

**WHAT'S ON**

9th Annual Theatre Fest  
Organiser: Dept of Theatre and Performance Studies, DU  
Venue: TSC  
Date: Dec 1-12  
Time: 6:30pm

৯ম থিয়েটার ফেস্ট  
আয়োজক: থিয়েটার ও প্রদর্শন বিভাগ, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়  
স্থান: টিএসসি  
তারিখ: ১-১২ ডিসেম্বর  
সময়: ৬:৩০ পূর্বাহ্ন

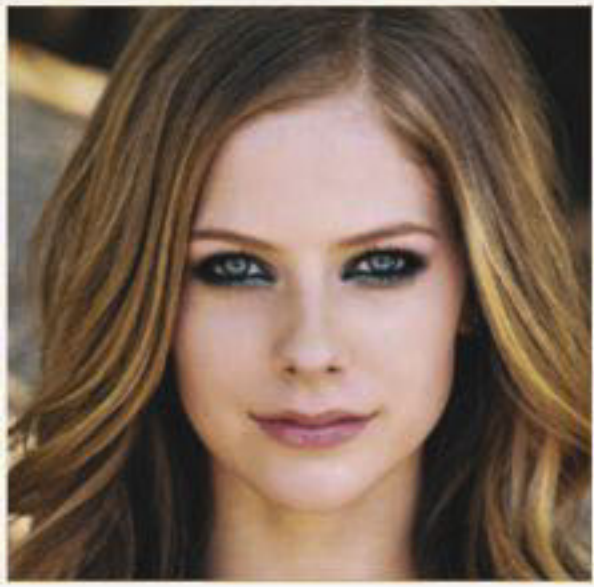
Solo Art Exhibition  
Artist: Proshanta Karmakar  
Buddha  
Venue: Café Mango Gallery,  
H-3/A, Rd-72, Gulshan  
Date: Nov 14-Jan 14  
Time: 10am-10pm

Dance Drama  
Bandi-Bandar Roopkotha  
Srishti Cultural Centre  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: Dec 5 and 6  
Time: 6:30pm

16th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh  
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: December 1-31  
Time: 11am to 8pm except Fridays (3-8pm)

Solo Painting Exhibition  
Title: Life is Here  
Artist: Kanak Champa Chakma  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60, Gulshan Avenue, Circle 1  
Date: Nov 15-Dec 6  
Time: 12pm-8pm

IT'S TRUE!



Canadian singer-songwriter Avril Lavigne has taken interest in appearing on television and in feature films. Her first television appearance was in a 2002 episode of "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch", performing "Sk8er Boi" with her band in a nightclub. She later made a cameo appearance in the 2004 film "Going the Distance". Lavigne's feature film debut was voicing an animated character in the 2006 film "Over the Hedge", based on the comic strip of the same name.

Pt. Ajoy Chakrabarty opens musical lessons to Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty is one of the most revered names of Indian Classical Music today. With his demonstrative performances and a rare control over three octaves, he is considered one of the masters of the current times. But beyond that, Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty is a highly-regarded teacher, with his school – Shrutinandan – in operation for over 20 years. The maestro has now decided to spread his teachings to a wider audience – particularly to Bangladesh as he has always wanted to contribute to the music scene of his forefathers – who were from Mymensingh. He spoke to The Daily Star during his recent visit to Dhaka for the Bengal Classical Music Festival.

"I am holding online classes through live streaming, very professionally where over a hundred students students from 14 countries are already learning. But in Bangladesh there is so much talent, and they are so keen to learn, whenever I come here they ask me how they can get lessons from me. So I feel obliged to



PHOTO: STAR

extend this to Bangladesh, because I feel a responsibility to contribute to the betterment of music here. I have assimilated curriculums and teaching methods from all over this subcontinent – and the designed the Shrutinandan concept -- and I am grateful to the Almighty for it.

"Bengal Parampara Sangeetalay has started a great school here, and I believe it will play a big role in devel-

opment of classical music here. My project is not in any way to conflict that. Parampara is for selective students of high aptitude, while my classes are open for all, and I am sure there are many talented artistes who I would be very glad to guide.

"To enroll, applicants can go to ajoychakrabarty.com and enroll via email through mfasonline@gmail.com. Classes are

held twice a month, on Saturday mornings. I decide on which Saturdays of the month it will be and my online team regularly updates the students. The first class is at 7:30-8:30am – for voice training, voice culture and discipline of Indian Classical Music, and the second class is from 9-10am on advanced Raga Music. I am also opening another class in January for Bangla songs, which will be a half-hour class. During the class, the students can ask me any questions they want and interact, but most importantly, the class is uploaded on the site until the next class, so they can view it as many times they want, and do their reyez with me. They can also sound clip of their reyez for my feedback. On regular intervals, I can also conduct live video conferencing sessions with my students who need it, for a one-to-one session. Fees are just 400 Indian Rupees per class. I do not do it to earn money; I consider it a service."

Specific registration and other details for Bangladeshi students for the online course of Shrutinandan are expected to be finalised by the second week of this month.

Mosharraf pairs up with wife on-screen for "Khuda"

A CORRESPONDENT

Following the footsteps of her immensely successful TV actor husband Mosharraf Karim, Jui is now getting busy with shooting schedules. The couple recently paired up on-screen for a single-episode TV play "Khuda".

Directed by Alamgir Ruman, the play was shot at different corners of Dhaka.

"The plot is very strong. In family life, we have to act every day. Ultimately, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with my wife in the project", Mosharraf Karim told The Daily Star.

"It was a fantastic experience to work with Mosharraf in the play," said Jui.

As an on-screen couple, their first drama was "Similar Two". Then, the duo paired for another one hour TV drama named "Props".



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NEWS bytes

Coldplay Working on 'Final' album

Coldplay is at work on their seventh studio album, frontman Chris Martin revealed Thursday, and it will likely be their last.

The set is tentatively called "A Head Full of Dreams", Martin said on BBC Radio 1's Zane Lowe, celebrating the band's Ghost Stories track "Magic" being named the "hottest record of the year."

"It's our seventh thing, and the way we look at it, it's like the last Harry Potter



book or something like that," Martin said. "Not to say that there might not be another thing one day, but this is the completion of something." He added, "I have to think of it as the final thing we're doing. Otherwise we wouldn't put everything into it."

Martin also said the band will tour after the album's release, something they did not do for "Ghost Stories".

Source: Billboard

Swiss Film Fest in Dhaka



The Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh, in cooperation with the Goethe Institut Dhaka, is organising a Swiss Film Festival on December 7-9 in the capital. Three Swiss films -- will be screened at the Berlin Hall Goethe Institut Auditorium in Dhanmondi during the three-day festival, says a press release.

The opening film of the festival, "Die Schwarzen Brüder" ("The Black Brothers"), set in the 19th century backdrop, tells an adventurous story of the young chimney sweepers in Italy and their spectacular escape back to Switzerland. The second film of the festival- "More than Honey"- is an internationally acclaimed Swiss documentary film that raises the question whether we should be worried about the apparent disappearance of the bees. Seeking answers, the film embarks on a journey to meet with people whose lives depend on bees. The film was nominated for Academy Awards under Best Foreign Language Film category. The last film of the festival, "Der Verdingbub" ("The Foster Boy") depicts the difficult life of an orphan boy in his foster house, where he is treated badly, and his emotional journey.

All the films are in German language with English subtitles. The film festival is open for all; no entry pass is required.

A CORRESPONDENT

Digital Content Launching of upcoming film "Zero Degree" by Animesh Aich was held at Hotel Sonargaon on Thursday.

Members of the "Zero Degree" team, including its director and performers Animesh Aich, Mahfuz Ahmed, Jaya Ahsan, Samina Chowdhury, Prince Mahmud, Nancy, Moumita, Jaib and Shoyeb were present at the event marking the occasion. The programme was conducted by model-actress Nowshin.

Sharing his working experience of the project, producer and actor Mahfuzsaid "It's in no way a television drama; fairly, we have given out our best to make it a total movie".

Digital content of "Zero Degree" launched



Guests at the event.

Jaya said "At times it felt like I am doing something I have never done before in my life. It's not something we see everyday coming out of the run-of-the-mill film. It is, indeed, something out of the box."

Director Animesh Aich, also the

songwriter of two of the tracks in his film, called for a change to be brought out in the film context of Bangladesh. The trend has already begun, he said.

The six tracks in the film have been sung by James, Samina

Next Bond film to be titled "Spectre"



Lea Seydoux (L) and Monica Bellucci pose with Craig at the ceremony.

nemesis Ernst Stavro Blofeld. Spectre - Special Executive for Counter-intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion - was the name of an international crime syndicate whose 'Number One' was Blofeld himself.

The organisation featured in the Bond films of the 1960s and was part of a legal tussle with a rival film producer that was recently resolved

after many years.

Thursday's event also saw the unveiling of the Aston Martin DB10 which Bond will be driving in his latest screen adventure. The car manufacturer had had a long association with the James Bond series, starting with "Goldfinger" in 1964.

Returning cast members Ralph Fiennes (M), Naomie Harris

(Moneypenny), Ben Whishaw (Q) and Rory Kinnear (Tanner) were also presented before the world's media, alongside Craig himself.

Craig, 46, first played Ian Fleming's legendary secret agent in 2006's "Casino Royale", then in 2008's "Quantum of Solace" and 2012's "Skyfall".

"We've got an amazing cast and, I think, a better script than we had last time," Craig told the BBC. But he refused to confirm Waltz would be playing Blofeld in the film, saying people would have to "wait and see."

According to the film studio, the plot will see "a cryptic message from Bond's past send him on a trail to uncover a sinister organisation."

"Skyfall" was the highest grossing film of all time in the UK and made more than \$1.1bn at the worldwide box office. The film also picked up two Oscars: one for singer Adele's title track, and another for sound editing.

Source: BBC

Alia Bhatt teams up with Shahid and Ranbir

Having worked with most of the popular actors from her generation, Alia Bhatt has now moved on to the next generation of actors. In her next two releases to be directed by Vikas Bahl and Ayan Mukerji, Alia is paired with Shahid Kapoor and Ranbir Kapoor, respectively.

Alia Bhatt happily admitted to being part of Ayan Mukerji's next film starring Ranbir Kapoor who has featured in the directors two other films: "Wake Up, Sid" and "Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani".

Alia said, "I had three releases in 2014 and I'm shooting for one film 'Shandaar'. Besides this, the only project I am officially part of is the film directed by Ayan Mukerji with Ranbir Kapoor in the lead."

Alia shot in the lead roles of "Shandaar" with Shahid Kapoor.

Source: Indian Express

CPJA's photography exhibition concludes

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

A three-day international photography exhibition titled "My Soil My Soul" showcasing images of photo-journalists from Chittagong, concluded at Zainul Abedin Art Gallery of District Shilpakala Academy in the port city recently.

Chittagong Photo Journalist Association (CPJA) organised the exhibition. The event was the first International Exhibition of CPJA, which will later travel to Kathmandu, Nepal, Kolkata, India and Dhaka.

Forty-four splendid images of 22 photojournalists, all of them members of CPJA, were on display at the

exhibition, highlighting the customs and rituals of both mainstream and tribal people.

Indian Assistant High Commissioner to Chittagong Somnath Halder inaugurated the exhibition as the chief guest. Appreciating the organisers, he said, "An image of today, later, can be a part of history".



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