

Amar Ekushey Book Fair 2015

Venue: Bangla Academy Premises, Dhaka

Date: February 1-28

Time: 3-8pm & 11am-8pm (Fridays)

Concert

Jatratronica

Artist: Perera Elsewhere

Venue: Jatra Banani Outlet

Date: Feb 19

Time: 6-10pm

Group Painting Exhibition

Title: The Paradoxical Now

Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya

Date: Feb 10-23

Time: 12pm-8pm

Group Painting Exhibition

Title: Taste of Light and Darkness

Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

Time: 6pm

Date: Feb 7-22

Kite Festival

Ekusher Ghuri Utshab

Organiser: Project Be

Venue: Gulshan Youth Club

Date: Feb 21

Time: 3-6pm

NEWS bytes

Marion Cotillard and Michael Fassbender in Assassin's Creed



Oscar winning actress Marion Cotillard has signed on to star with Michael Fassbender in the Justin Kurzel-directed "Assassin's Creed", the live-action adaptation of the Ubisoft video game. They also starred together in Macbeth, and Kurzel directed the film, which is slated to release this year. The production house is keeping under wraps the role that Cotillard will play in "Assassin's Creed". Like Fassbender, her role is meant to span multiple films if this one scores and becomes a franchise. The production will begin in early fall for a December 21, 2016 release through Fox. On the other hand, Regency and Ubisoft are also moving quickly on Splinter Cell, which Doug Liman will direct with Tom Hardy starring.

Source: Deadline

"We break into laughter in the middle of fights"

... Nowshin-Hillol

SHAH ALAM SHAZZ

Nowshin and Hillol are both familiar faces on the small screen. They became good friends while working together. At one stage, they fell in love which later culminated in wedding. The Daily Star recently spoke to the actor couple about Valentine's Day. What does love mean to you? Nowshin: It means trust, friendship and dream. Hillol: Love means a good homestead where happiness, pleasure and peace exist. How enthusiastic are you two about Valentine's Day? Nowshin: Not at all. To us, everyday is Valentine's Day. I don't want to accept a single day to celebrate love. It has become a big celebration in our country in recent years. What do you think of that? Nowshin: I look at it positively. I don't see anything wrong if young generations decide to make a special occasion out of it. Hillol: I also think it's pretty cool that young people are celebrating love. Are fights between couples inevitable in family life? What is it like between the two of you? Nowshin: It happens with us too, but often we break into laughter in the middle of fights, and it all goes away (smiles). Hillol: It's part of family life; it happens. There's nothing abnormal about it. What's important is to not hold grudges.



"Chapakhana'r Gondho" on ntv

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special TV play on the month of Language Movement, "Chapakhana'r Gondho", will air on ntv tonight at

9pm. Written by Anisul Hoque and directed by Zubair Ibne Bakar, the play features Sajal, Orsha, Ataur Rahman, Saberi Alam, Wahida Mallik Jolly and Puja, among others.



Popular actor-director Tauquir Ahmed signs the copy of his new book "Oggyatonama" at the Amar Ekushey Book Fair-2015. This is his third book of stage plays by Tauquir. The book was launched on the opening day of the fair from Shobdoshilpo Publications.

SUBORNA MOSTAFA on World Cup Cricket



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular actress Suborna Mostafa will pass busy days during the ICC Cricket World Cup. The actress is coordinating a seven-member team of commentators who will do live commentary on Radio Bhoomi 92.8 FM, on 49 matches of the tournament.

In addition, Radio Bhoomi has made arrangements to entertain listeners and keep them updated about the tournament. Former cricketers and celebrities will also take part in live shows and express their thoughts on the game. Moreover, family members of cricketers will comment on their favorite players during the shows.



PHOTO: STAR

Folk music at Chhayanaut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the advent of spring for the Bangla year 1421, the Department of Folk Music of Chhayanaut Sangeet Bidyayatan arranged their annual folk music event on February 13.

Artists of Chhayanaut rendered selected songs of several folk music composers of Bangladesh -- Kangal Deenohin, Arkum Shah, Shamser Ali, AKM Abdul Aziz and Sirajul Islam and more. The stage was tastefully

adorned with makeshift bushes, shades and soft lights creating an apt ambience. General Secretary of Chhayanaut, Khairul Anam Shakil delivered welcome address at the programme. The event included some choral renditions including, "Bondhua Aila Go Ghor-e" (Kangal Deenohin); "Naye Badam Tuila De Bhai" (Shamser Ali) and "Nobi Mor Poroshmoni" (Sirajul Islam). Among others, Biman

Chandra Biswas, Sardar Md. Rahmatullah, Nadira Begum, Abul Kalam Azad and Swapna Roy performed -- "Holudia Pakhi", "Amar Pran-er Pran Pakhi", "Kokil Amarey Daal-e Boisa", "Pontho Chharo Jamunatey Jai" and "Murshid Tomaye Daki Ami" respectively. Nazrul Islam on dhol, Swarup Hossain and Alakesh Adhikari on tabla, Prodip Kumar Roy on mondira, Md. Hasan on flute and Solaiman Hossain on dotara provided instrumental support.

IT'S TRUE!

Hollywood actress Penelope Cruz has donated money and time to charity. She has volunteered in Uganda and India, where she spent a week working for Mother Teresa that included assisting in a leprosy clinic. She donated her salary from her first Hollywood movie, "The Hi-Lo Country", to Mother Teresa's mission. A pregnant Cruz showed her support for the battle against AIDS by lighting up the Empire State Building with red lights in New York City on December 1, 2010 on International AIDS Day, as part of (RED)'s new awareness campaign, 'An AIDS Free Generation is Due in 2015'.



ROY hits the ground on high note

Vikramjit Singh's directorial debut "Roy" has started off on an impressive note on the ticket windows, collecting Rupees 10.4 crore on the day of its release.

The film, starring Ranbir Kapoor, Arjun Rampal and Jacqueline Fernandez, was dissed by the critics. Still, given the opening day collections, Ranbir could

now heave a sigh of relief considering that this was his first film to hit the screens after a year. He plays a conman in the film, with Arjun and Jacqueline as filmmakers.

The romantic thriller produced under the banner of Freeway Pictures, has already received strongly positive

reviews on its music, composed by Ankit Tiwari, Meet Bros Anjjan and Amaal Malik. Songs like "Sooraj Dooba Hai", "Yaara Re" and "Tu Hai Ke Nahi" have been big hits on Youtube.

Source: Hindustan Times



PHOTO: STAR

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Braving the ongoing political turmoil, the Spring Festival 1421 was observed in Sylhet with much enthusiasm on Friday.

Thousands of young people in colourful attire gathered at the city's Sylhet Sanskrit College premises. Social welfare minister Syed Mohsin Ali formally inaugurated the festival in the morning.

Artists from Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstaha, Mrittikay Mohakal, Anandaloke,

Sylhet Art and Culture Institute, Shruti, Brindashwar and Paromita participated in the daylong event.

Besides, children took part in the drawing and Mehdi contest as well. General Secretary of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote's Sylhet chapter, Shamsul Alam Selim handed over prizes to the winners.

Daylong celebrations were also arranged at the Shahjalal University University of Science & Technology, Sylhet Agricultural University and District Shilpakala Academy.