

Syed Salahuddin Zaki's comeback with 'Krantikaal'



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Acclaimed director and thespian Syed Salahuddin Zaki's first film *Ghuddi* (1980) bagged two national film awards in the categories of best dialogue and best choreography at the 6th National Film Awards. He also has been actively involved with theatre, with his troupe Dhaka Theatre, for the last 50 years. After 40 years of his first release, the director's upcoming venture *Krantikaal* is set to release soon. Gearing up for this production, the artiste talks about his expectations from the film and more.

When do you plan to start shooting for your new film?
Preparations are underway, and we are hoping to start shooting this April. Currently, we are working to finalise the cast. Setting up a crew team for the film is also an important part of the whole process, as it takes a lot of work and time.

Tell us a bit about 'Krantikaal'. Is it a sequel to 'Ghuddi'?
Not at all. It is a new film with a new story. I prefer to portray a certain time frame and I believe that each time span narrates their own story. The film is based on the present period, featuring the stories and characters of current times.

It took a while for you to make another film, even though your first one was very well received by the audience. Why so?
I am not a filmmaker by profession. My primary field is theatre, and thus, I have dedicated a significant time of my life to my troupe Dhaka Theatre. In my career, I have written many scripts and also directed tele-fictions. After 40 years of my first film, I realised that it was time I start working on my second.

There are rumours about you casting debutants for 'Krantikaal'. Is it true?
The rumours are absolutely correct! Fresh faces will be seen in the lead roles in *Krantikaal*. However, I also plan on featuring noted senior actors such as Suborna Mustafa, Afzal Hossain and Raisul Islam Asad, depending on the requirements of the script.



'Gondi' poster unveiled

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The official poster of Fakhru Arefin Khan's *Gondi* was unveiled online recently, to a widely positive response. "A poster sets the first impression for a movie. Since *Gondi* is a romantic comedy, the poster has romantic and comic elements to it," said Fakhru

Arefin Khan.

Gondi, produced by Gorai Films, features Suborna Mustafa and Sabyasachi Chakrabarty in the lead roles. The cast also includes Aparna Ghose, Amin Reza and Maznun Mizan, among others. The movie will be released on February 7.

Tahsan Khan and Shusmita Anis's 'Smritir Fanush' to release soon

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Tahsan Khan and Shusmita Anis are coming up with a new, romantic song, *Smritir Fanush*, this Valentine's Day. The song is composed by Tahsan Khan and Menon under the banner of New Music Paradigm Company. The lyrics are written by Tahsan and Limon. Nahian Ahmed of Flybot Studios is directing the music video, featuring Tanjin Tisha and Irfan Sajjad. The video will be released on February 8 on Shusmita Anis's YouTube Channel, and will be available on all digital platforms.



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Theatre festival 'Muktir Chetonay Shilpito Srijon Choturtho Barshik Natyautshab 2020' held

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The Department of Drama and Dramatics of Chittagong University (CU) arranged the theatre festival, *Muktir Chetonay Shilpito Srijon Choturtho Barshik Natyautshab 2020*, recently. Cultural Affairs Minister K M Khalid, MP, attended the festival as the chief guest. The event was inaugurated by Professor Dr Shireen Akhter, Vice Chancellor, CU, along with Mohammad Sekandar Chowdhury, Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts, CU, and poet-journalist Abul Momen. The programme was presided over by Mohammad Shamim Hasan from the Faculty of Fine Arts, CU. Throughout the festival, 11 plays, based on the Liberation War of Bangladesh and literary works of Rabindranath Tagore, were staged at the Zia Haider Studio, Department of Drama and Dramatics, CU.



Dr Israfeel Shaheen, Professor, Department of Theatre and Performance, University of Dhaka and Dr Afsar Ahmed, Professor, Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University were honoured with the Muktir Chetonay Shilpito Srijon Choturtho Barshik Natyautshab 2020 Award at the event.

Star Melodies to host 'Tondrahara Raater Gaan' tomorrow

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Star Melodies, an initiative of *The Daily Star* to promote Bangla music, will host a special evening, titled *Tondrahara Raater Gaan*, featuring evergreen nostalgic, romantic songs. The programme, sponsored by Dhaka Bank Limited, will be held tomorrow, at 6:30 pm in the A S Mahmud Seminar Hall of *The Daily Star* Centre. Noted artistes Mahfuzur Rahman, Samarjit Roy, Champa Banik, Tanjina Karim Sharalipi and Shemonty Monjari will perform at the event, hosted by Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief, Culture Initiatives, *The Daily Star*. Seats are limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis.



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