

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: Dwp Gallery
 Date: October 7-November 3
 Time: 3 pm - 9 pm



Concert
 Title: Amrob & Tahsan Live
 At Kianondo 2019
 Venue: Dhaka Residential Model College
 Date: October 25
 Time: 8:30 am - 4 pm
 For more information, log in to Kishor Alo's website



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



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)



CHAMPA

to feature in four films

Arts & Entertainment Desk
 Celebrated actor Champa is preparing for Amitabh Reza Chowdhury's *Rickshaw Girl*, Chayanika Chowdhury's *Bishwa Shundori*, M Rahim's *Shaan* and Noyeem Imtiaz Neamul's *Jam*.
 Champa has completed filming *Rickshaw Girl* and *Bishwa Shundori*. The actor essays the role of a garage owner in *Rickshaw Girl*. On the other hand, she plays the role of Siam Ahmed's mother in *Bishwa Shundori*. *Shaan* and *Jam* are currently being filmed.



(From left) Malik M Sayeed, Syed Mahbubur Rahman, Anjan Chowdhury, Fakir Shahabuddin and Tanvir Hossain.

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Dhaka International Folk Fest 2019

to open on November 14

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 Like previous years, the fifth edition of the Dhaka International Folk Fest (DIFF) will have a myriad of Bangladeshi and international folk artists in one platform. The festival will take place from November 14 to 16 at Bangladesh Army Stadium, every day from 6 pm to midnight. Initiated by Sun Foundation, the festival will be televised live on Maasranga Television, the event's television broadcast partner.
 A press conference was held at Four Points by Sheraton yesterday to make the formal announcement of

this year's festival. Anjan Chowdhury, Chairman of Sun Foundation and Sun Communications Limited, Syed Mahbubur Rahman, CEO and Managing Director of Dhaka Bank Limited, Malik M Sayeed, Head of Operations of Square Toiletries Limited and folk legend and music researcher Fakir Shahabuddin were present at the conference. They spoke about the importance of preserving the rich cultural heritage of our folk music. Tanvir Hossain, Group Creative Director, Sun Communications Limited, was also present.
 This year, more than 200 artistes from six countries across the globe, including

Bangladesh, will participate in the event. Shah Alam Sarkar, Fakir Shahabuddin, Chandana Majumdar, Kajol Dewan, Malek Kawal, along with Kamruzzaman Rabbi, Shafikul Islam and Bhabna Nriya Dol from Bangladesh will perform. Daler Mehndi from India, Junoon and Hina Nasrullah from Pakistan, Sattuma from Russia, Chvneburebi from Georgia, Habib Koité & Bamada from Mali will also join to celebrate the spirit of folk music at the festival.
 The registration process for the festival, which is free of cost, will start from November 6. For registration, please visit www.dhakainternationalfolkfest.com. After

completing the registration, three different entry passes for each day of the festival will be sent to the interested attendees via email. More updates on the event can be found on the official Facebook page of the Dhaka International Folk Fest. For more details about the registration process, please dial 16374.
 The title sponsor of DIFF 2019 is Meril. It is powered by Dhaka Bank Limited and supported by Radhuni. Other partners of the event include: Dmoney, Shohoz, Aegis Security Force, Square Hospitals Limited, Four Points by Sheraton, Radio Din Raat, Guardian Life Insurance, Mediacom and Sun Communications Limited.

Bongo to co-produce Farooki's 'No Land's Man'

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 Indian actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui is set to venture into production with internationally acclaimed director Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's forthcoming film, *No Land's Man*. The actor also plays the role of the male protagonist in the

opposite Australian actor Megan Mitchell. *No Land's Man* is a predominantly English film. Award-winning US producer Shrihari Sathe, Anjan Chowdhury, Director, Square Group of Industries, actor Nusrat Imrose Tisha and Farooki are producers of the film as well. Bongo, a popular content platform, recently

joined the film as a co-producer. The shooting of the film is set to start in 2020. Farooki wrote the script with David Barker as a consultant. *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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Arafat Mohsin Nidhi sings Punjabi jingle

SHABABA IQBAL
 Arafat Mohsin Nidhi, known for his jingles for major international brands like Nescafe and Huawei, also wrote and produced music for numerous albums, feature films and telefilms. The spearhead behind numerous hit songs as a part of Studio 58, he released his first EP, *Thako*, earlier this year. Recently, he composed and sang a jingle in Punjabi for India's Metro Shoes. The advertisement film was directed by Huzefa Rawla and produced under the banner of VAT Films. The jingle is written by Kashtan Habib from

Bangladesh. Nidhi got the offer for the project through Sanjay Rodrigues, one of his acquaintances.
 "I collaborated with Kashtan Habib because he was more familiar with Punjabi songs than I was. Initially, I just planned to compose the music for the jingle and let a Punjabi artiste from India sing it," explains Nidhi. "But when I sang a demo for the client, they were really happy with it and they decided to use my voice. Although I was shy in the beginning because I hardly knew the language, I truly enjoyed the experience."

Bahurupi Natya Sangstha and Angan Belgharia stage plays in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, From Mymensingh
 Two theatre companies, Bahurupi Natya Sangstha from Mymensingh and Angan Belgharia from Kolkata, staged two plays in a houseful auditorium at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Mymensingh. Bahurupi Natya Sangstha organised the event, marking their 45th founding anniversary.

Bahurupi Natya Sangstha staged *Baur*, a play about anti-liberation elements, scripted and directed by Shahadat Hossain Khan Hilu, the secretary of the company.
 On the other hand, Angan Belgharia staged *Phere Pawa*, a play about social issues. It is written by Baby Sen Gupta and directed by Ovi Sen Gupta. Before the plays were staged, a discussion was held at the event.

The district cultural officer, Arzu Parves, advocate Moazzem Hossain Babul, Dr Mohammad Waliullah, freedom fighters, Zia Uddin Ahmed and Bimol Pal, as well as theatre personalities SM Ali Azhar, Dr Tara Golandaz, Arabinda Sarker Jibon and Sarwar Jahan, spoke at the discussion. Advocate Abul Kashem was also present.



A scene from 'Phere Pawa'.

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