

WHAT'S ON

Prangonem Theatre Fest
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: Mar 6-12
 Time: 7pm

Concert
 Concert for the Burned Bands: Arbovirus, Powesurge, Owned + more
 Venue: National Library Auditorium
 Date: Mar 14
 Time: 11am-9pm

Concert for The Burned
 DATE: 14 MARCH 2015
 TIME: 11AM-9PM

Book Launch
 Sundor Ei Prithibi Amar
 Publisher: Adorn Books
 Venue: AS Mahmud Seminar Hall, The Daily Star Centre
 Date: Mar 11; Time: 4:30pm

Dance Drama Badi-Bandar Roopkatha
 Marking Fifth Anniversary of IGCC
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: March 14, Time: 6:30pm

Gaudiya Nritya Workshop 2015
 By: Rachel Priyanka Perris
 Venue: National Music & Dance Centre, BSA
 Date: March 12-14; Time: 10am

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IT'S TRUE!

Charlize Theron is the first South African to win an Oscar for Best Actress. Her first language is Afrikaans, but she learned to speak in the American accent by watching movies and TV shows and singing along to American songs on the radio. Charlize had a traumatic childhood as her mother shot dead Charlize's alcoholic father in 1991 when he attacked both of them. Growing up, Charlize wanted to be a ballet dancer but a knee injury at the age of 19 crushed her dreams. However she later went on to be a popular actress which earned Charlize a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame in September of 2005.



Organisers at the press conference.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

2nd Dhaka Int'l Theatre Fest begins tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second Dhaka International Theatre Fest-2015, organised by International Theatre Institute, Bangladesh in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) will begin from March 12 at three venues of BSA. The 10-day theatre fest -- from March 12 to 21 -- features five international troupes alongside popular plays by a number of local troupes. The festival was announced at a press conference at BSA Seminar Room yesterday. IIT president Ramendu Majumdar, thespian Nasiruddin Youssuff, festival director Debobrata Devnath, festival committee members Selim SH Chowdhury and Dr. Irin Parveen Lopa were present at the press meet among others. Finance Minister AMA Muhit will inaugurate the festival tomorrow at 7pm at the Nandan Mancha of BSA in the presence of

distinguished guests including Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor. "The first edition was held in 2011 and our intention was to establish it as a biannual theatre festival but due to unavoidable circumstances it was not held in 2013. Nevertheless we hope that it will now continue as a biannual festival," said Ramendu Majumdar. Plays which were brought to stage in the years 2013 and 2014 will only be staged at the festival. In addition, the fest features dance drama alongside workshops and dialogues on theatre. Also a meet the director session will be held every day. Two opera troupes from China will stage three dance dramas at the festival, while Srishti Cultural Centre will stage their popular production "Badi Bandar Roopkatha". Moreover, two theatre troupes from India are also participating in the festival.

A weeklong Bangladesh Francophonie Festival begins

Joint press conference held at Alliance Française de Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In celebration of the French Language and the cultural diversity of the Francophone community, Bangladesh is resonating again to the shared values of "La Francophonie": respect for the rule of law and human rights, gender equality, solidarity and cultural diversity. This year, the festival will be celebrated under the theme "French, a hospitable language". The diplomatic missions of the six French-speaking countries represented in Dhaka -- Canada, Egypt, France, Morocco, Switzerland and Vietnam along with Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) and Alliance Française de Chittagong (AFC) are organising a series of cultural events including film and documentary screenings, concerts, art performances, magic show, debates, essay writing

above all a community of countries sharing values and ideals. This is a community willing to welcome the nations who subscribe to its convictions. And this is an open community, with a desire to cooperate closely in order to benefit from the experience of all the members of the community, for the welfare of their citizens. One of the main characteristics of Francophonie is the solidarity linking its members. This Francophonie solidarity appears in many fields: democracy and human rights, education, gender equality, sustainable development, digital culture and more. In Bangladesh, as for France, our goal is to give you the opportunity to know more about this special commonwealth that all of its Francophone and Francophile members have built together throughout the years." Benoit-Pierre Laramée said, "Francophonie



Diplomats speak at the press conference.

PHOTO: STAR

NEWS bytes

Meryl Streep joins US premiere of 'India's Daughter'



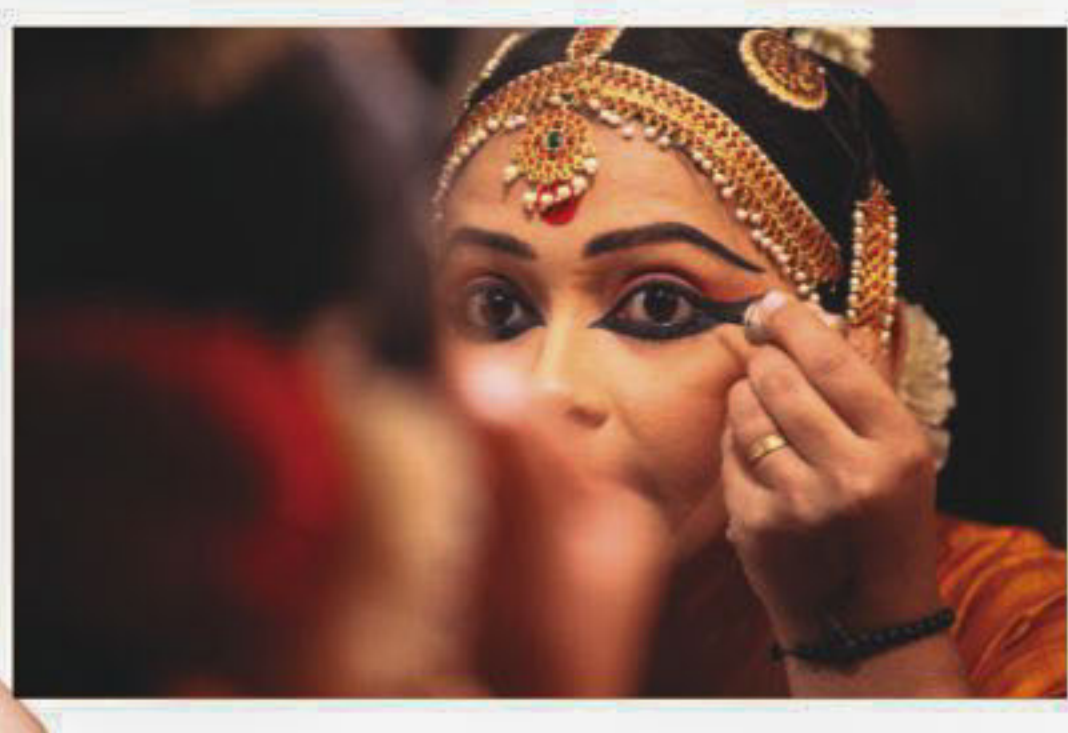
"India's Daughter", a documentary banned by the Indian government, saw its US premiere at a star-studded New York event that includes Meryl Streep and Indian actress Freida Pinto. Monday's screening of "India's Daughter" at Baruch College started with a candlelight vigil honoring the medical student who died after being gang-raped on a bus in 2012. Organisers said about 650 people attended the event. "Tonight we light these candles to honour the value and the work of Jyoti Singh's short, promising life," Streep said, adding "She's our daughter, too." The documentary was directed by British filmmaker Leslee Udwin, herself a rape victim. Its US premiere follows a week of controversy in India. The documentary was first shown on a BBC channel last week. Source: Guardian

Tin Goyenda on Maasranga



A CORRESPONDENT
 Tonight Maasranga Television will air drama serial "Tin Goyenda" at 8 pm. The serial, based on Rakib Hassan's thriller series of the same name, circles the Dhaka adventures of teen detectives Kishor, Musa and Robin. The screenplay has been prepared by Majharul Haque Pintu with the directorial touch of Abul Hossain Khokon. Kabya, Badhan and Ayan play the lead roles.

Shibli Mohammad: Costumes count



A CORRESPONDENT
 Shibli Mohammad a renowned Kathak dancer, teacher and choreographer shared his views on the lesser known facet of dance costumes. Shibli was the principal male dancer at the Shilpakala Academy for many years and has performed at many major state functions. According to Shibli, Bangladesh is now self sufficient in its dance costumes--be it for the classical dance forms of Kathak, Kuchipudi, Odissi or Bengal. In his view, the choice of costume depends on the form of dance: For Kathak the dancers



wear rope ghunguor (ankle bells) rather than cotton ghunguor. Moreover, Kathak dancers attire themselves in ghagra (long skirt), choli (blouse) and a veil. Churidar, pyjama and angrakha and finally a saree for women are the norm too. To set off the dancers, jewellery for Kathak dancers is fashioned from gold and silver. Odissi male dancers wear the dhoti. On the other hand, Bharatanatyam dancers wear gorgeous Kanjivaram saris (made of silk with gold zari embroidery) from India. There are two commonly used styles in Bharatanatyam: the skirt (saree) style or the pyjama style. "There was a time when we used to buy our costumes and props from India but now there are a lot of adept workers in Bangladesh who can turn out any kind of costume, though the cost of these embellishments is increasing by the day," says Shibli.



I look and feel different in 'NH10' ... Anushka Sharma

Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma said it is in the pursuit of doing new things that she chose to do "NH10". She is glad that the movie shows her in a different light. "As an actor, I have tried to do new things and that's why I have done few films. I can do a film only if it excites me as an actor. The story should give a huge kick. I look different and feel different in 'NH10'," Anushka said. "It's a very unusual film and I am proud to back this film," she added. Directed by Navdeep Singh, "NH10" is also Anushka's debut production venture. Source: IBN



Mim travels to Bangkok for 'Sweetheart'

A CORRESPONDENT
 Actress Bidya Sinha Mim is travelling to Bangkok where the shooting for three songs from her new film "Sweetheart" will take place. Director of the film Wajed Ali Suman and co-actor Riaz will accompany her in the trip. "It is the first time that I will shoot a film in Bangkok. I hope the songs will have eye-catching background scenario. I am expecting a nice trip," said an elated Mim. Meanwhile the actress has also finished shooting for two films titled "Good Morning London" and "Padmo Pata'r Jai".