

WHAT'S ON

Munier Chowdhury Theatre Festival
Organiser: Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall
Date: May 9-11
Time: 7pm

Musical Programme
In Memory of Bashir Ahmed
Venue: Music & Dance Centre, Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 11
Time: 6:30pm

CD Launch
Title: El Jyotsna'y Ekaki Dariye
Elocutionist: Kazi M Arif
Venue: Music and Dance auditorium, Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 13
Time: 6:30pm

Photography Exhibition
Title: Innate Identities
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi
Date: May 10-17
Time: 12-8pm

National Sculpture Exhibition
Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 11-20
Time: 11am-7pm & 3-8pm (on Friday)

MOTHER'S DAY

To make my momma proud

Actors who followed mother's footsteps

FAHMIM FERDOUS

The Indian film industry, for a few decades now, has been one of the biggest and most buzzing film industries in the world. Although actors being passed on over generations from a family tree has been a common phenomenon for even longer in the fraternity, it has more commonly been associated with the paternal side. However, a number of today's shining stars of the industry have had their mothers to look up to – and their genes carried forward, from their mothers who had made a name for themselves back in their time.

Suchitra Sen/Moon Moon Sen/Riya and Raima Sen

Suchitra Sen is a legend who requires no introduction. The first Indian actress to receive an International Award, she was an icon in every sense of the word. Although it was her films with Uttam Kumar that immortalized her, she left an indelible mark in Bollywood in the few films she starred in.

Although her daughter Moon Moon Sen never lived up to her mother's heights, she worked simultaneously in Hindi, Bangla, Tamil, Telegu, Marathi, Kannada and Malayalam films, and made a niche for herself in TV as well.

Moon Moon's two daughters, Raima and Riya, have both ventured into Indian cinema and found success. Raima made her debut in



(Clockwise from top left) Suchitra, and her descendants -- Moon Moon, Raima and Riya Sen; Sharmila Tagore with daughters Soha and Saba, son Saif and daughter-in-law Kareena; Aparna Sen with Konkona.

the critically-acclaimed "Godmother" alongside Shabana Azmi. Although more active in the Kolkata-based film circuit, she has also frequented Bollywood, and has been lauded for her roles in "Parineeta", "Chokher Bali" and "Baishe Shrabon". Riya, meanwhile, has had a string of commercially-successful films, although with-

out pulling much weight in terms of character. She is seen as a bold youth icon in India, and has occasionally lent support for social causes.

Sharmila Tagore/Saif and Soha Ali Khan

A distant relative of Rabindranath Tagore,

Sharmila Tagore began her career with no less than Satyajit Ray as director in "Opu'r Sangsar", and announced her presence in Bollywood with "Kashmir Ki Kali" opposite Shammi Kapoor, and went on to give innumerable brilliant performances. A national award-winning actress and a sex symbol of her time,

she became a great administrator later, leading the Indian Census Board from 2004-2011, was chosen as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and awarded the Padma Bhushan.

Her eldest son Saif Ali Khan ventured into Bollywood, and had Sharmila Tagore watching her back in "Aashiq Awara" (1993) where they first shared screen space, and Saif won the Filmfare Award for best male debut. After the success of "Main Khiladi Tu Anari", Saif never had to look back as he grew from strength to strength to be a leading man of Bollywood today, bagging a national award for "Hum Tum" and having every major award in the industry. His sister Soha, despite being a successful business professional, also took to the camera in 2004, and has since earned much critical acclaim for films like "Rang De Basanti", "Antar Mahal" (Bangla film), "Khoya Khoya Chand" and "99". She appeared with her mother on screen in "Life Goes On" (2009).

Aparna Sen/Konkona Sen Sharma

Born in a cultural family, Aparna Sen debuted on screen with the role of Mrinmoyee in Satyajit Ray's film adaptation of Tagore's "Samapti", and went on to work with the biggest names in Indian cinema, including Mrinal Sen, Soumitra Chatterjee and Uttam Kumar. But it was as director that she really flourished, winning the national award with her debut feature with "36, Chowringhee Lane", and went on to make "Paromita'r Ekdin", "Mr. & Mrs. Iyer" and many other films that bagged awards all across the world.

Her daughter Konkona Sen Sharma has established herself as a powerhouse in Indian arthouse cinema, while also setting a foothold in Bollywood commercial films. Her performance in "Mr. & Mrs. Iyer", "Page 3", "Omkara" and "Life in a Metro" has been received very well, including National Awards.

Celebrities share memories of mother

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

So the western import Mother's Day is on us again. Cynics are around aplenty, to debate the origins of a day designated to celebrate motherhood. The more sentimental ones cherish the day as an occasion to flood their mothers with flowers or little knick-knacks.

Our stars definitely belong to the latter category. Even if they aren't overly demonstrative, their mothers remain well-loved figures in their lives. Here's talking to some of them:

TISHA

A mother's love is beyond expression. You can only compare a mother with a mother. My mother is very helpful and has a wonderful personality. Although Mother's Day



is aimed at honouring and expressing love for one's mother, I love my mother every day of the year.

If there is such a thing as rebirth, I want to remain a part of my family and be my mother's daughter.

Finally, I wish all mothers good health on this Mother's Day, as their happiness gives me immense pleasure.

FERDOUS

The idea of celebrating Mother's



Day is a good one. My mother is always on my mind. I think of her at all my moments of despair.

I have many fond memories of my mother: be it in my school, college or university days. Nobody supported my decision to be a film actor but when "Hotath Brishti" became a blockbuster hit at home and abroad, my mom looked very happy. My mother wanted me to be a corporate. She, however, has no regrets about my



becoming a film artiste. My mother is very pleased that I am flooded with the love of my fans.

NIPUN

Words fail me when I conjure up my fond memories of my mother. Once both of us were scheduled to visit my sister in London, but I could not go due to my shooting schedules. A few days later, I visited UK and we crisscrossed the country.

My mother was a school-teacher. As she was a little hot-tempered, we were sometimes frightened of her. She always wanted us to be punctual but we used to keep playing and entered school much later after the bell rang for class. A month later, someone told her about our escapades, and we got a big scolding from her. Since then I have never lied to her.

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1. Peter Parker
2. Mary Parker
3. Richard Parker

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5. Nuzhat Jahanara, Tikatuli
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