

Priyanka Gope and Samarjit Roy's 'Behager Shure' strikes a chord

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Priyanka Gope is a noted classical singer who made her debut in the film, *Anil Bagchir Ekdin*, in 2015, for which she had won the National Film Award for the best female playback singer. She completed her MA from the Department of Music, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. She is a faculty member of the Department of Music at University of Dhaka.

Samarjit Roy, on the other hand, is a versatile vocalist and composer. He is trained in Indian classical music and is famed for his unique compositions. He was nominated for Global Indian Music Awards (GIMA), in the

category of Best Popular Music Album in 2011.

Priyanka and Samarjit have teamed up for a duet classical song for the first time, on the occasion of Durga Puja. The song, titled, *Behager Shure*, was released on the YouTube channel of G Series recently.

Samarjit has composed the song, written by GK Dutta. "I have composed a western-classical song before, after which, Priyanka expressed her interest in doing a similar piece with me," says Samarjit. "Haimanti Sukla was supposed to sing *Behager Shure* in the first place, but later, we decided to do it as a duet."

Priyanka stated that her experience of working with Samarjit was delightful.

"Samarjit wanted it to be a solo song. However, I wanted it to be a duet. He agreed to team up with me, and it has turned out really well," she says.

The artistes further shared their views on the state of classical music in the country. While Priyanka believes that classical music is not for the mass audience, Samarjit shares that winning the hearts of classical music listeners is more important, irrespective of the number of views and likes a classical song receives.

Priyanka is currently busy with some television programmes, and intends to sing more classical songs. Samarjit is also busy with his upcoming projects.



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WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY celebrated in Moulvibazar

Marking World Children's Day and Child Rights Week 2019, Moulvibazar district administration and Moulvibazar Shishu Academy jointly hosted a programme at the Saifur Rahman Auditorium of Moulvibazar Government High School recently.

MINTU DESHWARA, from Moulvibazar

Mamunur Rashid, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) chaired over the closing ceremony and Deputy Commissioner Nazia Shirin was present as the chief guest.

District Child Affairs Officer Jasim Uddin Masud, and Head Teacher of Moulvibazar Government High School Fazlur Rahman were also in attendance, among others.

The event comprised of three sections:

cultural competitions, award giving ceremony, and a cultural programme. Certificates and awards were distributed among the winners after the competition.

The event concluded with recitations, dance and musical performances by children. The dance routines were directed by Pradeep Chandra Naha and Nazia Akhter Chowdhury. The musical performances were curated by Gauranga Das, Madhuri Roy and Nadira Akhter Chowdhury Rosi. The poetry recitals were supervised by Taslima Akhter.



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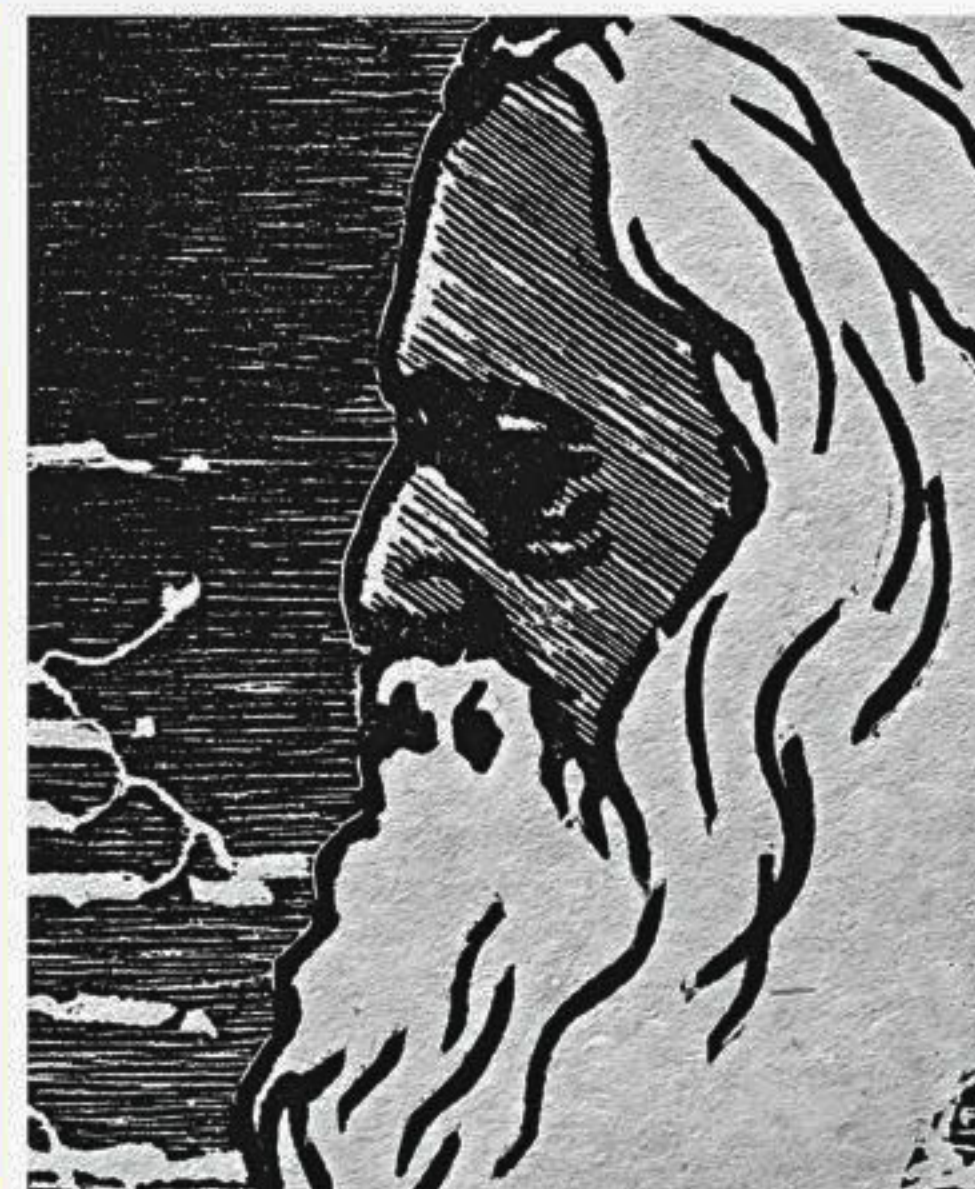
Two thrilling sequels hit Star Cineplex today

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Film buffs can catch two films, *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil* and *Zombieland: Double Tap*, at Star Cineplex from today. *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil* is a fantasy adventure that picks up several years after *Maleficent*, in which audiences learned of the events that hardened the heart of Disney's most notorious villain and drove her to curse a baby Princess Aurora. The sequel, starring Angelina Jolie in the titular role and Elle Fanning as Princess Aurora, continues to explore the complex relationship between the horned fairy and the soon to be Queen, as they form new alliances and face new adversaries in their struggle

to protect the moors and the magical creatures that reside within. It is directed by Joachim Ronning.

Zombieland: Double Tap is a zombie comedy film directed by Ruben Fleischer. A sequel to *Zombieland*, it has Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Abigail Breslin, and Emma Stone reprising their roles from the first film, alongside new cast members Rosario Dawson, Zoey Deutch, and Luke Wilson. After the events of the first film, Columbus, Tallahassee, Wichita and Little Rock move to the American heartland as they face off against evolved zombies, fellow survivors and the growing pains of the snarky makeshift family.



(From left) Artworks by Murtaja Baseer, Jogen Chowdhury and Anisuzzaman.

'Affordable Autumn' opens at Galleri Kaya today

ZAHANGIR ALOM

To make art accessible to all, Galleri Kaya has organised an exclusive exhibition at their premises in Uttara. Art lovers can buy works of prominent and promising artists of Bangladesh and India at affordable prices, ranging from BDT 4,000 to BDT 71,000. The exhibition, titled, *Affordable Autumn* opens

today (October 18) at 5:30pm.

A selection of 93 works done in watercolour, etching, aquatint, lithograph, woodcut print, linocut, wood engraving, intaglio, serigraph, plate lithograph, photo etching and unique pressure print on paper will be showcased at the exhibition.

The selected artists of the event include Abul Barq Alvi, Ajit Seal, Anisuzzaman, Atul

Dodiya, Jamal Ahmed, Jogen Chowdhury, KG Subramanyan, Lalu Prasad Shaw, Mohammad Iqbal, Monirul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Nagarbasi Barman, Rafiqun Nabi, Ranjit Das, Rokeya Sultana, Sanat Kar, Sheikh Afzal Hossain and Shishir Bhattacharjee.

The exhibition, sponsored by ADN Group, will remain open every day from 11 am to 7:30 pm till November 2.

Grand finale of 'Seylon Super Singer' kicks off today



(From left) Tarin Jahan, Partha Barua and Fahmida Nabi with the five finalists.

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Seylon Super Singer, the first musical reality show for homemakers, started seven months ago, looking for potential music artistes from across the country. The journey began with over 15,000 participants who initially registered for this

contest.

Sumana Rahman, Deepti Sarkar, Priyanka Das, Fahmida Nasrin Preet and Shayani Shinjan are the top five contenders for the championship. The grand finale of *Seylon Super Singer* will air on NTV, tonight at 8:30 pm. This episode will telecast the performance of these top five contestants

and a champion will be selected.

Celebrated singer Fahmida Nabi and Partha Barua, with actor Tarin Jahan will judge the finale. Legendary singer Runa Laila will grace the event as the special guest and entertain the audience with a musical performance. Actor Purnima will also be in attendance and will perform at the finale.

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SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Superstar Shakib Khan has been ruling over our film industry for decades. His recent hits, *Password* and *Nolok*, rocked the Eid season, this year. With new films already lined up, actor talks about his expectations from his upcoming releases with *The Daily Star*.

You spent days in Cox's Bazar while shooting for your upcoming film 'Agun'. How was the experience?

I had to continuously shoot for 10 days in Cox's Bazar for *Agun*. Badiul Alam Khokon is directing the film and he hopes to present me in a new avatar yet again. I will bring something new in every film.

You are also working on 'Bir'. Has the shooting for the film started yet?

I had recently announced four films under my production house S K Films. *Bir* is one of them. We are planning to finish this film soon, so that we can start shooting for the other ones.

Are you working with Bollywood actor Nargis Fakhri?

Yes! The shooting for the film will begin in the upcoming year.

The film 'London' has recently come into notice. Has the shooting began yet?

I have already signed Iftakar Chowdhury's *London*. We are planning to shoot the film in London, and are waiting for the right weather. Currently, we feel January will be the best time to begin the shoot.

You are giving back-to-back hits to your audience. How do you feel about so many fans enjoying your work?

Acting is my profession and it never tires me. However, I want to work more in roles that gratify me as an artiste. I want to be remembered for my roles.

You have been well-received for your work in Kolkata. How do you feel about it?

I take it very positively. It is a matter of pride and joy for me to be able to represent my country beyond borders.