

WHAT'S ON

90th Anniversary of the Poem "Bidrohi"
Organiser: Nazrul Institute & Ministry of Cultural Affairs
Venue: National Theatre, BSA
Date: June 24-25

Exhibition
Title: Save Puran Dhaka
Organiser: Urban Study Group
Venue: Hali Kanta Bhattacharya Gallery, National Museum
Date: June 10-22

Sufia Kamal Birth Anniversary
Venue: Bengal Shilpala, H-42, R-16, Dhanamondi
Date: June 24-29
Time: 12pm-8pm

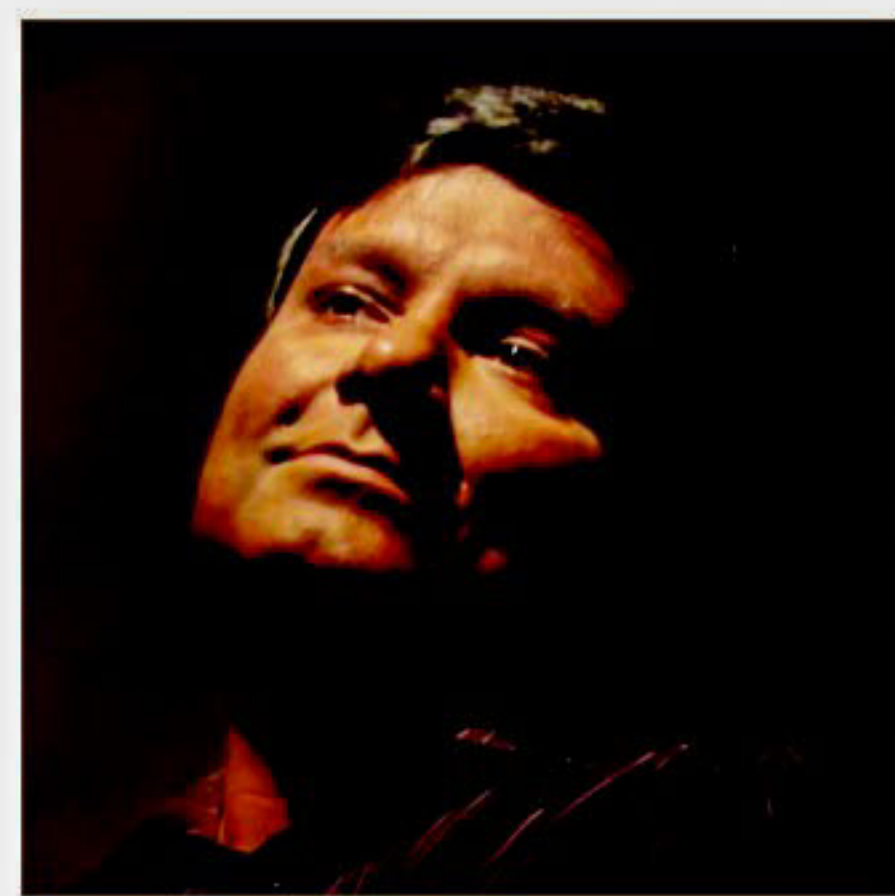
Solo Musical Soiree
Singer: Dia Chakravarty
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, 35, Rd 24, Gulshan 1
Date: June 25
Time: 6:30pm

Theatre
Play: Apud
Troupe: Dhaka Padatik
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 25

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Mustapha Khalid Palash
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, R-7 A H-60, Dhanamondi
Date: June 17-July 1
Time: 11am-8pm

Film Festival
Organiser: Zahur Rahman Film Society, Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanamondi, Date: June 17-25

Musical Soiree
Organiser: Nandan
Venue: Chayanaut Sangskriti Bhaban, Dhanamondi
Date: June 24
Time: 6:45pm



Mustapha Khalid Palash

TAKIR HOSSAIN

"I can't tell you how many times I heard the reprimand, 'Stop doodling and get to work', when I was a child. My teachers were constantly telling me to stop drawing pictures and focus on the lessons at class. Doodles are simple drawings that can have concrete representational meaning or may just be abstract shapes. Doodling can assist a person's memory by expending just enough energy to keep one from inattention or carelessness," said Mustapha Khalid Palash.

The artist's latest solo drawing exhibition, titled "Of Tears and Joy", is now on at Dhaka Art Centre in Dhanamondi. Palash is a well-known architect. His designs are noted for experimentation. His novel approach towards architecture has earned him a sought-after reputation. Besides being an architect, he is also an ardent painter. Since the late '80s, he has been active in the Bangladesh art circuit. His last solo exhibition was held in 2009.



Kaleidoscopic visions

Mustapha Khalid Palash's drawing exhibition

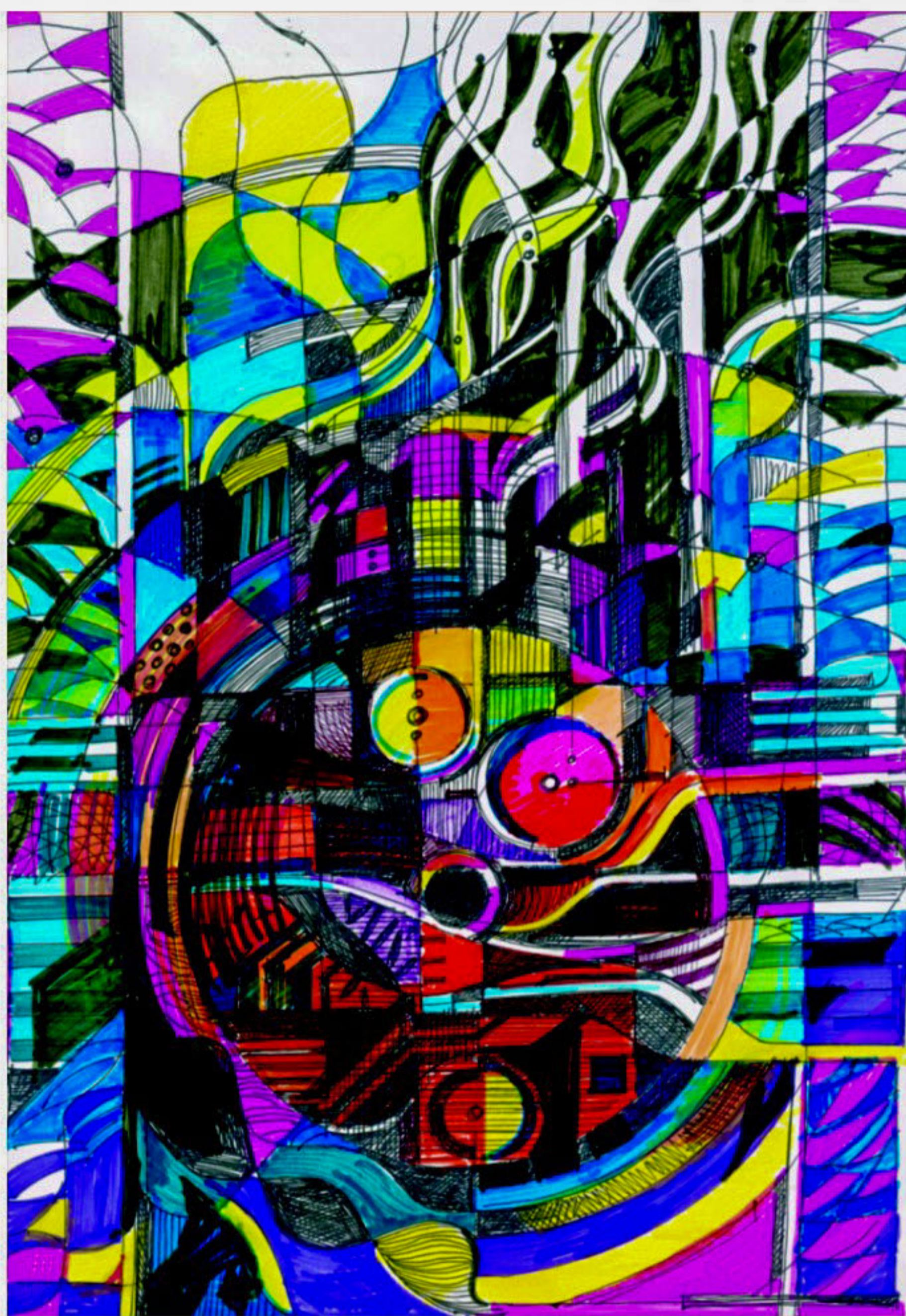
Considering he is one of the leading architects of the country, Palash is usually very busy. He sketches either when having long telephone conversations or during boring meetings. He likes to draw when he is chatting with someone. He does it without any specific intention.

Commencing with a simple line or circle (the artist uses pen, pencil, pastel and felt) on regular paper, sketch pads, tiny paper pieces, envelopes or tissue paper, he has developed a style that denotes simplicity and depth. At first, Palash unintentionally makes the ground with sharp straight and spherical lines, then he applies crisscrossed lines, curves, circles, loops, oval and squares shapes -- all merging to articulate his visions and thoughts. These various forms also have a spinning look. His sketches feature details of an architectural design and highlight some significant parts of a structure. Sometimes he emphasises on pure architectural designs and shapes where one can easily sense his dedication and sincerity to his profession. Some of his drawings depict surface as well as inner structure, staircase details, parking floor plans or toilet details. Some forms and compositions lend an aesthetic flavour to his creations.

Drawings are a manifestation of the thoughts and what literally makes the daily life of an artist. A painter's drawings give articulate expression to his or her personality and thought process. Palash's drawings show the world the way he sees it, and manifest the essence of the things he has seen.

When Palash feels distressed or troubled and his creative endeavour flourishes, pen and paper assist him to explore his visions. He records his frustration, longing, bliss and other experiences on paper, which becomes a mirror of his pensive mood.

His drawings are synchronised and technically phenomenal. He wants to proceed with a certain style that can become a personal hallmark of his works.



Vibrant colours and fragmented shapes present a kaleidoscopic vision to the viewers. Palash's works look very animated because of the use of varied shapes, evocative lines and vivid colours.

In fact, his rectangular and vertical lines create dazzling rays -- each possessing an individual look and language. The exhibition will continue till June 30.



Finding Lalon... in nature

Fakir Lalon Shah's mystic realm unfurls in an untainted natural ambience. Throughout his life, the 19th century mystic bard searched for answers to questions regarding purpose of life, creation and creator. Lalon's core philosophy is to know the creator through the creations. He also believed that nature could play the most significant role in the quest to know oneself. From this belief, Lalon used to arrange congregations, widely known as 'Shadhu Shong'o. The bard used to invite bauls and mystics to this congregation to share and exchange views. This became a tradition and to this day, Lalon's followers continue arranging such 'Shadhu Shong'o on every full moon night in Kushtia and adjacent areas. A 'Shadhu Shong'o' was held on the last full moon [on June 16-17] night at a farm near Lalon's *akira* (den) at Chheuria, Kushtia. Followers from different sects joined Lalon devotees at the programme. They followed rituals and sang songs from Lalon's opulent repertoire as well as compositions of other mystic bauls.



PHOTO: MUMIT M.

DU Theatre Dept to represent Bangladesh at Seoul Int'l Fest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Department of Theatre, University of Dhaka (DU) will participate at the 19th International Youth Theatre Festival 2011 to be held in Seoul, South Korea, starting from July 6. At the festival, the DU team will stage "Shiddhanto", an adaptation of German playwright Bertolt Brecht's "The Measures Taken". Dr. Israfil Shaheen is directing the play. Shahman Moishan has translated the play into Bangla.

According to the director, the play will be staged for four consecutive days, starting from July 6. Shows will be held at different venues.

"The Measures Taken" is considered to be one of Brecht's most political plays; the core message is that the communist discipline must be accepted without question. Critics have frequently attacked the play.

The play portrays the ill fate of a young comrade who sacrifices (or forced to sacrifice) himself for the interest of communism.



A scene from "Shiddhanto".

"Direction is the outcome of occasional impulses" -- Suborna Mustafa

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Suborna Mustafa made her directorial debut long ago. The late actor Golam Mustafa, her father, also acted under her direction. Her highly acclaimed screenplay based on Rabindranath Tagore's short story, "Shamapri", earned her the reputation of a playwright.

Her directorial skills were evident through an ntv production, aired four years back. The serial is currently being re-released on ntv. However, Suborna is now co-directing (with Badrul Anam Soud) a new drama serial, titled "Komol Bibir Atitishala O Kana Sirajuddoula". She is also enacting the character of Komol Bibi in the serial. Disclosing her take on direction, Suborna says that she has always been very much into acting, and that direction is only the outcome of occasional impulses. What about the storyline of her recent serial? "It's a comedy, Komol Bibi is an overly hospitable woman and wants to transform her house into an inn. But her husband wants to prevent that at any cost."

Besides this, Suborna is acting in several TV plays now. "Gohiney" is currently being aired on Desh TV. Moreover, three of her serials including "Manabjamini" are currently being aired on ntv and ATN Bangla. She loves working in these serials, she says.



Monsoon Festival in Natore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

The district administration organised a two-day long cultural programme at the Zilla Parishad auditorium in Natore to celebrate the advent of monsoon. The event concluded on Sunday night.

Artists of Shilpakala Academy, Shishu Academy and different local organisations rendered chorus and solo songs while artists of Nrityangan, Smrity Nrityo, and Dibyo Shangkrikt Sangathan performed dances. Young artists Khagendranath Roy, Subodh Kumar Maitra and Rashiduzzaman Sadi recited poems. The renditions based on monsoon, included Tagore, modern and folk songs. The soiree began

with a folk story. Singer Ekabbar Ali Sutka staged the performance, which drew a large audience.

A discussion was also held at the event. Additional deputy commissioner (general), Sitara Begum, presided over the discussion while Deputy Commissioner of Natore, Mazibur Rahman, attended the event as chief guest.

The discussants were of the view that litterateurs and poets have written on different seasons. But Rabindranath Tagore presented nature deeply through his songs and painted a true picture of the country's six seasons, especially the monsoon.

The speakers appreciated the district administration for taking such initiative to help promote our heritage and culture.

"Gossip Girl" star to play Jeff Buckley in movie

"Gossip Girl" star Penn Badgley will play Jeff Buckley in a movie about the late singer/songwriter's relationship with his equally noted father, folk singer Tim Buckley, producers said on Monday.

His casting in "Greetings From Tim Buckley" ends a search that took more than a year and marks the first film ever made about either musician.

The fact-based film is set in the days leading up to the younger Buckley's breakthrough performance at a 1991 tribute concert to his father, who abandoned him as a baby and died of a drug overdose in 1975 aged 28.

He falls for a young woman working at the concert, and comes to understand his father. Meanwhile, the concert sets the singer on the road to stardom. Jeff Buckley drowned in 1997, aged 30. He released one studio album during his lifetime, "Grace", which featured a cover of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah".

"To play a man who was singularly

gifted an artiste, greatly misunderstood and mythologised as a human being... It's something very special and sacred... I'm going to give all I can to this project," Badgley, 24, said in a statement.

The film will start shooting in August in New York City. Dan Algrant ("People I Know") will direct the independent project from a script that he co-wrote. The roles of Tim Buckley and the girlfriend have not been cast yet.

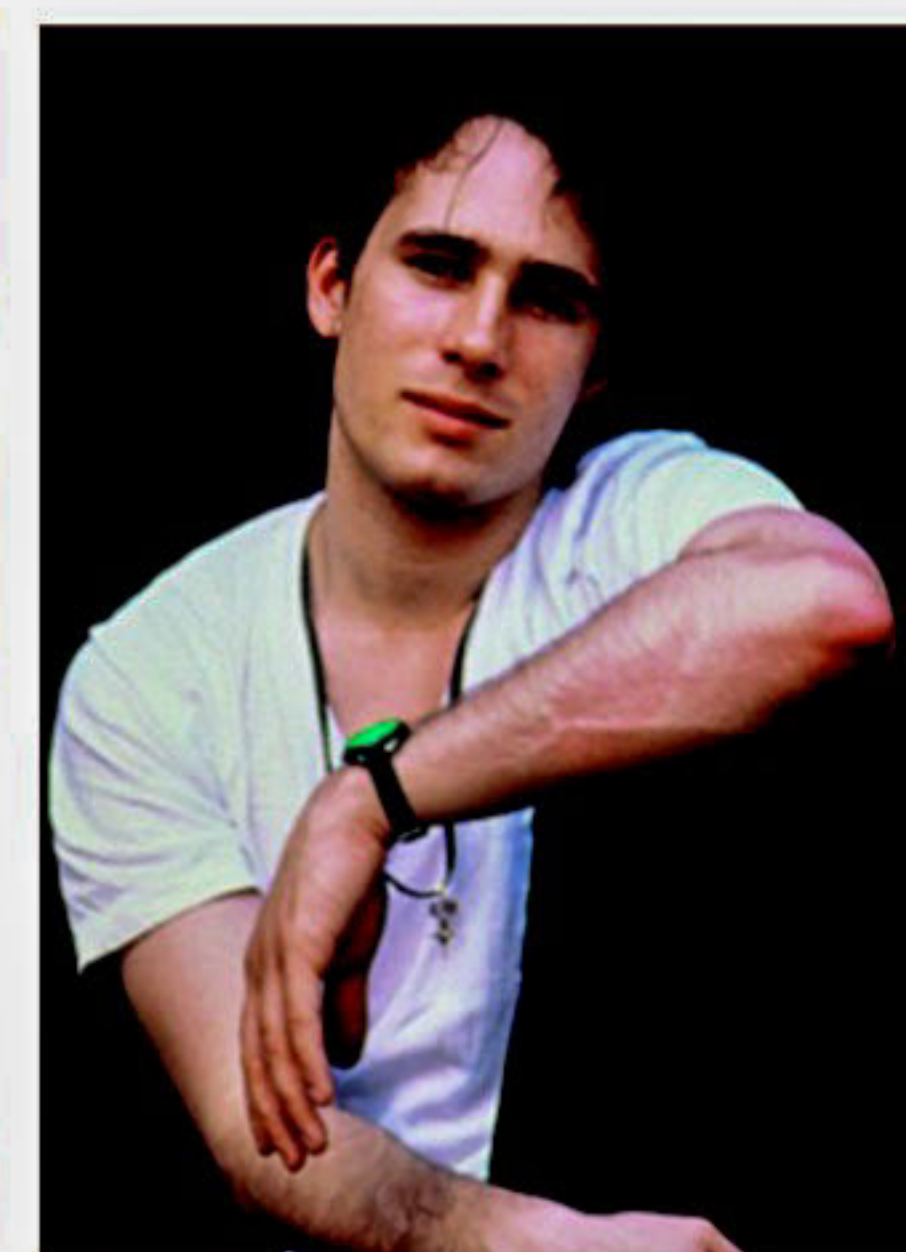
"Greetings From Tim Buckley" is being produced with the authorisation of Tim Buckley's estate. A rival project, a biopic about Jeff Buckley's life, is being developed with the help of his mother and executor, Mary Guibert.

Badgley, who plays Blake Lively's love interest on the teen soap "Gossip Girl", has appeared in such features as "Easy A" and the remake of "The Stepfather".

SOURCE: INTERNET



Penn Badgley



Jeff Buckley

Steven Spielberg demanded Megan Fox be fired from "Transformers"

Did Megan Fox jump or was she pushed? With "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" about to be unleashed, the latest reports suggest executive producer Steven Spielberg fired the actress from the franchise following comments about director Michael Bay.

At the time, Fox had said it was her choice to leave the blockbuster series, but now Bay has revealed a different story to The Daily Mail: "You know the Hitler thing. Steven [Spielberg] said, fire her right now."

The "Hitler thing" dates back to an interview the actress gave last year to Wonderland magazine, where Fox compared Bay to Hitler. Spielberg, it seems, took the most offence at the comment. Following the removal of Fox, British model-turned-actress Rosie Huntington-Whiteley was cast opposite Shia LaBeouf in the new film.

Crew members were quick to defend the director, with an open letter on his website stating: "Michael found this shy, inexperienced girl, plucked her out of total obscurity thus giving her the biggest shot of any young actress' life. "He told everyone around to just trust him on his choice. He granted her the starring role in 'Transformers', a franchise that forever changed her life; she became one of the most googled and ogled women on earth.

"She was famous! She was the next Angelina Jolie, hooray! Wait a minute, two of us worked with Angelina -- second thought she's no Angelina. You see, Angelina is a professional.



We know this quite intimately because we've had the tedious experience of working with the dumb-as-a-rock Megan Fox on both "Transformers" movies.

Bay himself remained relatively quiet on the subject matter himself, but others on set again spoke out to defend him. "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" will be released on June 29.

SOURCE: YAHOO MOVIES

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Saving Private Ryan on ZStudio at 12:00pm
Genre: Action/
Drama
Cast: Tom Hanks, Matt Damon

Ghure Darao Bangladesh On BANGLAVISION at 11:25pm
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Singer: Ibrar Tipu, Porshis

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