

**WHAT'S ON**

**Star Melodies' Musical Evening**  
Title: Bijoyer Ronge Aka Bela Shesher Gaan  
Venue: The Daily Star Centre, Kazi Nazrul Islam Ave  
Date: December 27  
Time: 5:30 pm onwards

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

**Workshop**  
Title: Kata Kuti - Collage Workshop  
Artist: Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo  
Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur  
Date: December 28  
Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Concert**  
Title: Miles 40th Anniversary  
Venue: ICCB, Hall - 3  
Date: Today  
Time: 6 pm onwards

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Breaking Ground: Modern Art in Transition  
Venue: Subir Choudhury Exhibition Hall, Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi  
Date: Dec 17 - Feb 15  
Time: 1 pm - 8 pm (Except Sundays)

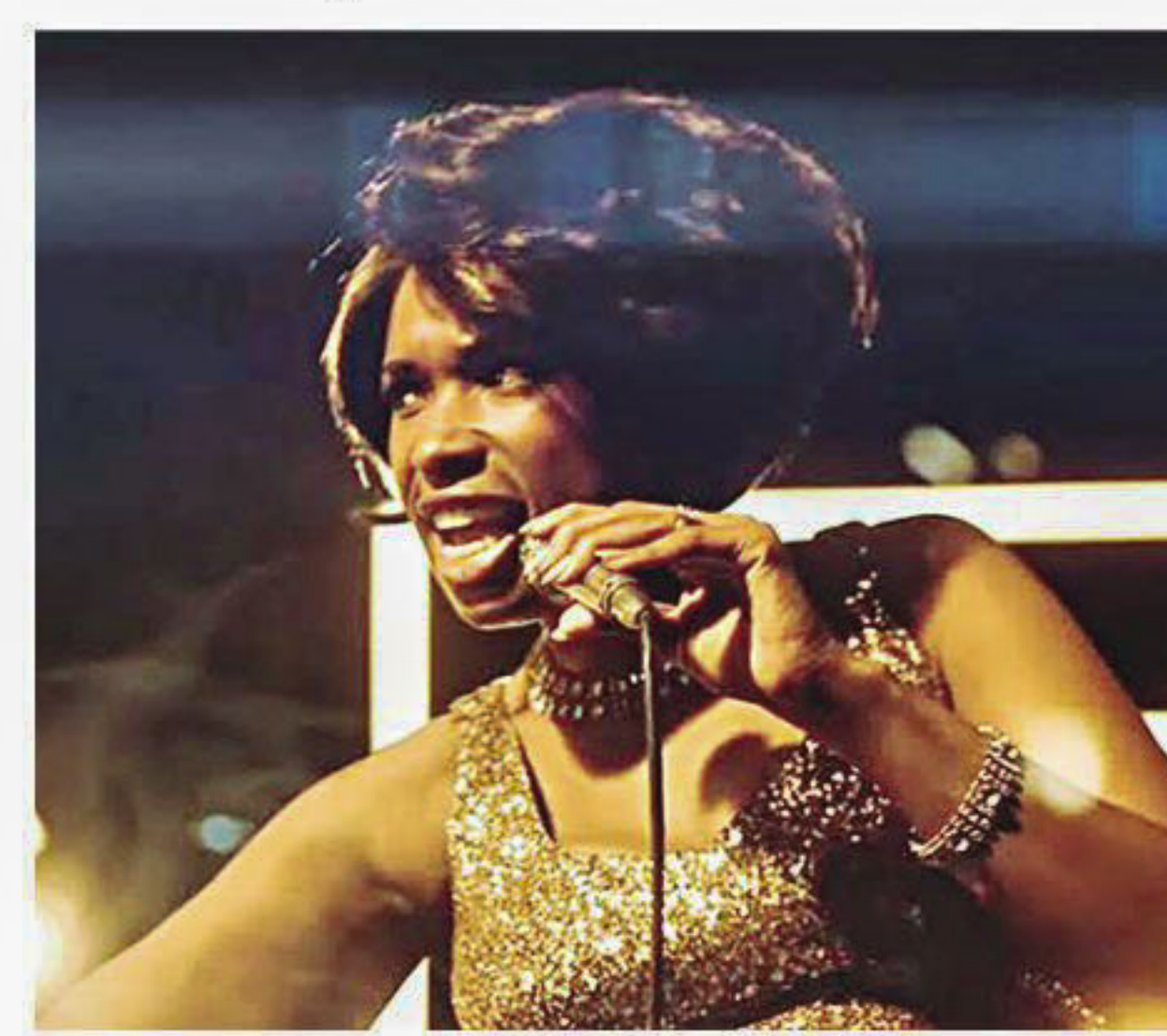


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# Jennifer Hudson shines as Aretha Franklin in 'Respect' teaser



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The first look of Jennifer Hudson as the Queen of Soul in the upcoming Aretha Franklin biopic, *Respect*, is out. A teaser premiered recently, featuring Hudson as Franklin belting out the classic cover of Otis Redding's song, *Respect*. The 40-second clip begins with Hudson, wearing a sparkly golden dress, standing on a dark stage, backlit by golden lights. As Hudson comes to the end of the song's first verse, the word, 'respect', spelled out in giant illuminated letters, appears behind her. The Oscar-winning actor then belts out the chorus as each letter in the word 'respect', lights up as she sings it.

The film, scheduled to hit theatres in 2020, will follow Franklin's rise to superstardom, from singing gospel in her father's church to her emergence as one of the most powerful and influential voices in soul and R&B. The cast of *Respect* also includes Forest Whitaker, Mary J Blige, Marlon Wayans, Audra McDonald, Marc Maron, Tituss Burgess and Tate Donovan.

# Legends and Icons commemorate six decades

## Miles and Artcell to indulge in grand celebrations today

Today will mark a historic day for band music in Bangladesh, as legends Miles and icons Artcell will celebrate their 40th and 20th anniversaries respectively, at the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB).



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Miles' 40 year celebration concert, arranged by Windmill, will take place in Hall 3 of ICCB. Promising to perform 30 of their most iconic songs, the band will be accompanied by some renowned acts in Bangladesh, including Warfaze and Dalchhut. 20 years of Artcellism, on the other hand, is being organised by Asiatic EXP, and will take place at ICCB's Expo Zone. The action-packed concert, along with Artcell's greatest hits, will feature talented bands such as Trainwreck, Naive, Mechanix and Powersurge. Artists like Rafa, Romel Ali, DRockstar Shuvo and members from Black, Arbovirus, Shironamhin and Bay of Bengal will be present as well. Needless to say, both shows will be jam-packed with Dhaka's passionate music lovers, as all the tickets to both concerts have been sold out.

# Tagore remembered in Moulvibazar

MINTU DESHWARA, from Moulvibazar

Marking a hundred years of Tagore's visit to Sylhet, Moulvibazar Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad (MRSSP) hosted an event at the premises of Government High School Auditorium,

in Moulvibazar. The evening commemorated Tagore through his artistic creations and featured musical performances, poetry recitals, and dance routines. Tagore researchers, artists, and organisers of MRSSP were present at the event, among others.



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**27 DEC 2019 FRIDAY**

**DHAKA ROCK FEST 2019**

**Venue: Expo Zone, ICCB**  
**Show Time: 2.00 pm**  
**Gate Open: 12.00 pm**  
**Ticket Price: 200 tk**

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**Conclusion**  
**Owned**  
**Trainwreck**  
**Bay of bengal**  
**Powersurge**  
**Avoidrafa**  
**Arbovirus**  
**Nemesis**

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# Dhaka Rock Fest 2019 to be held on December 27

Dhaka Rock Fest, an event for Bangla rock lovers, will be held on December 27, at ICCB Expo Zone (Bashundhara) from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The line-up includes Nemesis, Arbovirus, Avoidrafa, Powersurge, Bay of Bengal, Trainwreck, Owned, Conclusion, and Sin.

Tickets are available now at [www.shohoz.com/events/](http://www.shohoz.com/events/), for BDT 200 (all inclusive). The event is presented by Gaan-Bangla TV, and powered by Banglalink. Sky Tracker Ltd is planning the programme and MediaQuest Bangladesh is managing its PR.

# Celebrating 25 years of Bishwo Rang

SHARMIN JOYA

Marking the 25th anniversary of the renowned fashion house Bishwo Rang, a grand celebration was held at Narayanganj, recently. The brand is appreciated for promoting domestic products in the national and international markets.

Celebrities and artistes of the industry, along with people associated with the organisation since its inception, were present at the event. Sadia Islam Mou, Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad graced the event with their presence.

The owner of Bishwo Rang, Biplob Saha said that they are planning to celebrate their silver jubilee throughout the year. "I am overwhelmed with all the love and support we have received so far," he said. "We are privileged to have eminent artistes like Razzak, Sarah Kabori and many others as models for our products. We plan to hold a photo exhibition with these models, soon." The yearlong celebration will also include the launch of new product lines.



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