

**WHAT'S ON**

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



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



**Exhibition**  
Organiser: Bengal foundation  
Title: Qayyum Chowdhury: Selected illustrations from Kali O Kalam  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
Date: March 10-April 4  
Time: 12pm-8pm



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



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



IT'S TRUE!

# MRITTIKA MAYA sweeps National Film Awards 2013



The classic film "Cleopatra" (1963) is known as one of the most expensive movies ever made and nearly caused the 20th Century Fox to go bankrupt. According to an estimate its budget of \$44 million is equivalent to \$334 million at the present time. Even though the film is widely regarded as one of the biggest box office failures of all time, it was still the highest grosser of the 1960s. Out of the film's 26,000 costumes, 65 were made for Elizabeth Taylor which alone cost \$194,800 -- the highest ever for a movie actor at that time. One of her dresses was even made from 24-carat gold cloths.

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Gazi Rakayat-directed "Mrittika Maya" has taken home a whooping 17 awards in the 2013 National Film Awards, announced by the Information Ministry on Tuesday. It is the highest number of awards for a single film at the National level, beating Amzad Hossain's "Golapi Ekhon Train-e" (1978) by a fair margin.

"Mrittika Maya" took was announced winner for Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor in a Leading Role (Titas Zia), Best Actress in a Leading Role (Shormimala - jointly with Moushumi for "Debdas"), Best Actor and Actress in Supporting Roles (Raisul Islam Asad and Aparna), Best Actor in a Negative Role (Mamunur Rashid), Best Music Director (AK Azad - jointly with Shawkat Ali Emon for "Purno Doirgho Prem Kahini"), - and for story, screenplay, dialogues (all three to Rakayat), editing, art direction, cinematography, sound editing, costume and make-up.

Sarah Begum Kobori was named recipient for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Chandan Sinha won Best Singer (Male) for "Tumi Acho Bole Tara Nebhe Jole" from "Purno Doirgho Prem Kahini", while iconic figures Sabina Yasmin and Runa Laila shared the Best Singer (Female) for "Bhalobeshe Ekbar Kadale Na



A scene from "Mrittika Maya".



**Runa Laila**  
Amake" and "E Jibon Dhoop'er Moto Gondho Bilaye". Kabir Bakul won Best Lyricist ("Purno Doirgho Prem Kahini"), while Koushik Hossain Taposh won Best



**Sabina Yasmin**  
Composer for the same film. The only other feature films to have taken any award were "Ek'I brinte" for child artiste Shwoccho, and "Antardhan", in a special



**Chandan Sinha**  
category for child artiste Syeda Ohida Sabrina. Kamar Ahmed Simon's internationally-acclaimed "Shunte Ki Pao!" was expectedly named Best Documentary.

## Zeenat Rehana's musical treat to kids

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Under the label of Fahim Music, singer Zeenat Rehana's latest audio album "Ghori Boley Tick Tick" is now in the audio bazaar. Mutual Trust Bank limited has sponsored the album that is specially designed for children as it contains 10 educational songs, written by Zebun Nessa Jamal from her book "Jadur Pencil".

"All the songs of the book are written in lucid lyrics with the objective to offer fun, education, motivation and to improve children's behaviour specifically to stimulate the intellectual curiosity of children. I strongly believe that these songs can be very effective to educate and empower the children who may act for the good of all and for the development of the country and the world," said Zeenat, who has been a part of the Bangladeshi music scene for over four decades.

The lyrics of the songs like "Akash Takey Jotoi Dekhi", "Chhoto Pakhi", "Kuhu Kuhu Kokil Ami" and "Jonmo Jodi Hoto Moder" highlight themes like motivation to help the disabled and distressed, patriotism, language, geography, social studies, tips for a happy and healthy life, mixing colours, outer space, the life of a pearl, kite flying and many more.

Zeenat is the daughter of Zebun Nessa Jamal, an outstanding lyricist of Bangladesh who obtained the Nagendranath Gold Medal from the Calcutta University in Bengali litera-



ture. Jamal was a lyricist with a profound aesthetic sense, reflected in the romantic songs written by her. She proved that romantic songs could be written without going into obvious expressions. Her songs had magic and the ability to touch peoples' hearts.

The artiste has several other audio albums including "Sa Re Ga Ma", "Hashi Khushi" and "Jadur Pencil" to her credit. Each album consists of 10 songs for children from the book "Jadur Pencil". The singer has taken on the challenge of working on all the 56 songs of the book.



## Johnny Depp injured on "Pirates 5" location

Johnny Depp suffered an injury while on location for "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" in Australia over the weekend.

According to insiders, Depp will be flown back to the United States to have a surgery. He was not working at the time of his injury, and just how he hurt himself was not disclosed.

Production is expected to be minimally impacted by the star's absence — scenes will be shot around Depp's character, Captain Jack Sparrow, for the next few weeks.

The fifth film of the global blockbuster franchise, which began shooting last month, is not expected to move off its release date of July 7, 2017.

"Pirates 5" also stars Javier Bardem and Brenton Thwaites, with "Kon Tiki" directors Espen Sandberg and Joachim Ronning at the helm.

In the fifth installment of the "Pirates" franchise, Jack Sparrow himself is in the winds of ill fortune blowing even more strongly, when deadly ghost pirates led by his old nemesis, the terrifying Captain Salazar (Bardem), escape from the Devil's Triangle, determined to kill every pirate at seam including him. Jack's only hope of survival lies in seeking out the legendary Trident of Poseidon, a powerful artifact that bestows upon its possessor total control over the seas.

Source: Variety

### NEWS bytes

## "Blurred Lines" loses \$7m lawsuit



A jury in the United States has ruled that the writers of "Blurred Lines" - one of the best-selling singles of all time - copied a Marvin Gaye track.

Jurors in Los Angeles decided that the 2013 single by Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke breached the copyright of Gaye's 1977 hit "Got To Give It Up". The family of the late soul singer has been awarded \$7.3m in damages.

Thicke and Williams denied copying the hit, and their lawyer said the ruling set a "horrible precedent". Meanwhile, the Gaye family's lawyer told Rolling Stone magazine he wanted to stop the sales of Blurred Lines.

Gaye died in April 1984, leaving his children the copyright to his music. His children - Nona, Frankie and Marvin Gaye III - sued Thicke and Williams in 2013.

Nona wept as the verdict was read in court. The hit, which earned a Grammy nomination, generated more than \$16m in profits and made more than \$5m for both stars.

Source: BBC

## "It's about being confident" ...Bhumi Pednekar

In an industry where slim waists, six-packs and fit frames are the order of the day, here comes the unusual Bhumi Pednekar, embodying a plus-sized girl in her debut film "Dum Laga Ke Haisha".

For her character Sandhya, Bhumi consumed a customised calorie-rich diet for around a year to weigh about 89 kgs, and her portrayal has drawn applause from many quarters.

Asked if she's ready to be a size zero, she told IANS: "Why not? But it all depends, if the script really needs me to be a size zero girl, if the character of the girl needs to be size zero, I'm ready for it."

"More than being voluptuous or thin, it's more about being confident and comfortable. The girls today are not the type who would starve themselves. Whether they are plump or overweight, they are very comfortable with their body," she added.

However, Bhumi has no qualms in saying that she found herself "pretty" when she gained oodles of weight for her movie, as "being beautiful is just a state of mind."

Bhumi, who worked behind the scenes of Yash Raj Films' projects as an assistant to the casting director for six years, said "I'm comfortable with the way I look. I feel if you think you are beautiful, it will show on your face."

Acting is a profession Bhumi always eyed, but she felt she would never fit the 'parameter' of being an actor.

Source: IANS



### TV WATCH

## Joyjatra on Channel i today



**A CORRESPONDENT**

Channel i will air Liberation War-based film "Joyjatra" today at 3:05pm. Tauquir Ahmed has directed the film, based on Amzad Hossain's story.

"Joyjatra" casts Azizul Hakim, Bipasha Hayat, Abul Hayat, Humayun Faridi, Tariq Anam Khan, Chadni, Intekhab Dinar and others.



## Concert for Freedom on Desh TV

**A CORRESPONDENT**

To mark the month of Independence, Desh TV has arranged a concert titled "Concert for Freedom" at Jalalabad Cantonment today at 6:30pm. Popular bands Souls, Bappa & Friends, and singer Akhi Alamgir will perform at the concert which will be hosted by actress Nowsin.

Desh TV will air the concert live from 6:30-11pm.