

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



Art Exhibition
Chronology
Artist: Kazi Rakib
Venue: Galleri Kaya
Date: Jan 17-30
Time: 11am-7:30pm



Classical Concert
Raaga & Rhythm
Organiser: Peshkar Cultural Forum
Venue: Chhayantop
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 Art Exhibition
In Motion
Artist: Bishwajit Goswami
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
Date: Jan 11-24
Time: 12-8pm



NEWS bytes

Woody Allen to create TV show



Director Woody Allen is to create his first ever television series. Amazon has commissioned the Oscar-winning filmmaker to write and direct a full season of an unnamed show for its Amazon Prime Instant Video service. "I don't know how I got into this," the "Annie Hall" and "Manhattan" director said in a statement. "I have no ideas and I'm not sure where to begin." The half-hour episodes will be available to Amazon Prime subscribers in the US, UK and Germany in 2016. Amazon won its first Golden Globes on Sunday for its dark comedy "Transparent", a show about a family dealing with a father who is transgender. Four more original Amazon series will make their debuts in 2015, including police drama " Bosch"; "Red Oaks", a comedy series set in the 1980s; and psychological drama "Hand of God". They will join the children's series "Wishenpoof!" and a second season of "Transparent".

Source: BBC

Stories of storytellers

Authors and publishers share experiences with readers



Writers and publishers had a lively session with the audience.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
On January 13, the audience present at the seminar room of Central Public Library enjoyed a lively storytelling session where eminent authors shared the stories behind the publication their first book. The session, "Prothom Boi Prokasher Golpo: Lekhok er, Prokashok er" was held as part of their ongoing Noboborsher Boimela that began on January 1 marking the beginning of the New Year. Multifaceted litterateur Syed Shamsul

Haq attended the session as the chief guest and shared the story behind the publication of his first book. Poet Nurul Huda presided over the programme, while Professor Mansur Musa and noted writer Anwara Syed Haq attended the event as special guests. Among other authors, Birprodas Barua, Ali Imam, Lutfar Rahman Riton, Ata Sarkar, Poet Minar Mansur and Poet Rahim Shah shared the story behind their book publishing. Aside from the authors, a number of publishers shared their stories behind

their becoming of book publishers. Among publishers, Syed Abdul Karim, Ismail Hossain Bokul, Lutfar Rahman Chowdhury, and Ashoke Roy Nandi told their tales behind book publishing. Meanwhile, at the Public Library premises, the two-week book fair was drawing to a close with a good number of bookworms gathering at the event. Eight reputed publication house of the country: Anupam, Nymphae, Kakoli, Ananya, Pratik, Prothoma, Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, and host Adorn Publishers took part in the book fair.

Poush mela and pitha utshab held

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Chittagong

To popularise the traditions of Bangladesh, a day-long Poush mela and pitha utshab was held at Jela Shilpakala Academy (JSA) premises in the port city on Sunday. Haatkhola and District Shilpakala Academy jointly organised the programme. Mahbulul Alam, President of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated the festival. A variety of pithas, like tal, bokul, narkel puli, ring pitha, bhapa, golap pitha, beni pitha, mung pakon, dudh chittoi, patisapta and more were sold at seven stalls all day long. Apart from the mouth-watering pithas, different kinds of winter clothes were also on display. People from all walks of life thronged the venue to get a taste of different varieties of pithas, an integral part of our winter, with the rhythm of folk dance and folk songs of Chittagong. Baul songs also accompanied the festival.



IT'S TRUE!



Colombian pop star Shakira wrote the song "Gypsy" for her eighth album "She Wolf" (2009), in which she drew from Indian and Middle-Eastern influences. The music video of the critically and commercially acclaimed song featured top tennis player Rafael Nadal as Shakira's love interest, and was also received well.

Boishommo to be screened at IGCC

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), Dhaka in association with Asian Paints and Marico Bangladesh, will screen the film "Boishommo" by Adam Dawla tomorrow at its Gulshan premises.

Dawla is an filmmaker and TV personality of Bangladesh. In the early 1980s, he was a member of the production team of German TV ZDF's famous crime series "Ein Fall für Zwei". He has also worked as a journalist and news anchor in different countries, says a press release.

"Boishommo" (Journey to the Heart) is the story of a 14-year-old rich and spoiled boy called Jaimy. His father is an industrialist who exports cooking pots to Europe. When Jaimy insults his father during a quarrel one day, the father gives the boy a cooking pot and asks him to sell it as a way to prove his own worth. Out in the open, Jaimy realizes how helpless he is in the streets of his own city. The reality he sees around himself is far from the reality he has known all his life as a rich boy.



"I'm not on Facebook" ...Toma Mirza

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Upcoming actress Toma Mirza has been on the move -- 11 of her movies have been released so far, even as more films are in the pipeline. Toma gave The Daily Star a peek into her busy life: You recently acted in the film "Nodijon". Tell us more about it.

Toma: The shooting and dubbing of the film are complete. The film, directed by Shahnewaz Kakoli, was shot in Kushtia where I worked with Pran Roy and Nirob. The movie has already been invited to various film festivals.

What is the USP of "Nodijon"?

Toma: "Nodijon" is a totally different kind of film. It is very tough to act in such movie without a sound knowledge of acting.

How challenging was it for you?

Toma: It was very challenging, as I had not worked in such a film earlier. The dialogues were in the local dialect of Kushtia, and I had to put in a great effort to learn the dialect before shooting for the movie. Moreover, we had to work in a rural setting.

You have also been appearing on the small screen?

Toma: I acted in TV plays occasionally. I appeared in the play "Atithi" with Mosharrarf Karim. Besides, I worked with film artist Samrat in a play directed by Nayak Raj Razzak. I also acted in a stage play.

How engaged are you on the social media?

Toma: Frankly, I'm not on Facebook. I used to, but I started avoiding the social network since it got hacked this one time.

What work have you been doing lately?

Toma: The film "Lovely", opposite Arifin Shuvo. It has a strong storyline. I hope the film will entertain audiences. Also, I recently signed up for the movie "Mission America", directed by Ashiqur Rahman. It will be shot in USA.

Aloke Sen to perform at Maati Ke Rang Festival



A CORRESPONDENT

On the invitation of the North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Government of India, noted Ghazal singer of Bangladesh Aloke Kumar Sen, accompanied by four musicians, is visiting Dimapur, Nagaland in India from January 14-18 to participate in the "Maati Ke Rang Festival" being organized by NEZCC, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Aloke Kumar Sen is a versatile classical vocalist and ghazal singer. He learnt classical and semi-classical music under Badal Kumar Pramanik and Anil Kumar Saha, and later under legendary Indian classical vocal maestro Ustad Rashid Khan and Pandit Tushar Dutta, a senior ITC-SRA scholar. He generally performs Khayal and Ghazals.

"Transformers" leads Razzies shortlist

The fourth entry in the "Transformers" franchise leads this year's Razzie nominations, which single out the worst movies of the last 12 months. "Transformers: Age of Extinction", which made more than \$1bn at the worldwide box office, has seven nominations including worst picture and screenplay. Director Michael Bay has also been nominated for a Razzie, which launched in 1980 as a spoof of the Oscars.



Kirk Cameron's "Saving Christmas" and "The Legend of Hercules" received six nods. They join action comedy "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" - another Michael Bay production - and Nicolas Cage's thriller "Left Behind" in the worst picture category. Other notable nominees include Cameron Diaz, who is cited for her roles in romantic comedies "The

Other Woman" and "Sex Tape" as well as worst supporting actress in the remake of "Annie". Seth MacFarlane, who hosted the Oscars in 2013, also has a number of nominations for his comic western, "A Million Ways to Die in the West". He joins Bay in the worst director category and is nominated for 'worst screen combo' with

Charlize Theron, who is also up for worst actress. MacFarlane is also in the running for worst actor alongside Kellan Lutz from "The Legend of Hercules", Cameron, Cage and Adam Sandler. Sandler is no stranger to the Razzies, having received 10 nominations for worst actor and won three times. A new category has also been launched to honour a past Razzie winner for a critically acclaimed role. Online voters will choose between Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Mike Myers, Keanu Reeves and Kristen Stewart for this year's 'redeemer' award. The winners of the spray-painted golden raspberry statues will be announced at a ceremony on the eve of the Academy awards in February.



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