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‘Tales of the Old Dhaka’ underway at AFD

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As a part of the ‘Open Heritage Week 2019’, the exhibition, *Tales of the Old Dhaka*, featuring Old Dhaka themed artworks by the art group Joloj, was inaugurated at Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) in Dhanmondi, recently. The exhibition is organised by the European Union National Institutes for Culture (consisting of AFD,

British Council Bangladesh, and Goethe-Institute Bangladesh), EU Delegation, Embassy of Spain, Dhaka South City Corporation, Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) and Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).

Olivier Dintinger, Director of AFD, welcomed the guests with his speech. “The Open Heritage Week is a project to raise public awareness on the importance of

heritage. Old Dhaka is a soulful city and a witness to historic eras. It would be a shame if people were to lose such a city,” he said.

Aiming to raise awareness in preserving local heritage sites of the city, the exhibition showcases artworks by Al-Akhir Sarker, Biplob Chakroborty, Golam Mosiur Rahman Chowdhury, Md Azmal Uddin, Sadek Ahmed, and Shaymal Bishwas.

“The architectural sights of Old Dhaka, especially the old buildings, are on the verge of ruin. People have no regard in preserving their old designs. This exhibition is an attempt to show the beauty of our cultural heritage sites, including the Ruplal House, Beauty Boarding and Armenian Church, among others, to raise awareness on this issue,” said Shyamal Biswas, an artist from Joloj. They plan to work on the

issue of deforestation and industrialisation in the Sundarbans in the near future, he mentioned.

Mesmerising artworks in watercolour, depicting the crowded bustle of the Bk Das road, the serene beauty of the Ruplal House and the mystery of Laxmibazar at dusk, among other such scenes, are currently on display on the walls of AFD. The exhibition is open to all till December 18.

WHAT'S ON



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Najib Tareque
Venue: Dwip Gallery, 1/1, Block-D, Lalmaia
Date: Nov 29 – Dec 15
Time: 3pm – 9pm (Except Mondays)



Concert
Title: 20 years of Artcellism
Venue: ICCB Expo Zone
Date: December 24
Time: 3 pm onwards



Concert
Title: Miles 40th Anniversary
Venue: ICCB, Hall – 3
Date: December 24
Time: 6 pm onwards



Film Festival
Title: 15th International Short & Independent Film Festival Dhaka 2019
Venues: Central Public Library, National Museum and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 7 – 13
Time: 4 pm (Opening Ceremony)
For more information, visit <http://isiff-bd.org/>



Art Exhibition
Title: TIB's 14th Anti-Corruption Cartoon Exhibition
Venue: Zaimal Gallery, Faculty of Fine Art, DU
Date: Dec 10 – 15
Time: 12 (noon) – 7 pm; 10 am – 7 pm on Fridays



Art Exhibition
Title: Artist Talk - "Anybody can do it, please do it" by Najib Tareque
Venue: Dwip Gallery
Date: Today
Time: 7pm- 10pm

A press meet, following the 4-day Ocean Dance Festival held in Cox’s Bazar, was held at the premises of Shadhona - A Center for Advancement of Southasian Culture in Banani, yesterday. The President of Nriyayog Anisul Islam Hero and General Secretary Lubna Marium, along with the organisers and journalists from different print and electronic media, were present at the event, among others. Thanking the journalists, Lubna Marium shared Nriyayog’s upcoming initiatives and ventures. An audio-visual by Matra, capturing different aspects of Ocean Dance Festival, was screened at the programme.

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TV WATCH

Duronto Television is hosting many special programmes throughout December, the month of Bangladesh’s victory. The children’s dance show ‘Priyo Bangladesh’ will be aired at 5 pm on the channel today. It will feature performances by child artistes on different patriotic songs, choreographed by renowned dancer Warda Rehab.

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‘Jumanji: The Next Level’ hits Star Cineplex today

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Jumanji: The Next Level is a fantasy adventure comedy film directed by Jake Kasdan, and written by Kasdan, Jeff Pinkner and Scott Rosenberg. It is the second sequel to 1995’s *Jumanji*, following 2017’s *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*, and the fourth installment,

overall, in the *Jumanji* franchise. The film stars Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Karen Gillan, Nick Jonas, Alex Wolff, Morgan Turner, Ser’Darius Blain, and Madison Iseman, reprising their roles from the previous film, alongside newcomers Awkwafina, Danny Glover, and Danny DeVito. The film releases at Star Cineplex today.