

WHAT'S ON

Creative Event
 Title: Expecto Patronum!
 Venue: BSM Group, Dhaka Office
 Date: Today
 Time: 10 am - 6 pm
 Tickets: BDT 360

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

Concert
 Title: Arnob & 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 Shonoshorothi
 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)



Rafiqul Alam (C) performs at the event.

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Channel i Music Awards 2019 to be held soon

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The fourteenth edition of the Channel i Music Awards is scheduled to be held soon. The show was initiated in 2004. Renowned artistes from the music industry will come together in one platform at the event. Nominations for the awards are selected from the music released in 2018. The selection process for the fourteen categories of the critics' awards is currently underway. A team of 20 eminent composers, singers and filmmakers are the jury members of the show. A lifetime achievement award will also be conferred to a celebrated artiste at the event.



In fond memory of SHAMSUR RAHMAN

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

On the occasion of eminent poet Shamsur Rahman's 91st birth anniversary, the programme, *Kobi Shamsur Rahman-er Ekanobboi Tomo Jonmodin*, was held at Kobi Shamsur Rahman auditorium inside Bangla Academy on October 23. The programme was jointly organised by Bangla Academy, Jatiya Kabita Parishad and Shamsur Rahman Smriti Parishad. National Professor Anisuzzaman presided over the event. Bangla Academy Director General Habibullah Shirajee, Jatiya Kabita Parishad President Muhammad Samad, Professor Syed Anwar Husain, *Kali O Kolom* Editor Abul Hasnat and Poet Mohammad Nurul Huda attended the programme as discussants. Besides, Shamsur Rahman's family members were present at the programme. Following the discussion, poets Anwara Syed Haq, Quazi Rosy, Shihab Sarker, Lili Haque and others paid tribute to Shamsur Rahman with their self-penned poems.



Shamsur Rahman PHOTO: COLLECTED

Artistes Rafiqul Alam and Abida Rahman presented songs, based on Shamsur Rahman's poems. Naila Tarannum Chowdhury Kakoli, Faizul Alam Pappu and Shahadat Hossain Nipu entertained the audience with popular poems of Shamsur Rahman. Shahida Rahman presented a dance performance on the author's poems. "Shamsur Rahman was a star among all poets and illuminated Bangla poetry with his creations. His contribution to Bangla literature cannot be forgotten. The young generation of our country must read his poems. He will live on through his works," said Anisuzzaman. One of the most acclaimed poets of contemporary Bangla literature, Shamsur Rahman was born on October 23, 1929. Along with many novels and essays, the great poet authored a total of 60 poetry books. He has been honoured with prestigious awards including Ekushey Padak (1977), Independence Award (1991), Bangla Academy Literary Award (1969) and others. He passed away in 2006.

'Praccher Prachin Dhara' underway at Gallery Cosmos

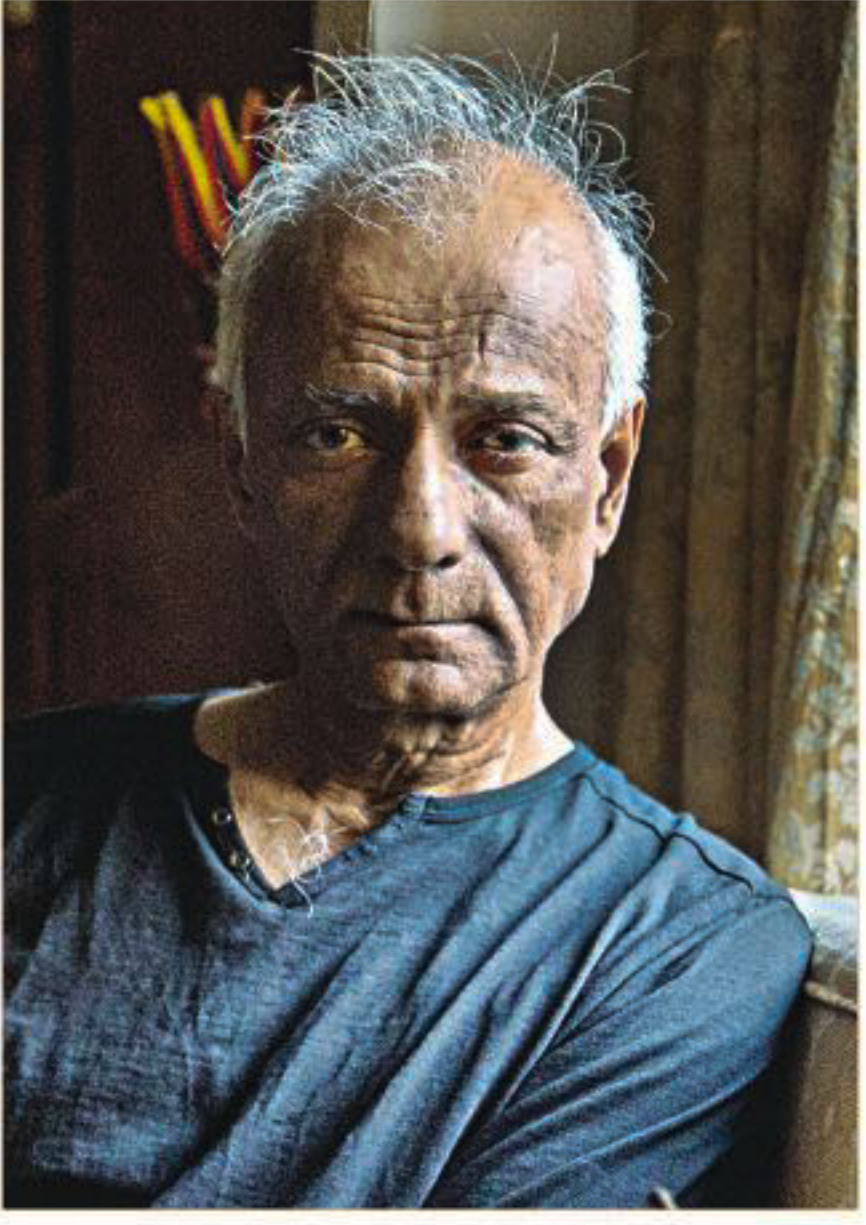
MADIHA ATHAR KHAN

A group art exhibition, *Praccher Prachin Dhara/ The Ancient Lineage of the East*, opened at Gallery Cosmos, recently. The title of the exhibition brings to focus the Eastern-Asian art practices and their influence and cultural significance on the art in our region. For decades, western art styles and artists have gone on to define periods of art movements across the world. Even today, the contemporary art landscapes in America and Europe remain in the spotlight. As a result, the art made in countries such as ours also bear an imprint of the staggering influence. However, with this group art exhibition, the artists aim to pay respect to the deep wealth of art originated in the Eastern regions of the world. HE Rensje Teerink, Ambassador and Head of Delegation, The European Union to Bangladesh, graced the exhibition as the special guest. "Art lets us transcend borders as the process of creation lets us migrate magically like the rivers, the ocean, the nature and the very air we

breathe," explains Tehmina Enayet, Director of Gallery Cosmos. Of the 25 participating artists, many specifically drew on common subjects in South Asian art such as farmers working with cows and floral scenery. Other subjects include rickshaws, the Buddha and female portraits. One commonality in the art originated in our region is the use of colour. Primarily, the most boldly used pigments in the artworks are blues, yellows and reds. At times, it also seems like the artists are referring to the western art world in their works by incorporating bits and pieces into styles that are more reflective of Asian art. In one painting, a woman dressed in traditional clothes stands in front of a painting of Mona Lisa. Gallery Cosmos aims to be at the forefront of the emergence and rise to prominence of different art practices that have originated in Bangladesh. The exhibition, which will run till November 10, is dedicated to renowned artist Kalidas Karmakar, who passed away this year.



Syed Abdul Hadi



Syed Jamil Ahmed



Sarah Begum Kabori PHOTOS: STAR

The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life 2019 at ICCB today

The twelfth edition of *The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life* contest will be held today at the International Convention City, Bashundhara (ICCB). The theme for this year's contest is "Folk Heritage of Bangladesh." Mahfuz Anam, Editor and Publisher of *The Daily Star* will deliver the welcome address at the event. Naser Ezaz Bijoy, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh, will deliver the vote of thanks. The photo exhibition will be inaugurated by the chief guest, Former Minister of Finance, Abul Maal Abdul Muhit, and the special guest, Asaduzzaman Noor, MP.

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Renowned actor Sarah Begum Kabori, musical legend Syed Abdul Hadi and eminent theatre director Syed Jamil Ahmed will receive lifetime achievement awards at the event this year. Winners of the Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Celebrating Life contest 2019 in the Photography, Lyrics Writing and Film Making categories will also be announced. Syed Abdul Hadi, Dilruba Khan, Indra Mohan Rajbongshi, Chandana Mazumdar, Fahmida Nabi, Shukonna



Mazumder Ghosh, Ismat Ara Eva and Mohammed Shoeb will perform the winning songs of the Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Celebrating Life 2019 Lyrics Contest. Fahmida Nabi has directed the music of all the songs for this year's contest. Dancer Warda Rihab and her troupe will also perform at the event. Celebrating Life began its journey as a national-level contest in 2008. Many established names of the film, music and photography sectors today found their footing with this unique competition, which looks to encourage and reward aspiring talents.



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