

WHAT'S ON

Theatre
Play: Jamuna
Troupe: Theatre Folks, UK
Venue: Studio Theatre Shall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: Jan 11-12; Time: 7pm



SD Burman Music Festival
Organiser: Bohnishikha
Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium
Date: Jan 13-14; Time: 6pm



Classical Concert
Raaga & Rhythm
Organiser: Peshkar Cultural Forum
Venue: Chhayanaut
Date: Jan 16; Time: 6:30pm



Art Exhibition
Alluvial Return
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: Jan 4-16; Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Jamal Ahmed
Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, AJ Heights, Cha 72/1/D, Progoti Shorani, Uttar Badda
Date: Jan 9-31
Time: 10am-8pm (Closed on Mondays)



NEWS bytes

GoT to return from April 12



HBO fantasy drama series "Game of Thrones" will return to Sky Atlantic on Monday April 13, while it will be screened a day earlier on the 12th in the US. The news was announced on the Game of Thrones' official Twitter feed to its 2.15 million followers.

Alongside a promo picture for the upcoming series the tweet read: "Send a raven and spread the word." Last month, fans were given a sneak peek of Season 5, when a new trailer was released.

Shown as part of HBO's upcoming dramas for 2015, the four-second clip shows a few of the programme's main characters, including Cersei Lannister, Jon Snow and Arya Stark.

Meanwhile, a new GoT exhibition is heading to London, Stockholm, Tel Aviv, Madrid, Berlin, Amsterdam and Paris in February, with more locations to be added according to demand.

The event will feature some 70 original artifacts from the set, as well as dropping a few spoilers on what is to come in season five.

Source: **Internet**

IT'S TRUE!



US rock musician-singer-songwriter Jon Bon Jovi is a credited actor in the movies "Moonlight and Valentino", "The Leading Man", "Destination Anywhere", "Homegrown", "Little City", "No Looking Back", "Row Your Boat", "Vampires Los Muertos", "U-571", "Cry Wolf", "National Lampoon's Pucked", and "New Year's Eve". His TV series appearances include "Sex and the City", "30 Rock", "Las Vegas", "The West Wing" and an extended stint on "Ally McBeal". He also had a brief, uncredited role in the 1990 film "Young Guns II".



Chashi Nazrul Islam IN LOVING MEMORY

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Chashi Nazrul Islam, a stalwart of Bangla film, passed away on Sunday at the age of 73. He was suffering from cancer. Four of the leading ladies of Dhaka film industry who he worked with, shared their memories of the filmmaker.



Kobori: He was a towering figure in the realm of Bangladeshi film, and one of the best film directors the industry ever had. I had a good relationship with him; we were emotionally attached. While I foreshadowed his demise since his physical condition was gradually deteriorating, it still feels like a sudden blow.

I think the government could have done more for him; at least could have sent him abroad for a better treatment. I pray for the salvation of his soul.



Anowara: I first met Chashi Nazrul Islam when I was a young actress who had just begun working in cinema. We had a very good family relation, and we maintained that throughout. He was one of the best directors I have worked with. I played Chandramukhi in his "Devdas", and everyone appreciated my role. Chashi bhai was behind my success.

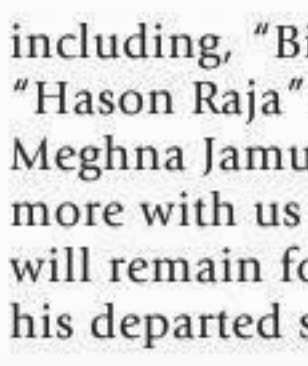
He was an outstanding director who had the power to make the best out of his actors. I also



worked under his direction in "Shubhoda".

Bobita: The news of Chashi Nazrul Islam's death hurts me. A filmmaker like him rarely comes in our film industry.

But I think above all, he was a good human being, and a man of great stature. I started working with him when I just stepped into this arena. When I began my production house, I wanted him as director. We have countless memories. I worked in many of his films



including, "Biroho Betha", "Hason Raja" and "Padma Meghna Jamuna". He is no more with us but his memories will remain forever. I pray for his departed soul.

Mousumi: He was one of the few people who enriched our film industry. I was fortunate that I got to work under his direction. He selected me to play Chandramukhi in his second adaptation of "Devdas". He was a very good human being, and an amazing filmmaker.

Sufi Music Fest in Dhaka this month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Blues Communications will organise a three-day (January 27-29) International Sufi Music Festival 2015 at the Army Museum Ground, Bijoy Sharani, in the capital. Fifteen solo artistes and troupes from nine countries of the world will perform their distinctive patterns and styles of Sufi music at the festival. IFIC Bank is the title sponsor of the event.

Noted artistes Rob Fakir, Shafi Mondal and his troupe, Arnab and his troupe and Labik Kamal Gaurob and his troupe from Bangladesh will represent Bangladeshi mystic styles at the festival. Javed Ali, Munnawar Masoom and Arko Mukherjee from India and celebrated artiste Rahat Fateh Ali Khan from Pakistan will also perform at the festival.



A Danish music troupe Serenas will reflect their roots, faith, ethnicity and cultural upbringing in their music while Egyptian troupe Mawlawiyahh, led by singer Amer Eltony, will present Egyptian heritage, philosophy of Sufism and cultural identity at the festival.

A Brazilian young musicians' troupe Projeto Sarava will perform their original composi-

tions along with the interpretations of popular musical genres in Dhaka.

The Dhaka music lovers will also have the privilege to listen to indigenous African music as a Gujarati troupe named Sidi Goma will perform here. Sidis are a heterogeneous population of Indians of East African Origins who live in various regions throughout India. A Tunisian

troupe called Mechket will also perform in the festival. Sufi Music in Tunisia consists of both popular and ethnic elements.

Zik'r will offer mystical Flamenco Music -- a genre of Spanish folk music from Andalusia in southern Spain -- that includes singing, guitar playing, dance and handclaps.

"This is for the first time International Sufi Festival is going to be held in Bangladesh. It took us a long time to gear up for the festival. We visited several international music festivals to choose artistes for the Sufi Festival 2015," according to Farhadul Islam, CEO of Blues Communications.

Music lovers can collect festival tickets from Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi; Bengal Art Lounge, Gulshan-1 and Haritaki Café, Banani -- from January 14.

SSPG holds classical music conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi (SSPG) arranged its 46th Annual Classical Music Conference at the Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Dhaka. The three-day conference, featuring both classical vocal and instrumental music performances, concluded on January 10.

On the opening day, finance secretary of SSPG, Usha Rahman congratulated all the classical musicians of Bangladesh, and thanked everyone who helped SSPG throughout its journey of 50 years.

Dr. Jagodananda Roy started off the opening evening's (January 8) performance with a khayal, set on Raga Yaman followed by Swarnamoy Chakrabarty from Chittagong performing Raga Madhuvanti. Renowned vocalist Anil Kumar Saha beautifully performed a late night raga Jog. The evening came to an end with a solo sitar recital based on Raga Kedar by Ebadul Haque Shaikat.

On the second evening (January 9), Prasanta Kumar Das presented a solo tabla lahora. Singer Mohammad Shoyeb rendered Raga Lalit while noted vocalist Karim Shahabuddin sang a poignant Raga Darbari Kanada. Chhayanaut teacher Asit Dey wrapped up the night's performance with a khayal presentation, set on Raga Jaijaiwanti.

The concluding day's daylong programme featured a number of vocalists and instrumentalists. Tanjina Karim



Swaralipi started off the morning session by performing Raga Bhairav. Dr. Mintu Krishna Paul with his student Sadia Sharif Baishakhi performed dhrupad set on Raga Ashavari. Bishwajit Natta accompanied the performance on pakhawaj.

Arju Aktar Baby rendered Raga Ahir Bhairav while Shamim Zahir presented Raga Kirwani on sarod. Sunil Kumar Mondal melodically performed an evening Raga Patdweep. Latifun Julio offered a romantic Raga Madhuvanti, Dr. Fakir Shahidul Islam sang Raga Puria Kalyan and Shekhar Mondal wrapped up the conference with Raga Shudh Kalyan.

Goutam Sarker, Sajit Hossain, Sabuj Ahmed, Bishwajit Natta, Mir Naqibul Islam, Arun Chandra Das and Dipankar Aich accompanied the performances on tabla with Saikat Kanti Paul on nagma and Matiar Rahman on sarangi.

Besides the annual conference, the organisation holds a monthly programme on the last Thursday of every month at Bishwa Sahitya Kendra.

Rashid Haider accorded reception in Pabna



AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Prominent writer Rashid Haider, originally from Doharpara, Pabna was accorded a reception in the district headquarters for receiving the Ekushey Padak 2014. Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, Pabna organised the programme held at the Pabna Press Club auditorium on Thursday night.

President of the organisation Faridul Islam Khokon chaired the programme while Rashid Haider spoke as the chief guest. Among others, leading painter Hosne Jaman Hasu, seasoned journalist Ronesh Maitra, educationalist Professor Monwar Hossain Jahedi, theatre organiser Abul Kashem and Abdus Salam Tipu spoke on the occasion.

The speakers focused on the life and works of Haider, saying the people of the district were proud that he was from the region.

In turn, Haider expressed concern that Pabna, once the focal point of the progressive cultural movement, is slowly losing its cultural heritage.

I have an urge to direct again

... Farhan Akhtar

With lots of films and music tours lined up, 2015 promises to be busy for Farhan Akhtar. The actor who dons many hats -- director, producer, writer, musician -- said his 15 year-long journey in Bollywood is great.

"It feels great. So much has happened that to a certain extent, it doesn't feel like 15 years have passed. But it has been an exciting journey," said the actor. Farhan added that "I last directed in 2011, and the urge is on the rise. I have a feeling that sooner or later, I'll make something. Everyone has a take on what they'd like me to make, but first, I want to finish what's already on my plate."

Source: **Hindustan Times**



TV WATCH



Drama serial "Uttorpurush" will air tonight on Boishakhi Television at 8pm. Written by Naznin Hasan Chumki and directed by Jamal Uddin Jamil, the serial casts Sharmily Ahmed, Lutfar Rahman George, Chitralkha Guha, Hilloil, Nadia, Shamima Tushti nad others.