

WHAT'S ON

Theatre Festival

Title: BotTala Rongomela

Organiser: BotTala

Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy

Date: Oct 24-31

Time: 6:30pm



Art Exhibition

Title: Searching Myself

Artist: Monjur Rashid

Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

Date: Oct 21-Nov 3

Time: 12-8pm



4th Death Anniversary of Kalim Sarafi

Organiser: Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha

Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library, Shahbagh



Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Syed Hasan Mahmud

Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi

Date: Oct 24-Nov 15

Time: 12-8pm



Group Art Exhibition

The Dhaka Print Club Show

Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, Gulshan Avenue

Date: October 25- November 8

Time: 12pm-8pm



IT'S TRUE!

Photographs to knock your breath off

Unusual angles from "Out of the Box"

'Pipra Bidya' nominated for Silver Screen Award

It is a little known fact that artist, Quamrul Hassan was also extremely adept at the performing arts. Brotochari Nritya was not a typical dance form depicting joy, sorrow, or festive moods but rather a dance that carried a message for society. During colonial rule, young Quamrul, enlightened by the ideas of Guru Sodoy Dutta, initiated the Brotochari Andolon. He gathered a group of progressive young men and the seeds of nationalism were sown. It was amazing how social and cultural movements gained immense popularity in the simplistic art form and songs. The country watched as this movement gained momentum and inspired social awareness amongst people from all strata of society.

NEWS bytes

Mark Rylance to play BFG in Spielberg's film



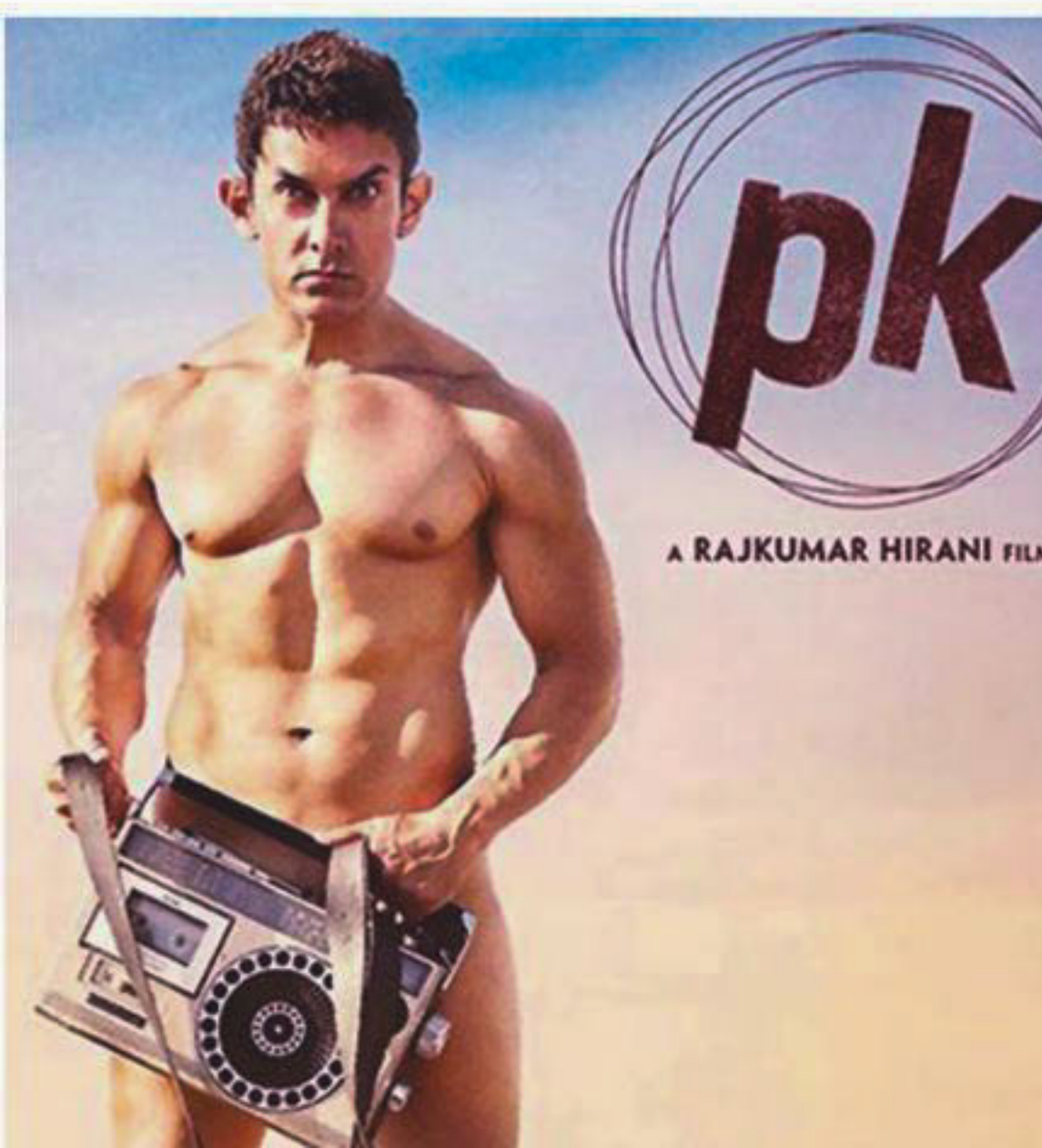
Mark Rylance will play the title role in The BFG, Steven Spielberg's film of Roald Dahl's much-loved children's book about a "Big Friendly Giant". The director said he was "excited and thrilled" that the "transformational actor will be making this journey with us to Giant Country". The Jurassic Park film-maker is currently working with Rylance on his new untitled Cold War spy thriller. Production on The BFG will begin in early 2015. The film will be released in July 2016 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth.

Source: BBC

Amir Khan had to eat over 1000 paans for PK

Aamir Khan will be seen in nine different avatars and during the course of the film, the actor had to eat over 1000 paans. "In real life paan is not a habit, I have it once in a while but for this film I chew paan for every scene. I would at times eat about 100 paans in a day. We had a paanwala on the sets," said Aamir Khan in a TOI report. Apparently, for every take, Aamir had to eat a fresh paan to fill his mouth, also before beginning the shoot Aamir would eat at least 10-15 paans to get the right colour inside his mouth and on his lips.

Source: TOI



Visitors at the exhibition.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Out of the Box", organised by "Through the Lens": Bangladesh, is an online group of amateur and seasoned photographers. It brings together people who have a passion for the camera. By arranging photo walks, discussions, informative threads and safari tours it has opened a world of opportunities for 5,000 members.

In the recent three-day "Out of the Box" exhibition at the Dhaka Art Centre was an exhibit "No Man's Land" by Sayenul Kabir, Mashiur Rashid, Kishwar Hasan, Anik Rahman and Kowshikur Rahman.

There was a photograph of a house with water flowing down its walls. A bearded man in cap and kurta looked towards a water body.

Hassan Shahriyar, a photographer

for "Independent" since 2009, explained one of his photographs, saying, "The broken bits on the wall give you the impression of a face. In the same way you get the eyes and nose of a human from a three-pin plug on the wall."

Rajesh had contributed the image of a coloured mug in a shop on the river way. The barber's shop was taken by Piyash while Anik took a picture of the Kamalapur Railway station food stall.

"No Existence" had a man's figure with the green reflection of coconut and mango trees. Then there was the visage of a young woman with a scattering of butterflies all over her. Also catching the eye was the image of a child peeping through a window.

In "There is More than Meets the Eye", was a photograph of a modern

day girl. In contrast, next to her is a girl in a black dress, with her head covered by a "Hijab".

Jessica Lia's "Inner Transformation of Self" depicted the ups and downs of womanhood. There was again the depiction of happiness of being a mother.

At one end of a room was the photograph of an ambulance full of balloons. This won the best prize as the ambulance was bursting with happiness instead of images of people in distress. There was the image of a seller of spun sweet which merge with "Kash Phul". This depicted childhood happiness and also won an award (General Category).

"It's a cat's life" by Enamul Kabir and Ziaul Haque brought in a cat curled up to sleep near a man's outstretched leg.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON



KUSHUM

On broad canvas

Drama serial in the pipeline

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A versatile Kushum Shikdar entered the media circuit after she stole the show at the Lux Anandodhara Beauty Contest. She debuted in television play "Biyer Angti" almost a decade ago. Kushum is also a singer and before making it on television she released a music album "Tumi Aaj Koto Durey".

Kushum, however, has taken to acting as her first love. She has appeared in numerous single-episode plays, telefilms and two films. The audience will now see Kushum in the drama serial "Keya".

Written and directed by Zahedul Karim, "Keya" focuses on a family thrown in a crisis. Keya is the central character in the drama serial.

Kushum said, "Drama serials offer a broader canvas for an actor. I hope the audience will appreciate the serial."

The serial will soon go on air on a TV channel.



Benedict Cumberbatch to Star in Marvel's 'Doctor Strange'

Benedict Cumberbatch is in talks to play the doctor-turned-sorcerer-supreme in the newest superhero film from Marvel that Scott Derrickson will direct.

The film has not yet been officially dated, but Marvel is said to be eyeing a 2016 release. Cumberbatch's role could be made official at a Marvel Studios presentation to media and fans at Disney's El Capitan Theater.

Cumberbatch would play Stephen Vincent Strange, a former neurosurgeon who becomes the next Sorcerer Supreme and primary protector of Earth against

magical and mystical threats. Marvel Comics vets Stan Lee and Steve Ditko co-created the character in 1963.

Marvel already has teased Strange in several films, including "Thor" and "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." The character fits in with the cinematic universe Marvel is building, with Strange having paired up with Thor and the Avengers, along with Spider-Man, the X-Men and the Fantastic Four to battle enemies in its comicbooks.

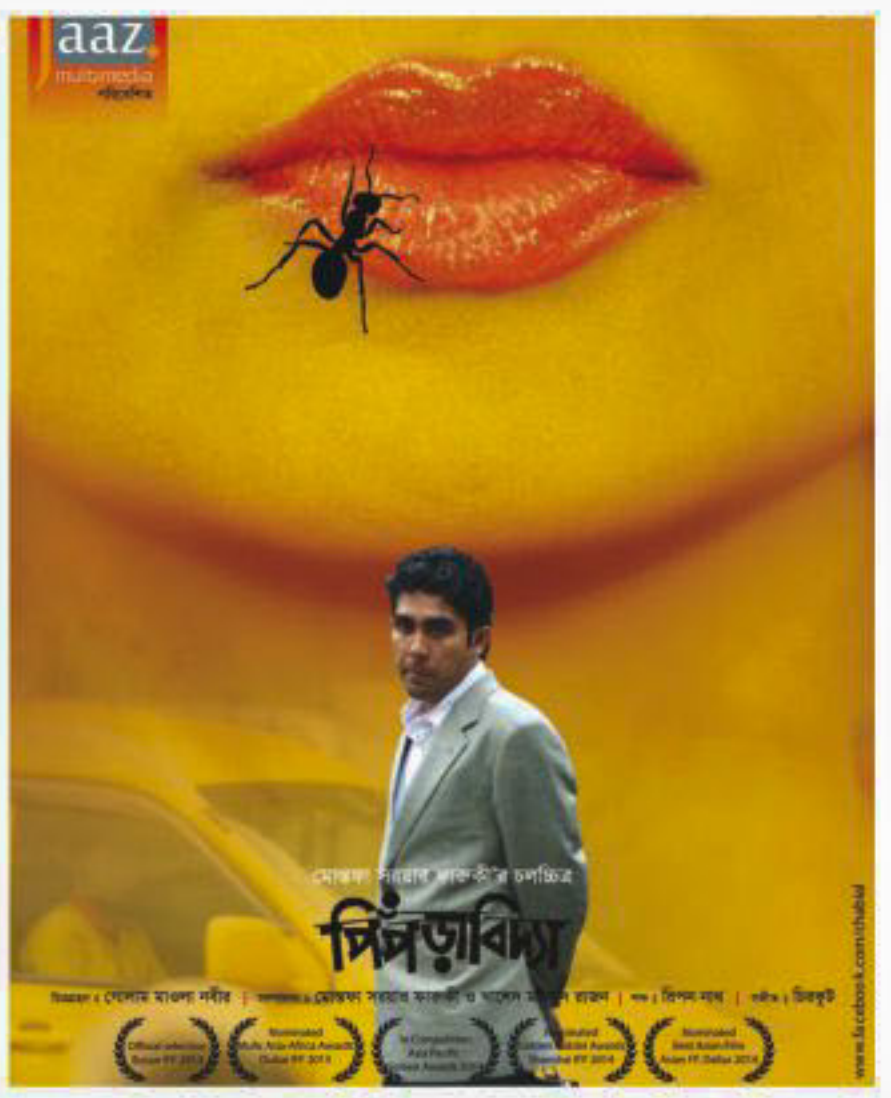
Source: Internet

A CORRESPONDENT

"Pipra Bidya"--the latest film by Mostofa Sarwar Farooki has been nominated for Silver Screen Award. Every year, approximately 10 best Asian movies get nomination for the award at the Singapore International Film Festival.

This year 11 movies have been selected from Korea, Japan, India, Taiwan, Philippine, Russia, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

The award giving function is scheduled to be held on December 13 at the closing ceremony of the festival. Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, Noor Imran Mithu and Faridur Reza Sagor will be participating at the award giving ceremony on December 11.



"Sufi Night" in Belgium

Farida Parveen and Fakir Tuntun Shah are show stoppers

Noted Lalon singer Farida Parveen and Baul Fakir Tuntun Shah captivated the audience at the "Sufi Night" on October 25 that was jointly organised by the Embassy of Bangladesh, Brussels and the Centre for Fine Arts, Belgium--BOZAR.

The ensemble comprised flutist Gazi Abdul Hakim, Debendra Nath Chatterjee (tabla), Delwar Hossain (dotara) and ASM Reza Babu (dhol).

Sufi musical troupes from Morocco, Turkey, Algeria and Senegal also participated in the event, says a press release.

The Ambassador of Bangladesh to

Belgium, Ismat Jahan spoke on the richness of Bangladeshi Baul music, which is comparable to the genre of Sufi music.

She added that art and culture transcend geographical boundaries and can create cultural link among people distanced by continents. The participation of Bangladesh in the "Sufi night" was therefore, important in bringing Bangladesh's cultural opulence to the Belgian audience.

The hour-long performance by Bangladeshi artistes was captivating. The large Bozar auditorium overflowed with a 1,500-strong audience.



Priyanka Chopra's cousin to debut in Bollywood

Priyanka Chopra's cousin, Mannara Chopra is set to make her Bollywood debut with Zid. Mannara, fondly known as Barbie Handa is entering the mainstream industry with the erotic psychological thriller that promises to spook the socks off audiences.

Producer Anubhav Sinha said, "While casting for the film we needed a fresh face

who had a great screen presence yet someone who could pull off this complex role and Mannara fit the bill perfectly."

The film directed by Vivek Agnihotri also casts Karanvir Sharma and will hit theatres on November 28.

Source: TOI

