

Nazrul Death Anniversary Programme
Organiser: Chhayanaut
Venue: Main Auditorium, Chhayanaut, Dhanmondi
Date: August 29



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: "Ode to Beauty" by Shama Shalom
Venue: Galerie Zoom, Alliance Francaise De Dhaka
Date: Aug 22-Sep 4
Time: 3-9pm



Photography Exhibition
Life and works of Tajuddin Ahmed
Venue: Gallery 21, Dhanmondi
Date: July 19-September 8



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: "Momentary History" by Niamul Bari
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: August 12-30
Time: 12-8pm



Photo Exhibition
Images of Caring Men
Venue: Dhaka Art Center
Date: August 23-28
Time: 3pm-8pm



NEWS bytes

Scorsese set for Shutter Island spin-off

Director Martin Scorsese is planning to make a TV spin-off of his film "Shutter Island".

The series, provisionally called "Ashecliffe", will be a prequel to the film, telling the story of the history of the isolated psychiatric hospital. Scorsese is likely to direct a pilot for HBO, although cast and filming details have yet to be fleshed out.

The 2010 movie "Shutter Island" starred Leonardo DiCaprio, Emily Mortimer and Mark Ruffalo.

The TV project, which The Hollywood Reporter said was in its early stages, could be Scorsese's first small screen venture since "Boardwalk Empire", for which he directed the pilot and is executive producer.

The Oscar-winning filmmaker has also been working on a rock music drama set in the 1970s, also for US channel HBO.

Dennis Lehane, who wrote the original Shutter Island novel and the film script, is expected to pen the screenplay for the new drama.

Source: BBC



MAKING UNIQUE CONNECTIONS

Dhaka Social Art Festival draws crowd

FAYZA HAQ

With the help of installations and pictures assimilated to depict the lives of the underprivileged, visiting South American artist Matijn Crowe recreated the lives of the common people of Dhaka. The installation work also included work of local artists with whom he had collaborated. Three months of work culminated in the exhibition from August 22-24 at the Dhaka Art Center. It was interesting to see the diverse perceptions of the subject by foreigners and local artists, said veteran artist Wakilur Rahman. For instance, Fehmida Urmi had used pale colours and Bangla script at the back of her work, themed on a protest against child marriage.

A steady wave of people was seen on the three days of the exhibition.

Artist Martijn Crowe initiated the project and creative director of the Factory Art Studio, Ronald Merkesteyn collaborated with him. They worked with over 50 organisations, local artists, school and college students, university professors, an orphanage to develop this project, with the aim of creating public awareness and social responsibility.

Crowe worked together with 25 Bangladeshi artists at Dhaka Art Centre -- painters, photographers, authors and graphic designers. The group worked with the question "What is your contribution to the world?" In the process they picked up a group of people to make a connection with. Trina, one of the participants, says "The process has brought me close to the Bangladeshi people. I walked past them every day; now I know about their

lives. The lives of the people we worked with changed, and I invite you to do the same: see them, and make connections."

The social issues of homosexuals, rickshaw drivers, elderly and the homeless, wandering musicians and bangle sellers were touched upon. These people were contacted, and they spoke out their thoughts. Through the course of the three months, their ideas and definitions changed, as did the people they worked with. From their experience, they created their art work.

The exhibition, in and around Dhaka Art Centre, was an interactive experience showcasing art, movies and performances based on the Gespius festival Crowe organised at Amsterdam, using the city as part of the exhibition.

Beyoncé reigns as queen of MTV Video Music awards

Beyoncé brought the house down at the MTV Video Music awards on August 24 with an epic, nearly 20-minute climactic performance. After a two-hour show featuring performances from artists including Taylor Swift, Usher, Maroon 5 and Nicky Minaj, Beyoncé was joined onstage by her beaming husband Jay Z and daughter Blue Ivy. The moment brought her to tears, after numerous rumours surrounding the state of her marriage.

Beyoncé sang and danced in a metallic leotard, declaring: "MTV, welcome to my world."

As she accepted the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard award at The Forum in

Inglewood, California, she kissed her daughter and husband, who called her the "greatest living entertainer".

"I'm so full. I have nothing to say but I am filled with so much gratitude," she told the cheering crowd as they chanted her name repeatedly.

Her performance easily outdid her competition throughout the night, though video of the year went to a teary Miley Cyrus, who let a homeless young man accept her award. It was in sharp contrast to last year's VMAs, when Cyrus made the headlines for her onstage 'twerking'.

"Thank y'all, my name is Jesse and I'm

accepting this award on behalf of the 1.6 million runaways and homeless youth in the United States who are starving, lost and scared for their lives right now. I know this because I am one of these people," he said, as Cyrus looked on.

Cyrus's decision to let someone else accept her award to promote a cause was reminiscent of Marlon Brando's 1973 Academy Awards best actor win, when he gave a Native American activist the stage.

Taylor Swift was a crowd favorite when she performed her new single "Shake It Off" in shimmering shorts and a crop top. She got to the top of the stage and, as her tuxedoed male background dancers stood

with their arms wide waiting for Swift to jump, said, "One second. I don't care if it's the VMAs. I'm not jumping off there."

Grande, who held hands with rapper Big Sean backstage, kicked off the show with a performance of her EDM hit "Break Free" in a Beyoncé-inspired leotard. The 21-year-old won best pop video for her smash single "Problem", but lost best female video to Katy Perry's hit "Dark Horse".

Perry sported a figure-hugging denim dress and was joined by Riff Raff in a co-ordinating outfit, mirroring Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears at the 2001 American Music awards.

The night featured a serious social message along with the performances. Rapper-actor Common held a moment of silence for Michael Brown, the unarmed 18-year-old who was fatally shot by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, before he presented the award for best hip-hop video.

"Hip-hop has always been about truth and has been a powerful instrument of social change, from Melle Mel to Public Enemy to Kendrick Lamar," Common said. "Hip-hop has always been presented a voice for the revolution."

Lorde won best rock video for "Royals" and Ed Sheeran won best male video for "Sing", beating out Pharrell, Eminem, John Legend and Sam Smith, who was a show highlight with his smouldering performance of "Stay With Me".

Among other major awards, best hip-hop video went to "Hold On (We Are Going Home)" by Drake ft. Majid Jordan, and best collaboration went to Beyoncé and Jay-Z for "Drunk In Love".

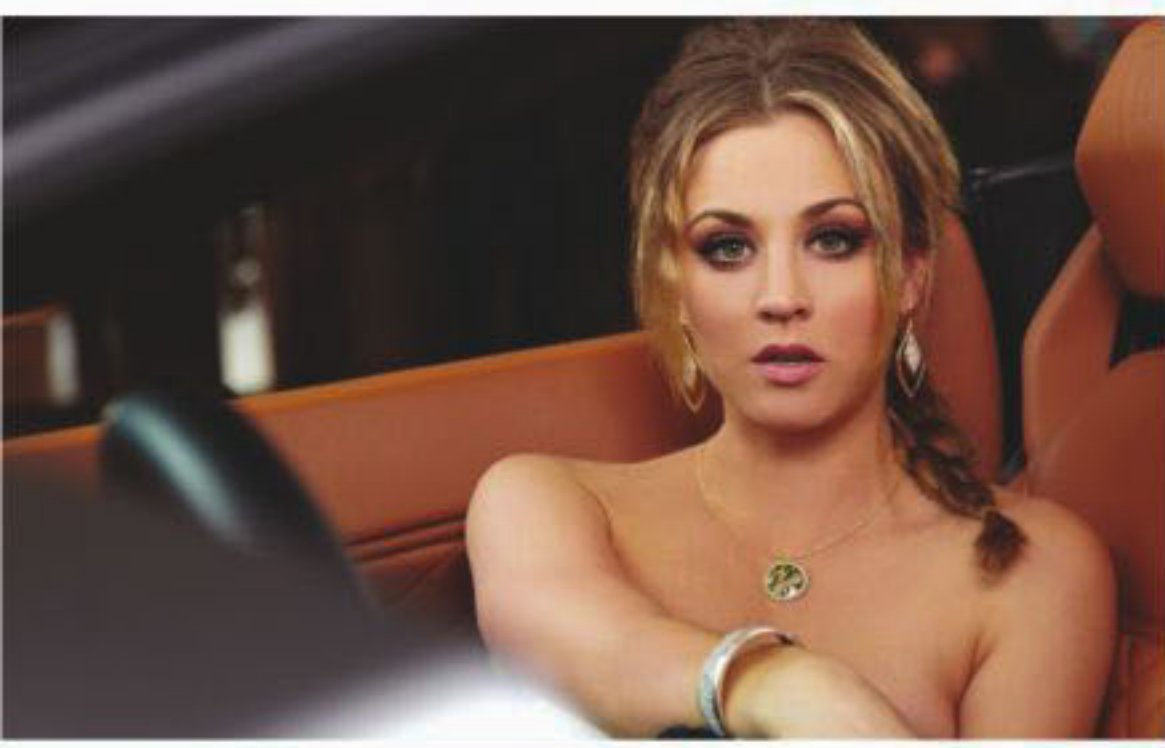
Source: Guardian



Jay-Z, Beyoncé and the adorable Blue Ivy on stage together produced one of the most memorable moments of VMA.

IT'S TRUE!

While working on the hit CBS sitcom "The Big Bang Theory", actress Kaley Cuoco privately dated co-star Johnny Galecki for roughly two years until December 2009, while their characters on the show - struggling actress Penny and practical physicist Leonard - were also dating. Cuoco later told CBS Watch that they have remained on good terms since ending their relationship.



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SM SULTAN

Utshab in Narail



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SM Sultan Uthsab-2014, a three-day festival on the legendary artist, began yesterday in Narail. SM Sultan Shishu Charu O Karukola Foundation, in association with Banglalink has arranged the festival.

The festival includes songs, dances, drama and discussion. Telecom operator Banglalink has been supporting the festival for the seventh consecutive year.

MP Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, was present at the opening ceremony as chief guest. Khondokar Ashik Iqbal, Senior Assistant Manager, (Marketing), Banglalink was also present. The event was presided over by Bimanesh Chandra Biswas, artist, Member Secretary, SM Sultan Shishu Charu O Karukola Foundation.

Sheikh Mohammed Sultan (1923-1994) is one of the legendary painters that Bangladesh has produced. He won the "Ekushey Padak" in 1982, Bangladesh "Charu Shilpi Sangsad" award in 1986 and the "Independence Award" in 1993.

TV WATCH

Khairul Anam Shakil on 'Tomaye Gaan Shonabo'



A CORRESPONDENT

Maasranga TV's weekly live musical programme "Tomaye Gaan Shonabo" will feature noted Nazrul Sangeet singer Khairul Anam Shakil in tonight's episode at 11pm. The artiste will perform songs of his choice and also take requests from the audience. He will also share his thoughts on music and his musical journey.

Kaushik Shankar Das will host the programme, produced by Saiful Islam.



Participants from Bangladesh at the MTV World Stage Contest at MTV World Stage Malaysia: Rafi Mohammad, Group Lead - AV and Production, Creinse Limited (L); Aftabuz Zaman Tridib, lead vocalist of rock band Mechanix (2-L) and Gerald Jerry Gomes (R), winner of Creinse-Radio Foorti MTV World Stage Contest pose for a photo at the festival. Tridib was selected to represent Bangladesh at the global event held recently, at Sunway Lagoon resort in Kuala Lumpur, while Gerald won it in a radio contest.