

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



Dance Drama
Badi Bandar Roopkatha
Troupe: Sriishi Cultural Centre
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: February 14
Time: 7pm



Group Painting
Exhibition
Title: The Paradoxical Now
Venue: Bengal Shilpalya
Date: Feb 10-23
Time: 12pm-8pm
THE PARADOXICAL NOW
Yasser Jahan Najar
Firoz Mahmud
Armanuzzaman Sait

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



Mati'r Mela
Sustainability Fair
Venue: Jatra Banani Outlet
Date: Feb 12-14
Time: 10am-9pm



TV WATCH



"Kache Ashar Sahoshi Golpo" on Banglavision

A CORRESPONDENT

Oral care brand Closeup is again bringing to screen outstanding love stories for the audience. Three TV plays, adapted from three "Kache Ashar Sahoshi Golpo" will air back to back tonight at 8:45pm on Banglavision.

Three love stories -- written by Rajlal Shaon, Hridita Islam and Mehreen Kabir -- have been adapted for screen by Shafayet Monsur Rana, Golam Kibria Faruki, and Imraul Rafat. Tahsan Khan, Jon Kabir, Nayem, Tisha, Jenny, Aparna and others are in the cast of the three plays.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Musings with Tahsan-Mithila

A CORRESPONDENT

It was music that connected two souls in one string; they fell in love, got married and now have a beautiful baby together. The story of multifaceted artistes Tahsan and Mithila is no less than a modern day fairytale. The couple opened up about their life, on and beyond work, to The Daily Star -- ahead of Valentine's Day.

How will you introduce each other to the world?

Tahsan: After knowing her for eleven years, I will introduce Mithila through the different shades of her persona. My love has changed as Mithila became my wife and changed again when she became the mother of my child. Every role carries a shade that is different from another, and my love grows stronger as that continues to evolve.

Mithila: Immersed deep in music, a simple and emotional human being. The best part is he is very calm and reserved person, who loves music and his parents.

What is the one thing about you two that most people don't know?

Tahsan: We mostly miss the opportunity to celebrate days like Valentine's Day just by the two of us. Therefore, we try to celebrate those days beforehand.

Mithila: He is a great partner in terms of mental support. However, I work a

little faster than him (smiles) as he goes about his work in a calm, composed manner.

What were the biggest ups and downs you've been through together in your relationship?

Tahsan: There are so many stories to share; maybe I would take time and share them on my autobiography!

Mithila: Mostly, the problems we have faced is because of me being an extrovert and him being an introvert -- which kind of sums up both the root of our problems, and their solutions.

Is there any treat for your fans on the occasion of Valentine's Day?

Tahsan: Two songs of mine will be released on the occasion. One is "Eshona" and the other one is a title track of a serial named "Couple". Plus I have worked in one of a TV play themed "Kache Ashar Golpo", and will participate in three concerts on Valentine's Day.

Mithila: I was occupied with other professional commitments so this Valentine's Day there won't be anything from my side, but I do hope audiences will enjoy Tahsan's works.



PHOTO: STAR

IT'S TRUE!



Eric Clapton received an acoustic Hoyer guitar, made in Germany, for his thirteenth birthday, but the inexpensive steel-stringed instrument was difficult to play and he briefly lost interest. Two years later, Clapton picked it up again and started playing consistently. Influenced by blues from an early age, he practised long hours to learn the chords by playing along to the records. He preserved his practice sessions using a portable reel-to-reel tape recorder, listening to them over and over until he felt he'd got it right. He eventually went on to become one of the most influential guitar players of all time, being the only musician to be inducted in the Rock 'n' Roll hall of Fame thrice -- as a solo artist, and with bands The Yardbirds and Cream.

NEWS bytes

Bautista grabs another villain role

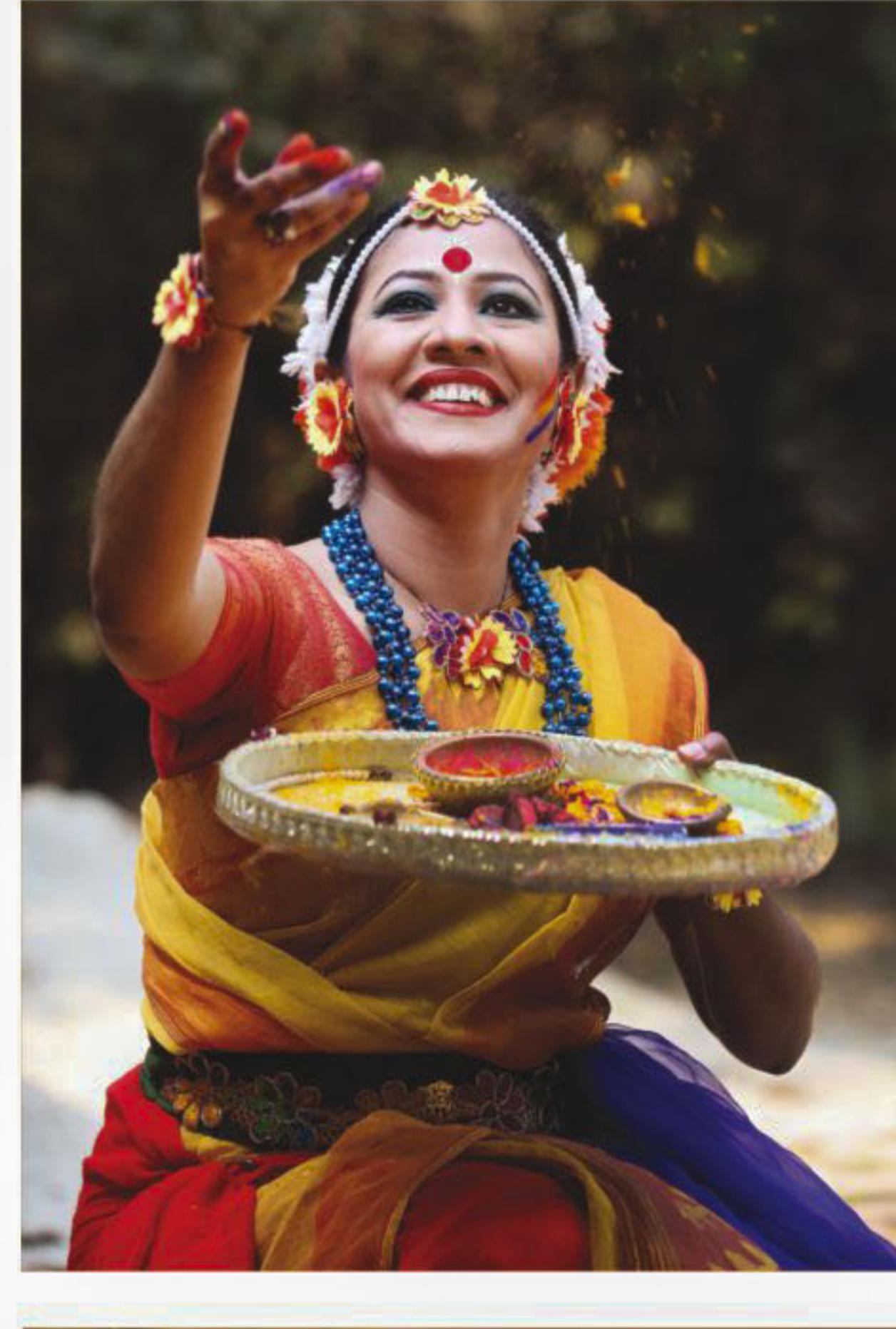


Drax the Destroyer from "Guardians of the Galaxy", Dave Bautista is not just adding villainous muscleman Mr. Hinx in upcoming Bond film "Spectre" to his resume. The WWE Wrestling Champion is now taking up the sword as the pivotal Kurgan in the much anticipated "Highlander" reboot.

Latino Review, which noted that Bautista was joining "Spectre" as a Bond villain last year, now says that Bautista will be taking on the role of the Kurgan, the 'perfect warrior' that battles the Highlander for immortality -- in that awesome scene at the top of the Silver Cup Studios building in the original film.

Ryan Reynolds was cast in the lead role of the battling Scottish immortal, but when its erstwhile director Juan Carlos Fresnadillo dropped out, so did Reynolds. There's been talk of Gerard Butler taking on the role.

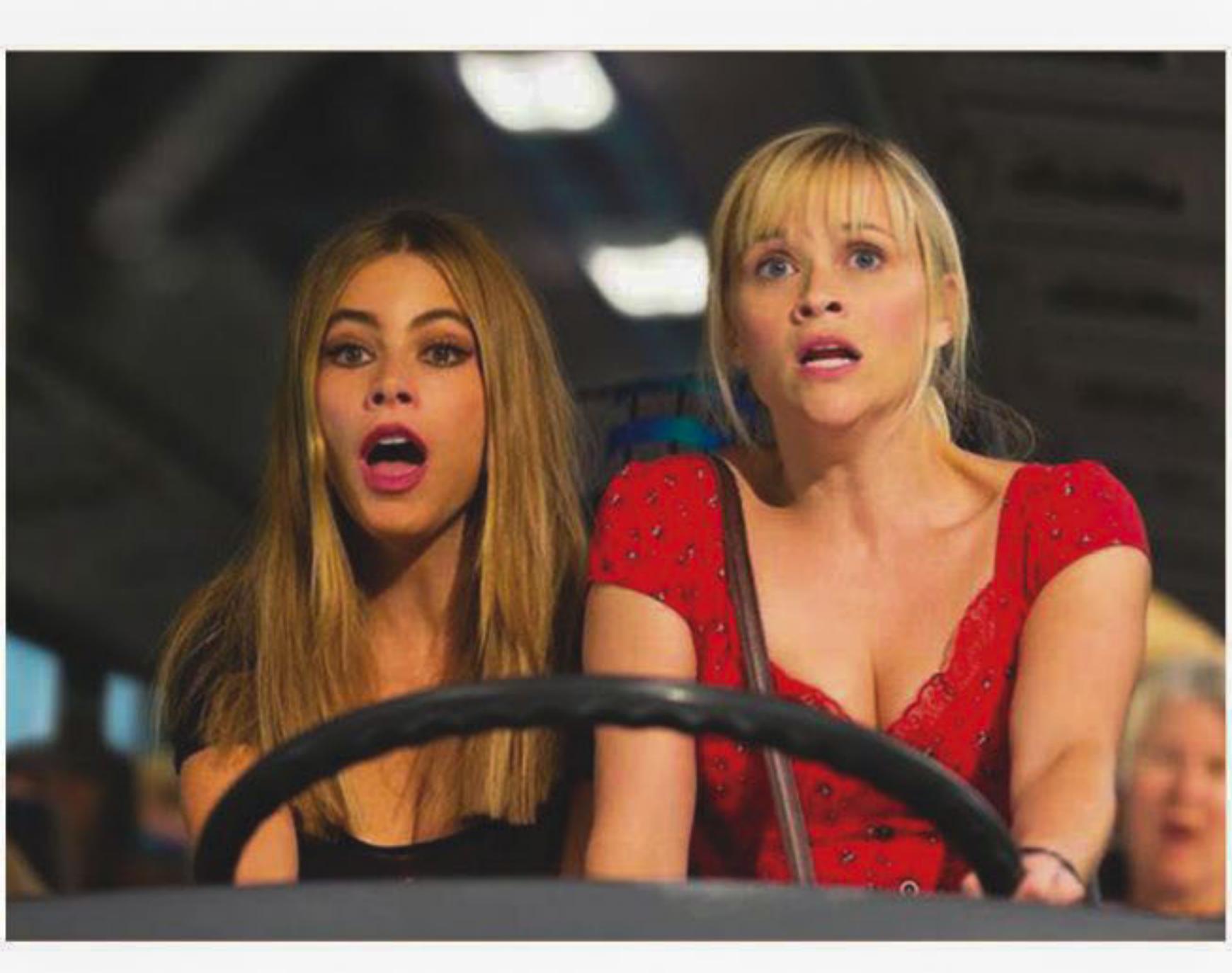
Source: Cinema Blend



Winter is the time of hibernation; a long, deep sleep for many animals through the harsh weather. The end of winter, therefore, marks the awakening of nature; new leaves bloom out on trees, flowers blossom and bees hover around in search of nectar, as new life is injected in the air, and all the gloom and mist of winter is left behind.

Pahela Falgun, or the First Day of Spring, has grown in size and fervour immensely over the last decade or so. As with most traditional Bangladeshi festivals, it too has its epicentre at the heart of Dhaka University. People dressed in yellow, ochre and various other bright colours gather at the Bokultala of Charukola (Faculty of Fine Arts, DU), choral songs, solos, recitation and group dance performances ushering in the spirit of Spring ring in the air.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON



Warner Bros. and MGM have released the first trailer for the Reese Witherspoon-Sofia Vergara action-comedy "Hot Pursuit", formerly known as "Don't Mess With Texas". Witherspoon plays a police officer trying to protect a drug boss's widow (Vergara) as they race through Texas pursued by crooked cops and gunmen. The trailer features plenty of guns and wisecracking by both actresses. "Hot Pursuit" will be released on Mother's Day weekend on May 8.

Source: Variety



Vidya Balan reunites with Emraan Hashmi

Vidya Balan will be reuniting with Emraan Hashmi in Mohit Suri's next film "Humari Adhuri Kahani". The film also stars Rajkummar Rao in a pivotal role.

Mahesh Bhatt, the writer and producer, shared the first look of the film on Twitter, which shows Vidya and Emraan in an emotional sequence from the movie.

"Vidya is outstanding in the film. The film is inspired by what I saw in my step-mother. It is not based on her life but comes from an understanding that I saw in her life. I decided to inject it into the story," Bhatt had earlier said.

"Humari Adhuri Kahani" just wrapped shooting, and will release on June 12.

Source: Indian Express

"Neel Chirkutey Ebong Tumi" on Maasranga

A CORRESPONDENT

Special tele-film "Neel Chirkutey Ebong Tumi" will air on Valentine's Day at 7:40pm on Maasranga Television. Written and directed by Mehedi Hasan Johnny, the tele-film tells the story of



Shaina and Nisho. One day, Shaina wakes up to see an unnamed letter left in front of her door. She then asks the help of Nisho to find the sender of the letter.

Shaina, Nisho, Toya, Shishir, Samira and Adi are in the cast.