

WHAT'S ON

Amar Ekushey
Book Fair 2015
Venue: Bangla Academy
Premises, Dhaka
Date: February 1-28
Time: 3-8pm & 11am-8pm
(Fridays)

Group Painting
Exhibition
Title: The Paradoxical Now
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya
Date: Feb 10-23
Time: 12pm-8pm

THE PARADOXICAL NOW

Group Painting
Exhibition
Title: Taste of Light and Darkness
Venue: Alliance Française de
Dhaka
Time: 6pm
Date: Feb 7-22

Lecture and
Demonstration
Title: Understanding Classical
Dance: Bharat Natyam
Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts
Precinct
Date: Feb 10; Time: 6:30pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Light, Dark Space
Artist: Md. Tokon
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
Date: Jan 31-Feb 21
Time: 12-8pm

NEWS

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Johnny Depp and Amber Heard marry

Johnny Depp has married his fiancée, Amber Heard, in a small private ceremony in Los Angeles, it has been reported. The couple have been planning to marry since December 2013, with Depp confirming the engagement last March after he was seen wearing a new ring.

The wedding precedes a larger event to be held over the weekend on Depp's private island, Little Hall's Pond Cay in the Bahamas -- which has islands named after his two children, Lily-Rose and Jack. It is the second marriage for 51-year old Depp, who was married to make-up artist Lori Anne Allison from 1983 to 1985, before his 14-year relationship with the French singer Vanessa Paradis, which ended in 2012.

He met Heard on the set of "The Rum Diary" in 2011. It is a first marriage for Heard, who made headlines when she came out as bisexual in 2010.

Depp's movie "Mortdecai" is currently in cinemas -- although the film was little-loved by critics, it has maintained some box office traction.



Source: Guardian



PHOTO: STAR

Baicher Vladimir conducts theatre workshop

"Theatre does not deal with spoken words"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A seven-day theatre residency on acting and directing, arranged by Theatre and Performance Studies Department of Dhaka University, ended at the Natmondal on February 7 afternoon.

Cultural Minister Asaduzzaman Noor and Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Alexander A. Nikolaev attended the closing ceremony as distinguished guests among others.

Baicher Vladimir, Dean, Directing Department of Russian State University of Theatre Art, and Fedulova Anastasiya, a Moscow-based theatre producer conducted the workshop through the seven days. Students of the sixth and seventh semesters of the department took part in

the workshop.

The theatre residency focused on acting and directing, and students were given hands on training on different aspects of performance.

About the workshop Vladimir said, "It was a good experience. I gave lessons in two parts: in the first segment was training while in the second part we worked with the text of Chekhov's 'The Seagull'."

"I chose Chekhov because his is an international theatre language which is readable in every part of the world. And secondly I am representing my theatre, Chekhov Studio, which is based in Chekhov's state where he wrote 'The Seagull' and 40 other stories. Chekhov has a great impact on me.

Also I have carried out extensive research on his works," the theatre expert added.

Asked if he had seen any theatre production in Bangladesh, Vladimir said, "Not particularly. But I came across four productions and caught glimpses of them while I was walking across the four stages of Shilpakala Academy. I have the impression that theatre in Bangladesh is very special."

About the language of theatre Vladimir further said, "What is being spoken on the stage is not important to me. I try to understand the inner movements and intentions of the people and how they are communicating with each other. Theatre does not particularly deal with spoken words."

"Ghuri" marks return of Kanchan-Champa



A CORRESPONDENT

Ilias Kanchan and Champa are to star in a children's film for the first time. The film "Ghuri" is produced by Cinevision Bangladesh and written and directed by young filmmaker Zafar Firoze.

In the '80s, on screen couple Ilias Kanchan and Champa were very popular. Champa said, "I look forward to working with Kanchan again after a long time, but this time we won't be a romantic pair; we will play devoted parents. It feels good to be a part of a different story. Parents, I am sure will bring their children to movie halls to watch this film."

Ilias Kanchan said, "'Ghuri' depicts our responsibility to society, the uncertainties of life and how to overcome them; on the whole it has a unique script." The songs of the film were penned by Rezaur Rahman Rizvi and Zafar Firoze. The film also features Syed Hasan Imam, child actors Faria, Tabassum, Ahmed, Yasin, Piyan among others.



Gauguin painting becomes most expensive ever sold

A painting of two Tahitian girls by the French artist Paul Gauguin has been sold for \$300m, making it the most expensive work of art ever sold.

"Nafea Faa Ipoipo", or "When Will You Marry?", was painted in 1892 and had been owned by a Swiss collector. Unconfirmed reports suggest it was sold to a museum in Qatar.

The small oil-rich state paid the previous highest price for a painting, a work by Paul Cezanne which sold for a reported £158m.

Before its sale, the Gauguin artwork had been owned by Rudolf Staechelin, a collector from Basel.

For decades it had been on loan to the Kunstmuseum Basel but Staechelin decided to sell the painting after a disagreement with the museum, US



media report.

Staechelin told the New York Times he would not divulge the identity of the buyer.

It was not immediately clear where the sale had taken place. However the paper, which first reported the sale, quoted sources saying the painting had been sold to Qatari buyers. Officials in Qatar have not yet confirmed the purchase.

The sheikhdom's royal family has in recent years spent vast amounts of money on Western art.

Sheikh Saud bin Mohammed Al-Thani, a former minister of culture who died last year, lavished more than \$1bn of the country's money on artworks.

Source: BBC

Book lovers continue to throng the Amar Ekushey Boi Mela-2015 to grab their favourite books. Despite the less-than-favourable circumstances, the book fair is witnessing a large crowd every day. Sale of book is on the rise as the fair is gaining momentum with time.

PHOTO: STAR



Ranbir hopes to understand poetry

Bollywood star Ranbir Kapoor hopes that being in the company of poetry lovers Irshad Kamil and Imtiaz Ali, with whom he is working on in "Tamasha", helps him understand poetry.

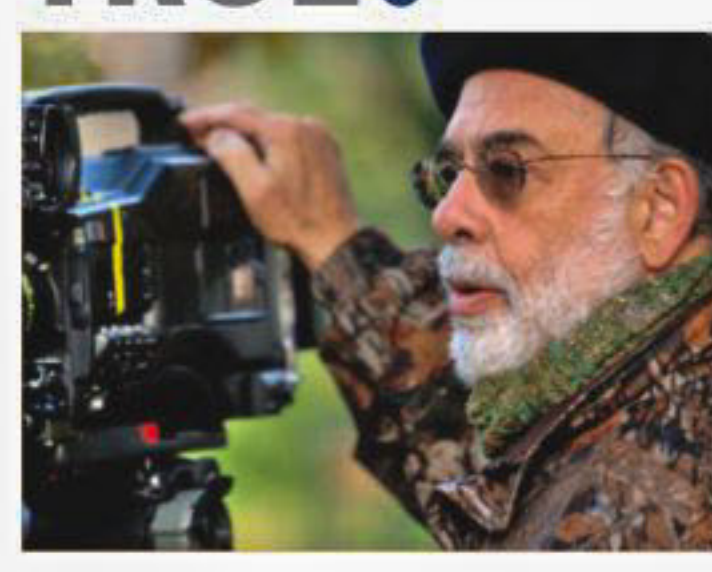
"It is something that you have to understand. It is not easy. 'Tamasha' has a lot to do with poetry. So I hope to understand it more," Ranbir said in an interview.

The actor added that he is spending time in the recording studio with lyricist Irshad Kamil and music maestro AR Rahman.

Ranbir launched Irshad's book on Friday. After "Rockstar", the trio has teamed up again for "Tamasha".

Source: Indian Express

IT'S TRUE!



Contracting polio as a boy, legendary film director Francis Ford Coppola was bedridden for large periods of his childhood, allowing him to indulge his imagination with homemade puppet theatre productions. Eager to be involved in film-craft, he created 8mm features edited from home movies with such titles as "The Rich Millionaire and The Lost Wallet". As a child, Coppola was a mediocre student, but he was so deeply interested in technology and engineering that his friends nicknamed him "Science".

MEHZABIEN pairs up with Riaz

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Mehzabien has worked with all the leading men on TV in her illustrious career on TV, but there was one showbiz veteran she had never had the chance to share the screen with. Riaz, once an authoritative name of the silver screen, has recently shifted his focus to television, and recently paired up with Mehzabien for a TV project.

"Shesh Prishtha'r Golpo", the single-episode drama featuring the duo, is written by Rayhan Khan and directed by Hridoy.

Talking to The Daily Star, Mehzabien was hearty in her praise of her co-artist: "He is a fantastic actor, and it has been a great experience. We have done some really good work, and I'm sure the audience will like it," she said.

Mehzabien further informed that it is TV projects that are keeping her busy, adding that she will work on new TVCs soon as well.

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