

ROSY SIDDIQUI @DS CAFÉ

Veteran actress Rosy Siddiqui's career in TV has spanned over two decades, while she also has a 23-year strong experience in theatre. Her talents have also been proven on the silver screen. The star recently came to DS Café and chatted with her admirers over telephone.

Rony, Dhaka: What dramas are you working on at the moment?

Rosy: I'm working on several serials. Desh TV is airing "Radio Chocolate", ATN Bangla is showing "DB", while several more are also ongoing on different channels.

Shimu, Savar: You've also worked in movies?

Rosy: I was in 4 or 5 movies. My debut was in "Padma Nadir Majhi", while I also did an out and out commercial film, titled "Love Story". I worked in the film "Common Gender", and my last film was "Chorabali".

Rani: Do you plan to become regular on films?

Rosy: I would have been more regular in films if I felt that the overall ambiance in the film industry suits me. A memorable film role immortalises an actor. If the film has a good plot, why won't I be interested?

Nupur, Rajshahi: Which of your talents remain secret to us?

Rosy: I love to write; I often write poems. I'm also a good cook.



Lonny, Dhaka: Which is tougher -- TV dramas or films?

Rosy: Both mediums require a great deal of work. So, I share the same amount of passion for both TV and cinema.

Rubel, Dhaka: Which was your first performance?

Rosy: "Shaat Ghater Kanakori" -- a stage play directed by Professor Momotazuddin.

Kamal, Gazipur: When did you marry Shahiduzzaman Selim?

Rosy: December, 1993.

Montu, Dhaka: How many kids do you have?

Rosy: I have two daughters.

Shafiq, Tangail: Who is your favourite actor?

Rosy: It's very hard to say. I have many favourites, so I can't single out anyone.

Towhid, Comilla: The Bangladeshi channels are not aired in India. What's your opinion on this issue?

Rosy: I cannot accept the fact that our channels are not telecast across the border in India. There must be a solution to this problem.

Shanto, Rangpur: Tell us something about your husband, the popular actor Shahiduzzaman Selim.

Rosy: To say in brief, Selim is a tested

and established actor. He does his works with great concentration and leaves no room for error. Personally, Selim leads an honest life.

The Daily Star: Tell us something about your new stage play.

Rosy: The drama is titled "Ponchonari". I play five different characters in the production. It has already proven popular among the theatre enthusiasts. I've received much praise for my performance. My true passion lies on the stage.

Khokon, Dhaka: How do you spend your leisure hours?

Rosy: I hardly get any free time. I'm always busy with my family. But when there is a long vacation, my family and I usually go abroad.

Nabil, Rajshahi: Do you plan to do something for your country?

Rosy: I always want to serve my country. I would certainly contribute if I get the chance.

Runu, Dhaka: What do you consider to be the worst aspect of Dhaka?

Rosy: The traffic gridlock. It's a painful experience, and we all wish for it to be fixed. We want a Dhaka free of traffic jams.

Nihar, Mymensingh: Which drama was your turning point?

Rosy: "Jonmobhumi". After working in that serial, people started calling me Bijlee. Wherever I went, people would say, "Look, there goes Bijlee".

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Nityananda Gaine's printmaking show at Alliance Française de Dhaka

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Titled "From the Station", a printmaking exhibition featuring works of promising printmaker Nityananda Gaine, is now on at La Galerie de l'Alliance Française de Dhaka in Dhanmondi.

The exhibition was inaugurated on March 1. Eminent artist Mahmudul Haque inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Professor Abul Barq Alvi, dean, the Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), University of Dhaka; Anisuzzaman, Assistant Professor, Printmaking Department, FFA, were present as guests.

A total of 32 prints are on display at the exhibition.

Nityananda is a young Bangladeshi printmaker who has lived and worked in Kolkata.

He feels that an artist's expression relates to objects and places according to his/her mental and physical states. He tries to depict chapters of the eternal human journey.

Nityananda has successfully completed his BFA degree with a first class first position from the Department of Printmaking, FFA. Later he went to Rabindra Bharati University (India) for an MFA with a scholarship. He won the Chancellor's Gold Medal for holding the first class first position from the Department of Printmaking and first position in the Faculty of Visual Arts. During his stay in India, he received Haren Das Memorial Award for best printmaking at the 76th All India Annual Arts Exhibition. He has participated in many group art exhibitions, camps and workshops both at home and abroad.

The exhibition will continue till March 14.



Guests at the art exhibition.

Film studios target 'pirate' mobile apps

Film studios are starting to target mobile applications that use copyrighted images and film clips without permission.

All the big five movie studios have told Google to remove Android apps that "pirate" content, reports Reuters. The rogue apps were taking images and clips from films such as The Hobbit as well as popular TV shows like Glee.

About 90% of Oscar-related apps use material that may not have been properly authorised, a survey suggests.

Brand monitoring firm IP Lasso's study of 100 Oscar-themed apps found 90 made use of material they might not have licenses to reproduce.

Reggie Pierce, head of IP Lasso -

said film studios were "actively

monitoring" app stores for pro-

grams that did not have licenses or

permission for the movie and TV

show images or clips they use.

A spokesman for the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), which represents film studios, told the news agency that apps for smartphones were a "growing problem" that needed to be addressed.

Most recently, action was taken against an Android app called Hobbit 3D Wallpaper HD that let people use stills from the film as a background screen on their handset. Google removed the app soon after being notified about its unlicensed use of images.

In the past, film studios have

pursued Google, Apple and others over apps that use content from

films such as Ted, Spiderman and

Green Lantern.

The MPAA spokesman said many apps that pirated content were

malicious in other ways.

"They also pose risks to consumers from malware and often fail to provide viewers with the quality product they could often get through a growing number of legitimate sources," said the spokesman.

Ciaran Bradley, head of handset security at security firm Adaptive Mobile, said copyright infringement on phone apps was nothing new and had been seen since the days of ring tones and other extras.

However, he said, the MPAA risked overstating the threat posed by apps on official marketplaces.

SOURCE: BBC

Ekushey Book Fair in New York ends



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The Ekushey Book Fair in New York, organised at Jackson Heights by the Muktodhara Foundation, came to a close on February 28. The book fair featured a wide range of programmes, alongside launch of over a hundred books published in 2013.

The wave of Shahbagh protests also hit the fair, as renditions and recitations of 'Jagoroner Gaan O Kobita' (songs and poems of awakening) featured everyday at the fair. Solidarity was also expressed with the youth movement in Dhaka from the fair, while books on the Liberation War were among top favourites. However, Humayun Ahmed's last novel "Deyal" and Bishwajit Saha's "Humayun Ahmed-er Shesh Dinguli" (The last days of Humayun Ahmed) topped the selling list at the 10-day fair.

Among old publications, "Ekattorer Chithi" and the incomplete autobiography of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rhaman were the other top sellers, while the 2013 books -- Humayun Ahmed's "Hijibiji", Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal's "Black Hole-er Bachcha" also fared well with the bookworms of New York.

The book fair also featured seminars and discussions.

Muktodhara organisers were happy about the turn out at the fair, adding that parents' commitment in teaching their children Bangla was commendable.



Martin Freeman in a scene from "The Hobbit": Film studios say consumers are at risk from apps that use images and other material without permission.



BTV

12:35 Shukhi Paribar
06:10 Gitimala
08:40 Krishib Danishi
09:30 Drama Serial: Shonali Alo

Desh TV

03:00 Gaan R Gaan
06:30 World Music
09:45 Cinema Express
11:45 Shaja Kotha

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10:02 Bangla Feature Film
11:20 Business and Finance
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CHANNEL i

01:30 Hridoy-er Gaan
06:00 Jibon Jekhane Jemon
07:50 BBC Bangladesh
09:35 Handsome Ultimate Man

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08:45 Bangla Feature Film

RADIO

abc radio FM 89.2
03:25 Lala Classic
05:30 Kacha Laka
06:30 Mitha Kara
07:20 GP Launch
07:45 Megh Barata
08:10 Adda
09:30 Love Hour
11:10 Shabda Golpo Drum
Radio Foorti
07:30 Hello Dhaka

10:00 Morning Express
12:00 My Time
01:00 No Tension
04:00 Dhaka Calling
09:00 Night Rider
10:00 Back to Back Music
11:00 RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
12:00 Good Morning Dhaka
13:00 Today's Adda
14:00 U Turn
15:00 Today's Adda

16:00 Tobey Tai Hok

University
On Maasrange
Television at
09:20pm

Drama Serial
Cast: Raha,
Mehjabeen



The Frighteners

On HBO at 06:02pm
Genre: Comedy/
Horror
Cast: Michael J. Fox,
Trini Alvarado &
Peter Dobson

Pancho Premik

On ETV at 09:30pm

Drama Serial
Cast: Shohel Khan,
Siddique Rahman



BANGLAVISION

01:05 Bangla Feature Film
06:25 Front Line
08:15 Drama Serial: Ladies First

ETV

11:30 Ekushey-er Business
07:50 Music Station
09:30 Drama Serial: Pancho Premik

Fox Movies

10:10 Cine Hits
Boishakhi TV

10:45 Bangla Feature Film
04:00 Shorashor Doctor
08:00 Chhoto Bou
11:00 Reporters Dairy

HBO

02:05 Johnny English Reborn
04:08 Conan the Destroyer
06:02 The Frighteners
07:55 Cobra
09:30 Stomp the Yard

National Geographic

Channel
03:30 Super Cars Week
05:30 Big Cats
09:30 Dangerous Encounters
11:30 Taboo

Discovery Channel

02:30 Man vs. Wild
04:30 Man Woman Wild

Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA
08:40pm Jhulanta Babura
ntv
08:15pm Makrasha
08:30pm Metro Life
ETV
08:20pm Swakhi Durbal
Boishakhi TV
09:20pm Ognipoth
BANGLAVISION

09:40 Drama Serial: Sixteen Miles

Gtv

11:30 Bangla Feature Film
World of Glamour
09:35 Drama Serial: Mayajaal
11:05 Aponi Kichu Bolun

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Enough
07:00 The Woman in Black
Zombieland

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