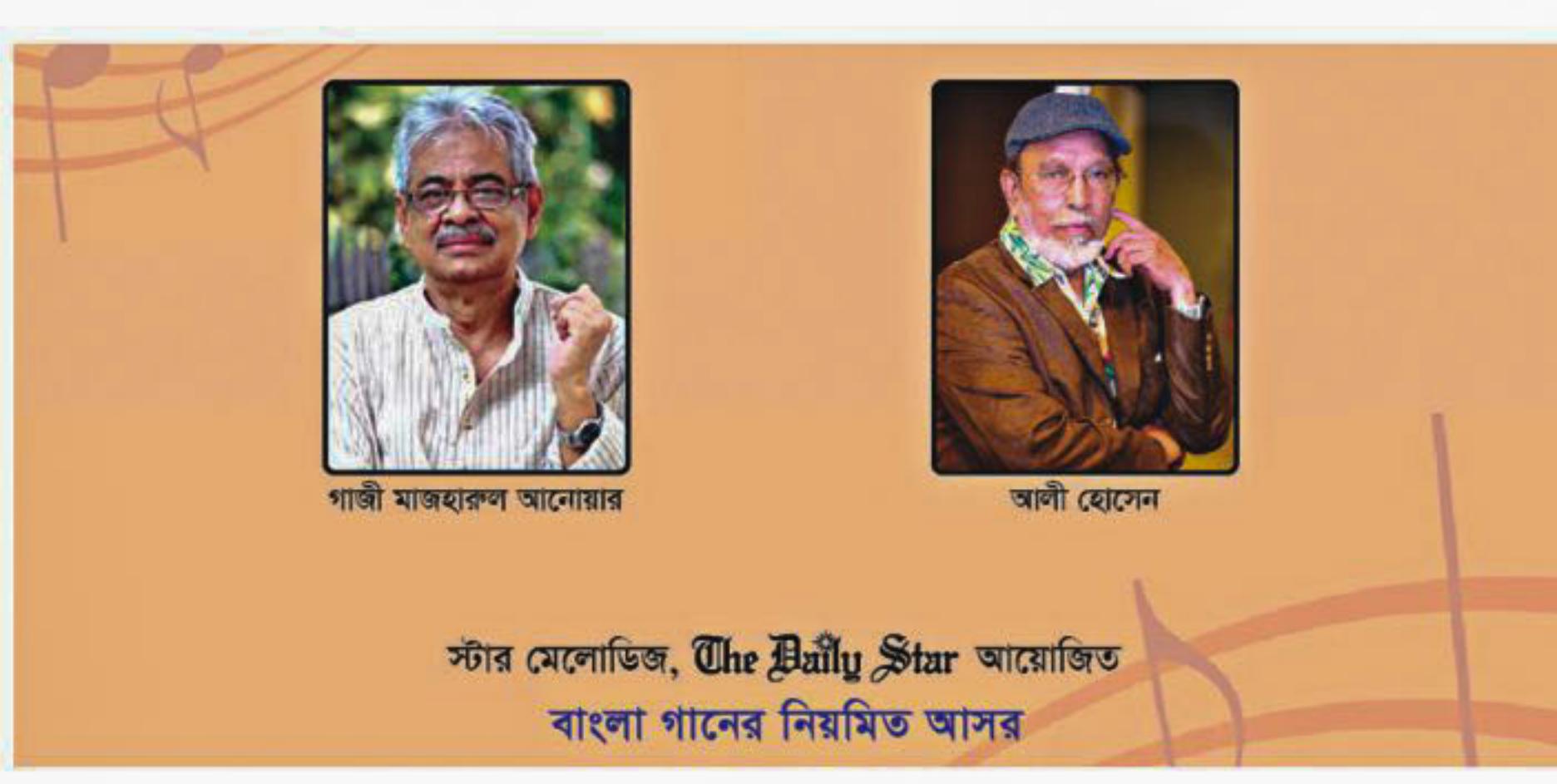
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Actor Kohinoor Akther Suchanda and journalist Rafi Hossain will be honoured with the 16th Fazlul Haque Memorial Award 2019 for direction and cine journalism respectively. Both winners will receive prize money of BDT 25000, crests and certificates of honour.

Like previous years, Fazlul Haque Smriti Committee awarded the duo for their contribution to Bangladeshi cinema and cine-journalism respectively. The committee has organised this event

since 2004, in honour of the late photo-journalist Fazlul Haque. Renowned novelist Rabeya Khatun initiated this award, which will be handed over to the winners on the last week of November.

Fazlul Haque was born in 1930 in Bogra. He is the spouse of Rabeya Khatun and father of Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director of Channel i. A pioneer of cine-journalism in Bangladesh, Haque was the Editor of 'Cinema', the first newspaper on film in the country and the director of 'President', Bangladesh's first ever film for children.



Star Melodies to host 'Kothay O Gaaney Sangeeter Dui Kingbadantir Shathe'

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Star Melodies, an initiative of *The Daily Star* to promote Bangla music, will hold a special musical programme, titled, *Kothay O Gaaney Sangeeter Dui Kingbadantir Shathe*. The programme will be arranged in honour of renowned lyricist Gazi Mazzharul Anwar and noted composer Ali

Hossain. It will be held on October 19, 2019, at The Daily Star Centre at 6:30 pm.

The featured artistes of the evening include Badshah Bulbul, Moutushi, Dithi Anwar and Opu. The programme will be hosted by Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief, Culture Initiatives, *The Daily Star*. Seats are limited and available on a first-come firstbasis.