

GRAPEVINE

SHUVOO'S EID SPECIAL



Popular actor Arifin Shuvoo has something special for his audience this Eid. He will be releasing a music video on his official *YouTube* channel for the occasion, where the actor himself sings the song, *Monta Bojhena*. The song is written by K Zia and composed by him alongside Fuad Al Muqtadir. Shuvoo said, "This is a surprise for my fans and followers. I have previously sung a few lines for the movie *Agnee*. I am

not a professional singer, but I have tried my best to complete this work. This Eid, I was supposed to offer audiences my new movie, *Mission Extreme*. Unfortunately, due to the current crisis, it is not possible. But, as a small gift to my followers, I am releasing this music video." He added, "The shooting for the music video was done at home. I had a camera at home, and my wife, Arpita, helped me with the shooting."

Mim's Eid Home Production



During this quarantine, popular actor Bidya Sinha Mim produced a fifteen-minute long short film, *Connection*, where Tahsan Khan will be starring opposite her. Directed by Raihan Rafi, all the work for the film was done remotely. Mim said, "The project was done in a minimum budget. I stepped foot into the world of production through this. I never expected everyone to be so supportive regarding this. I am grateful for all the support I have received for this short project." *Connection* will be released during Eid on Bidya Sinha Mim's official *YouTube* channel.

Shabnur stands for the industry

During this unprecedented crisis, ordinary artists are the ones who are struggling the most in the entertainment industry. Actor Shabnur, who currently lives in Australia, has decided to extend a hand of help for them. On behalf of her, Shabnur's makeup artist, Selim, is carrying out all the tasks of helping the artists in Bangladesh. The actor said, "We are helping out the vul-

nerable groups in our industry by giving out monetary support and ration packages." The list for the beneficiaries has been made by director MA Awal Pintu. Shabnur has been away from the silver screen for a while now. She is an Australian immigrant, and lives with her only daughter. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the actor has remained indoors for three months now.



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CENTRE STAGE

Mithila

Versatile artist Rafiath Rashid Mithila has been maintaining social distance and staying indoors. She has been spending time with her daughter and doing creative works. In this interview with Star Showbiz, the actor talked about her short film made at home and what she misses the most during this time.



How have you been spending your time indoors?

I have primarily been working full-time from home. I'm spending time with my daughter a lot as well, like drawing and singing. I also help her study. I'm also doing household chores.

Can you say something about the short film that you made at home?

In the communication world, we have this concept of terribly tiny stories. I call my short film a terribly tiny film because its duration is only one minute twenty-five seconds. I haven't really been able to immerse myself in all the creative activities I generally do, so I thought this would be a fun project. My brother-in-law, Iresh Zaker, came up with this idea and shared it with me. My brother, my daughter and I filmed this on a phone. My brother, Maimun Khan, is a musician, and he did the editing and music production. It turned out well, so I shared it on social media and my *YouTube* channel. People seemed to like it.

Did you learn anything new during this time?

I don't think so. I think executing that tiny film could be considered a new skill. I am drawing, dancing and singing because I have some free time now, but they aren't newly acquired skills since I had learnt those when I was young. I wasn't able to practise those before as I was busy all the time. Other than that, there isn't anything new that I've learnt.

What do you miss most right now?

I'm definitely missing my husband. It may sound strange because people generally dislike going to work, but I miss BRAC Centre. I used to spend a large part of the day, say ten hours, at my office, so I'm missing that. Still, I'm not very upset about having to stay at home.

What is the first thing you will do after the lockdown is lifted?

I'm not really looking forward to go out, but the first thing that I want to do is see my husband. Maybe I'll go to Kolkata.

Any message for the readers?

I know everyone is going through a stressful time and panicking, so it's very important to take care of ourselves. We have to take care of our mental health as well. We should do whatever makes us happy at home. We must stay at home since it is now the only way of keeping ourselves and others safe. We should maintain social distancing and hygiene properly and tell others to do the same. I believe we can get through this difficult time together.

Amina Hossain



POPCORN HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some binge worthy movie and series you can spend your time watching while you stay at home social distancing, keeping yourself, as well as others, safe.



THE EDDY



The Eddy is a musical-drama miniseries, following the chaotic day-to-day life of the owner of a live music venue in Paris. It was written by Jack Thorne, directed by Damien Chazelle (first two episodes), composed by Glen Ballard and Randy Kerber, and stars André Holland, Joanna Kulig and Leila Bekhti, among others. It was released on May 8, 2020, on *Netflix*.

The Great

The Great is a comedy miniseries, created by Tony McNamara, produced by Dean O'Toole and Nick O'Hagan (pilot), distributed by *Paramount Television Studios*, and stars Elle Fanning, Phoebe Fox and Nicholas Hoult, among others. The story, which is loosely based on Catherine the Great's rise, follows the life of a Russian Emperor's wife and the troubles she has to face. The series was first aired on May 15, 2020 on *Hulu*.

HOLLYWOOD



Hollywood is a drama miniseries, aired on May 1, 2020. It was created by Ryan Murphy and Ian Brennan, produced under the banners of *Ryan Murphy Television* and *Prospect Films*, distributed by *Netflix*, and stars David

Corenswet, Darren Criss and Laura Harrier, among others. The series is set in post-WWII Hollywood, and follows the lives of aspiring actors and filmmakers on the quest to make a name for themselves.



Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo

Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo is an Indian Telugu-language action-drama film. It has been directed by Trivikram Srinivas, produced by Allu Aravind and S. Radha Krishna, under the banners of *Geetha Arts* and *Haarika & Hassine Creations*, with Allu Arjun and Pooja Hegde in the lead. The movie revolves around the journey of a man who is constantly criticised by his father, but soon discovers the truth about his original parents. It was originally released on January 10, 2020.

Amina Hossain & Shreya Shomoyeeta

GUESS THE CELEBRITY

Guess who the celebrity is?

HINT: HER BOSS IS CHARLIE

