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Moore says Alzheimer's role 'rewarding'



Actress Julianne Moore has said the most rewarding part of her role in "Still Alice" has been helping to raise awareness about Alzheimer's.

The actress has already won 17 awards for her role as a linguistics professor who battles with the disease, and is nominated for an Oscar and a Bafta.

The 54-year-old was speaking at a special screening of the film on Thursday in London, hosted by the Alzheimer's Society.

"It's been nice to hear from people that their experience was represented and they felt seen," she told the Press Association.

Moore is nominated for best actress at the Bafta awards at the Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden on Sunday. She is also considered the frontrunner to win the best actress Oscar in Hollywood on February 22. The actress has previously been Oscar-nominated four times but has never won.

Source: **BBC**

"I am not a typical astrology fan" ... Shakila Zafar

A CORRESPONDENT

Beauteous diva Shakila Zafar launched head-long into her successful singing career in BTV programme "Jodi Kichu Mone Na Koren" with her first song "Tare bolbo amar moner kotha" in 1983. There she performed an astrology-based song "Tula Rashir Meye", which fetched her instant fame.

The Daily Star spoke to Shakila about her career, and more.

Your first song was themed on astrology. Do you believe in it?

Shakila: I am not a typical astrology fan. Sometimes, when things go in line with an astrological prediction I believe in it, but not always.

What kind of work are you focusing on currently?

Shakila: I am very busy with my stage performances rather than recordings. Recently, I have done quite a few stage programmes abroad.

With your talent and glamour quotient, you could have chosen any other discipline in the media. Why only singing?

Shakila: I personally believe that everyone has innate abilities. I couldn't have been an actress, model or dancer; only a singer. Moreover, when I set out to learn music, I

never thought I would in fact make a career of it. It was the encouragement and support of my husband and in-laws that brought me where I am today. And of course the Almighty's blessing.

What, in your opinion, is one important, but often-overlooked attribute?

Shakila: I think physical fitness is a must. This applies across the board, whether one is an actor, singer or anyone. We must stick to healthy food instead of gorging on unhealthy food.

What is the secret of your lively performances?

Shakila: I always try to feel the pulse of the audience, and sing what they want to listen to. I regard audiences as my guests; I warmly welcome and interact with them. I also explain the lyrics of my songs and take care to get their reactions.

Any memorable story you'd like to share with readers?

Shakila: I had gone out for dinner with my aunt, when I came across noted singer Ferdousi Rahman. As usual, I hugged her and warmly appreciated her sari. Next morning, I received the sari as a gift from her. It was a very emotional moment for me. The sari is not a mere gift; it is a treasure for me and I will cherish this memory all my life.



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Rebeka Sultana to perform at IGCC

A CORRESPONDENT

Rebeka Sultana, a renowned Nazrul Sangeet singer, will perform at the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre at 6:30pm today.

"This performance will be dedicated to my mother. Tomorrow is her death anniversary. I will mostly sing all her favorites -- Nazrul Sangeet, old songs and patriotic songs, among others. My mother was an inspiration for me and my siblings", Rebeka Sultana told The Daily Star.

Rebeka Sultana's musical training was under Badrul Alam, Ramgopal Mohonto and Ustad Ful Mahammad. She gave her first public appearance at Khelaghar, and later acquired popularity on television with her immaculate performances.

Despite living abroad for a long time, she has been a sincere practitioner of Nazrul Sangeet. Even with organisational responsibilities as vice president of Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad and the President of Inner Will club, she does not take time off from singing.



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Three generations in "Meghey Dhaka Shohor"

A CORRESPONDENT

Dolly Zahur, Parveen Sultana Diti, Azmeri Haque Badhon and Urmila Srabonti Kar will share the television screen for the first time in a TV serial named "Meghey Dhaka Shohor", written by Rudra Mahfuz with the directorial lead of new comer Sakhwat Manik. The shooting of the serial began recently at Uttara and is soon to air on a television channel.



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Meryl Streep, widely regarded one of the best actresses of the modern era, originally applied to Law School but slept in on the morning of her interview and took it as a sign she was destined for other things. She went on to study at the Yale School of Drama, and made her first appearance in films with "Julia" (1977). Over the next four decades, she has won three Academy Awards (with 19 nominations, highest by any individual ever) and eight Golden Globes (27 nominations), in a whopping tally of 112 major awards.

Paintings through poets' eyes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Poetry and painting are somehow fundamentally connected. Both art forms often have a point of origin in a small epiphany, a fugitive intuition of significance --provide the artist/poet with the key or hinge which opens the hopeful box through strokes, lines and brush and metaphorical expression. Such is the inspiration of three poets-turned-painters and thus, their initiative named --paintings through poets' eye.

An art exhibition by three poet-cum-painters -- Dato Dr. Ahmad Kamal Abdullah (Malaysia), Germain Droogenbroodt (Belgium) and Aminur Rahman (Bangladesh) -- opened at Gallery Chitrak, Dhanmondi in Dhaka on February 5. Eminent artist Rafiqun Nabi attended the inaugural ceremony as chief guest while renowned Spain-based Bangladeshi artist Monirul Islam presided over the programme.

"According to Picasso, the children are the real artists as they are innocent in their artistic approach. They



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are bold in using colours. The artists' works are very simple in approach. They depicted nature, landscape and expressed their intuitive emotions through colours," said Monirul Islam.

Dato Dr. Ahmad Kamal Abdullah's portrayal of nature and landscape evoke serenity. He also depicted a self-portrait and type of inner restlessness while Germain Droogenbroodt's works are minimalistic in presentation. He attached his poems with the paintings. Aminur Rahman's abstract and semi-abstract paintings have bold brush

works with mature colour balance.

Following the inauguration of the exhibition, poets from several countries --Malaysia, Belgium and Bangladesh -- recited their own poems. Apart from the three featured poets, Bangladeshi poets Asad Chowdhury, Hayat Saif, Reaz Ahmad, Shelley Naz and Malaysian poets Professor Arbak Othman, Raja Rajeswari Seetha Raman, Lily Siti Multatuliana and Dr. Fazilah Husin, among others, recited their poems at the event.

Tisha busy ahead of Valentine's Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Celebrities are now passing hectic hours shooting TV plays ahead of the Valentine's Day. Tisha, a popular face on the small screen, recently worked in three dramas marking the day. The plays are "Brishti Bheja Bhalobasa" directed by Raton Dipon, "Tune of Love" of Emon Haque and "Tumi Acho Tumi Nei" of director Sokal Ahmed. She worked in the first two projects with Nisho and the other with Riaz.

"The audiences will see my different looks here. I have really enjoyed the roles," Tisha told The Daily Star.

Besides, two of her drama serials are being aired on two TV channels currently. Meanwhile, the talented artiste is now acting in the film "Mental" with Dhallywood heart-throb Shakib Khan.



Oscar-winning composer AR Rahman is recording music with Palestinian musical group Le Trio Joubran, for an upcoming film of noted Iranian director Majid Majidi.

Rahman posted a picture of himself with the musical trio and Majidi in the studio on Facebook. "Record-

ing in Paris with Le Trio Joubran for Majid Majidi's next," Rahman captioned the photo.

While the band wrote on their Facebook wall "Awesome collaboration with AR Rahman for Majid Majidi's next."

Rahman has composed music for a host of foreign movies like "Warriors

of Heaven and Earth", Oscar-winner "Slumdog Millionaire" and "127 Hours", among others.

Majidi is known for directing internationally acclaimed films like "Children of Heaven", "The Color of Paradise" and "Baran".

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