

**WHAT'S ON**

**Creative Event**  
 Title: Expecto Patronum!  
 Venue: BSM Group, Dhaka Office  
 Date: October 25  
 Time: 10 am – 6 pm

**Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Feeling the Void by Hamiduzzaman Khan  
 Venue: Dwip Gallery  
 Date: October 7-November 3  
 Time: 3 pm – 9 pm

**Music Concert**  
 Title: Arnob & Tahsan Live At Kianondo 2019  
 Venue: Dhaka Residential Model College  
 Date: October 25  
 Time: 8:30 Am – 4Pm

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

**Music Concert**  
 Title: Fuad Live in Dhaka  
 Venue: ICCB Hall 2  
 Date: October 26  
 Time: 6 pm onwards  
 For Tickets, Contact: +8801844494624 (Between 10 am- 9 pm)



Dr Nashid Kamal (6-L) launches the album.



Bappa Mazumder (C) performs with the choir.



Leemon from Leemonade (C) performs with the choir.



Elita Karim



Sovvota



Shibu Kumer Shill and Armeen Musa

# Ghaashphoring Choir launches their debut album

**SHABABA IQBAL**  
 Popular musical group, Ghaashphoring Choir, launched their debut album, *Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan*, last weekend. The launching ceremony took place at the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Ghaashphoring Choir was founded by singer-songwriter and Berkeley University graduate, Armeen Musa, in 2015. "Ghaashphoring Choir is a completely non-commercial project," says Armeen. "We are really lucky to have so much love

and support from our friends, families and fans over the years. The album is our way of giving back to them and to our community." Popular singers and musicians, including Bappa Mazumder, Elita Karim, Sovvota, Shibu Kumer Shill from the band Meghdol, Leemon and Anik from the band Leemonade, along with fans and followers of Ghaashphoring Choir, attended the event. The choir performed several tribute songs with the guest artists and new songs from their debut album. Later on, Armeen's mother,

renowned Nazrul Sangeet exponent, Dr Nashid Kamal, launched the album. The album is the result of three years of work and comprises of eight tracks, which include new arrangements of Bangla songs of different genres, ranging from folk to contemporary Bangla music and one original piece. It features Anusheh Anadil and Shibu Kumer Shill as well as other guest instrumentalists. It has been mixed and mastered by Buno from Bangla. Dr Nashid Kamal has written *Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan*, the title track of the album.

"I am really proud of my team. They went above and beyond to make our sold-out album launch concert a success," adds Armeen. The launch of *Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan* kicks off a series of concerts for Ghaashphoring Choir over the next two months, during which they will hold shows in both Dhaka and Chattogram and release two music videos. They will be performing at the Dhaka Lit Fest. The album will be available for purchase at the choir's shows, and will be available online over the coming weeks.

## Anwara to receive BBFA lifetime achievement award

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**  
 The Bharat Bangladesh Film Awards (BBFA) will take place for the first time. The occasion is scheduled to be held in Dhaka at International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB), today. Film Federation of India (FFI) is organising the award ceremony. The programme will be jointly hosted by Shahriar Nazim Joy and comedian Mir Afsar Ali. A total of 24 awards in the categories of popular, technical and regional will be rewarded to the artistes in this programme. Senior actor Anwara will receive the lifetime achievement award along with popular Indian actor Ranjit Mallick. The artistes from Bangladesh and West Bengal will be present at the event. Right before receiving the award, Anwara shares her feelings, over the phone. "Receiving awards are respectful. This is the happiest moment of my life and I am honoured to receive this award."



PHOTO: STAR

## Reza Ghatok's 'Haribol' awaiting approval from Censor Board



Stills from the film.

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**  
*Haribol* is scripted and directed by writer and filmmaker Reza Ghatok. The film is based on true events. The story focuses on a young filmmaker who visits one of the villages of Boleshwar, during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971. He learns about a minority family who are marginalised by the people around

them. The fact that the film depicts the Liberation War and the marginalised minorities in the same frame is fascinating, says the director. As of now, *Haribol* is awaiting the approval from the Film Censor Board of Bangladesh. Produced by Boleshwar Films, Reza Ghatok hopes to release it by the end of this year.



Ayesha Sultana and Engr Mosharraf Hossain with Mahboob Rahman.



(From Left) Nirab, Nipun, Masuma Rahman Nabila, Shampa Reza, Sharmili Ahmed, Biplob Saha, Ferdous, Rozina and Kaniz Almas Khan.



Mou and Ferdous walk the ramp.

PHOTOS: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

## 15 years of cinematic excellence Star Cineplex opens new outlet in Mohakhali

**SHABABA IQBAL**  
 Marking their 15th anniversary, Star Cineplex, a pioneer for premiering blockbusters in Bangladesh, launched their third outlet through a festive celebration. Located at SKS Tower in Mohakhali, the multiplex has a collective of three halls inside the facility. Equipped with full and half reclining seats, paired seats, silver screens, Dolby Atmos surround sound systems and many other amenities, the new venture seems promising. Upon arriving at the premises of SKS Tower, the guests wrote congratulatory messages for the Star Cineplex family on a large

whiteboard. The celebration started off with a brilliant performance by the instrumental band, The Seesaw Quartet. It was followed by a welcome address by Mahboob Rahman, Chairman of ShowMotion Limited (Star Cineplex). Mahboob Rahman's father, Engr Mosharraf Hossain, MP, Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Public Works and Housing, and his mother, Ayesha Sultana, graced the occasion with their presence. Actors Tariq Anam Khan and Zahid Hasan and director Fakhrul Arefeen Khan, among others, conveyed their best wishes to Star Cineplex in their speeches. "Now that we have our third

outlet in Mohakhali, we hope that movie lovers will not have to battle as much traffic, when they plan to watch movies with their friends and loved ones," said Mahboob Rahman. "Star Cineplex is also venturing into production with *No Dorai*, a film based on the life of a female surfer in Cox's Bazar, which will be out on November 29. We hope that the audience will like the movie." Furthermore, a fashion show, supported by Persona and Bishwo Rang, was arranged at the event. The guests applauded for Sharmili Ahmed, Shampa Reza, Rozina, Mou, Ferdous, Toma Mirza, Masuma Rahman Nabila, Nipun and Nirab, among others, as

they walked the ramp. Kaniz Almas Khan, CEO and Managing Director of Persona, and Biplob Saha, the owner of Bishwo Rang, were also present. Popular faces of the entertainment world, including Salauddin Lavlu, Shakib Khan, Bappy Chowdhury, Symon Sadik, Jannatul Ferdous Peysa and Xefer, among others, were also a part of the celebration. Hosted by Tasnim Zaman from ShowMotion Limited, the evening also had a cake-cutting ceremony. Towards the end, the guests were served dinner and invited to screenings of *Zombieland*: *Double Tap* and *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*.