

WHAT'S ON
Group art exhibition
The Sweet Taste of Liberty
Venue: Athena Gallery of fine arts
Date: March 28 to April 20
Time: 5pm



Athena
GALLERY OF FINE ARTS

Film Screening
Antonioni/Malick
Organiser: Bengal Cinematheque
Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
Date: Apr 4-5, Time: 6:30pm

Qayyum Chowdhury:
Selected illustrations
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: Mar 10-Apr 4
Time: 12pm-8pm

Group art Exhibition
Jatra - by contemporary
Bangladeshi women artists
Venue: Gallery Twenty One
Date: Mar 28-Apr 12; Time: 12 to 8pm

Group Art Exhibition
Rong O Ruper Kabbo
Venue: National Art Gallery,
Shilpakala Academy
Date: Mar 28-Apr 11
Time: 11am-8pm

NEWS
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DISNEY
Developing
Live-Action
MULAN

On the heels of the magical success of Disney's live-action "Cinderella", the studio is eyeing another live-action retelling: "Mulan".

Disney bought a script by writing team Elizabeth Martin and Lauren Hynek that centers on the Chinese legend of Hua Mulan, the female warrior who was the main character in Disney's 1998 animated film.

The 1998 film followed a young woman who disguises herself as a man so she can take her father's place in the army and go to war. With the help of her trusty dragon sidekick Mushu, she becomes a skilled warrior and one of



the country's greatest heroines. It earned \$304.3 million worldwide, as well as Golden Globe and Academy Award nominations.

Disney is also making a live-action retelling of "Beauty and the Beast", starring Emma Watson and Dan Stevens. Audra McDonald just joined the cast of the project, which will release on March 17, 2017. And in 2016, Disney will release a new version of "The Jungle Book" and the sequel to "Alice in Wonderland". A live-action version of "Dumbo", helmed by Tim Burton, is also in the works.

Source: THR

Chitrangda Singh
to turn
producer

Chitrangda Singh has reportedly decided to foray into film production.

The actress, who had revealed her plans of producing a sports flick some months ago, declined to divulge details.

All she is willing to say for now is, "I'm working on something and I'm excited about that. I'm putting things together... the kind of thing I want to work on."

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR
Pahela Boishakh



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Every Boishakh -- the first month of the Bangla calendar, people wish to shake off the previous year's gloom and prepare to usher in the New Year with renewed vigour. Boishakh brings with it a whole new flurry of festivities and celebrations, the biggest of which are Chhayanaut's Borshoboron and Charukala's Mongol Shobhajatra.

Leading cultural organisation and school Chhayanaut has been welcoming Pahela Boishakh at Ramna's Boto-mul since 1967. It has become an essential feature of the Bangla New Year celebrations. The first day of Boishakh begins with people getting up early in the morning attired in new Boishakhi saris and panjabis to go to Ramna Park to enjoy the songs, dances and recitations by the esteemed organisation.

Another significant celebration programme is the Mongol Shobhajatra that starts from the Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA) pre-

mises of University of Dhaka. This year's Mongol Shobhajatra will start at around 9:30am and will parade several streets adjacent to the FFA. Dhaka University Vice Chancellor and



FFA Dean -- along with artists and teachers will lead the procession.

The colourful procession will predominantly zoom in on the country's prosperity. Folk motifs including ducks, shoal of fish, fawn, mother and child,

tigers, cats, owls, clay-pan paintings and more will be showcased at the Mongol Shobhajatra.

Three honours batches of FFA are behind the wheel of

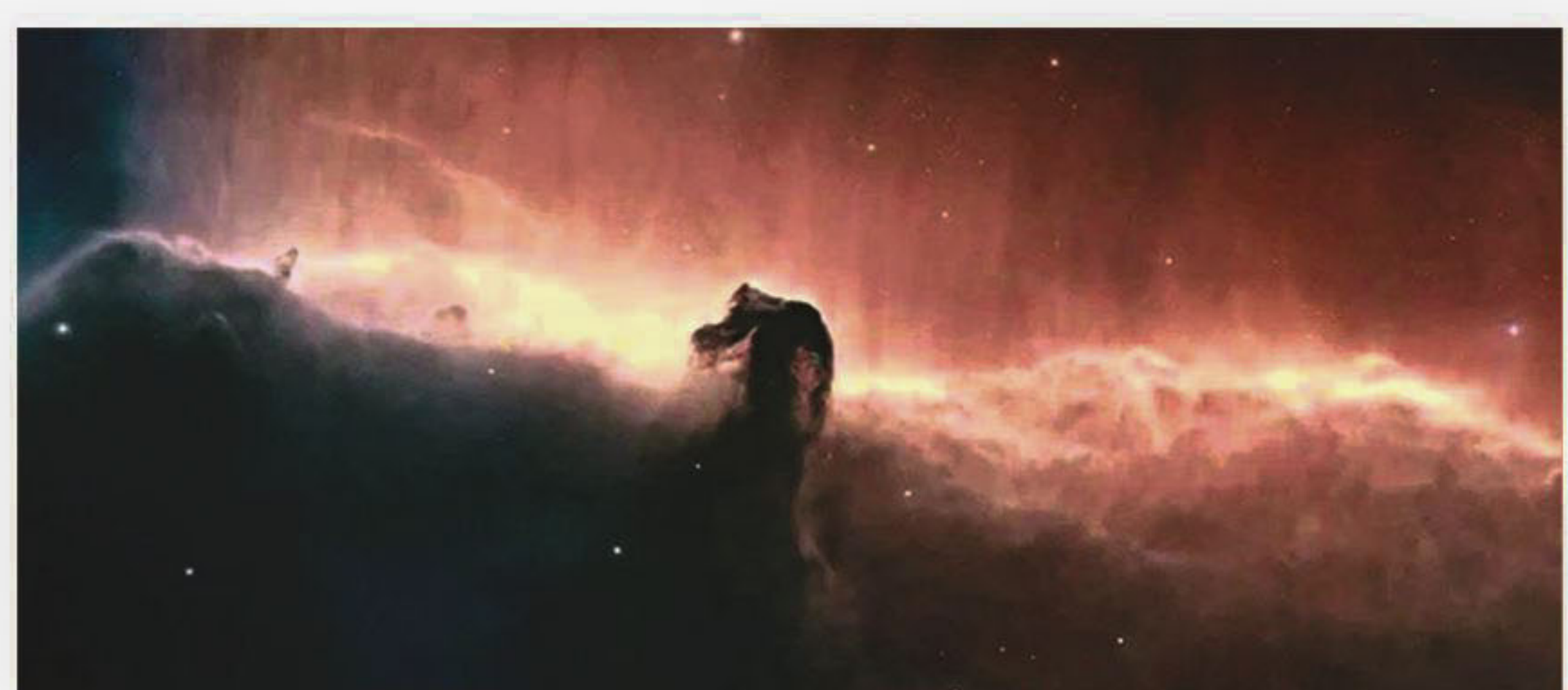


this year's Pahela Boishakh celebrations. Bioscope is a new addition for the year. Work is already underway in creating exquisitely made papier-mâché and clay masks; enthusiastic preparations are on at the FFA to celebrate the country's big-

gest cultural festival. Students, teachers and alumni are seen working on the watercolour paintings, pottery, traditional dolls, decorated pots, lokkhisora and more at the faculty premises. They were seen busy working on huge bamboo frames of the folk motifs that will be among the main attractions of this year's Mongol Shobhajatra.

On April 13 evening, a Chaitra Sangkranti programme will be held at the Bakultala of FFA, where students will perform in a cultural programme. There will also be a puppet show at the faculty throughout the Pahela Boishakh celebrations. Apart from this, a traditional jatrapala will be staged at FFA premises on April 15.

People from all walks of life will contribute to make this day a special beginning. There are those who work hard to bring out the festivities and it's up to the rest of the people to make it worth all the effort, by simply visiting and participating in them with open hearts.



MONTHLY SHOWS AT DAILY STAR-BENGAL ARTS PRECINCT
Antonioni-Malick film screenings in town

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bengal Cinematheque is set to present selected films of two master filmmakers -- Michelangelo Antonioni (Italy) and Terrence Malick (USA), on the first Saturdays and Sundays of the next three months, starting April, at the Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct. The first set of films -- to be screened on April 4 and 5 respectively -- are "L'Avventura"

(1969) by Antonioni, and "The Tree of Life" (2011) by Malick.

The shows will start at 6:30pm every day. Entry is free for all, but seating is limited and will be on first come first served basis.

Bengal Cinematheque is a series of film screenings presented by Bengal Foundation - a trust for the arts in Bangladesh. It aims to present the films and ideas of cinema's greatest auteurs at the highest quality, to build a community of emerging film-makers, writers and programmers in Bangladesh.

Bengal Cinematheque is programmed by Omar Adnan Chowdhury.

IT'S
TRUE!



A woman from Indiana, USA, discovered that her son had taken rubber bands from around the house and stretched them across the handles of his dresser drawer to pluck out music he had heard her play on the piano. His parents got a scaled-to-size violin for their then five-year-old son and started giving him lessons. That kid was Joshua Bell, one of the most noted classical violinists of current times. He appeared as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra at age 14, debuted at Carnegie Hall three years later in 1985, and has since collaborated with many noted artistes.

Guest singers perform at
Udichi's musical evening

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Udichi held a musical evening at the Shawkat Osman auditorium of Central Public Library on March 30 evening. Noted folk singer Swapan Kumar Halder, India's noted ganosangeet singer Shubhprasad Nandi, and his daughter singer Shabnam Surita Dana mesmerised the audience at the auditorium. The singers were the guests at this year's Satyen Sen Ganosangeet Festival and National Ganosangeet Competition 2015.

Udichi Central Committee President, Kamal Lohani gave the welcome speech at the beginning of the programme. Later, Swapan Kumar Halder rendered popular folk songs, while Shubhprasad Nandi presented a unique blend of ganosangeet and Tagore songs, followed by Shabnam Surita's mellifluous rendition of folk songs.



Guests at the event.

Nayeem and Mehzabien
in "Aaj 10 August"



A CORRESPONDENT

Nayeem and Mehzabien will be seen as onscreen couple in single episode TV play "Aaj 10 August". The play, written and directed by Mehedi Hasan Johnny, encircles a couple.

Abir dreams of becoming a RJ and practices hard to grab the opportunity. On the other hand, Swarna's parents fix her marriage elsewhere. The day when Abir first sits at the RJ's seat, Shwama sits at the altar.

TV WATCH

Food Caravan on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular television actor Dr. Ezaz will be the guest in tonight's episode of Culinary show "Food Caravan". The programme, directed by Rayhan Jewel and hosted by Pinki Chhteri, will air on ntv tonight at 8:15pm. The show is split into three sections: Family recipe, Siddiqua Kabir's recipe, and Restaurant recipe. The guest will share his popular recipes with the audience.



Swift, Timberlake shine at iHeartRadio Music Awards

Taylor Swift cleaned up in style at the second iHeartRadio music awards, hosted by Jamie Foxx and broadcast live on NBC, from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Sunday.

The country-turned-pop star won three awards -- artiste of the year, song of the year and best lyrics -- and jammed on an acoustic guitar next to Madonna during a dramatic performance of the pop queen's song "Ghosttown".

After winning artiste of the year, Swift, in typical fashion, gave a shout-out to her fans for sticking by her side for the past decade. "I'm so proud of the fact that, having done this for 10 years now, we've gotten closer and closer each year -- not farther apart," she said. "You make me so happy."

iHeartRadio also presented the versatile and multifaceted Timberlake with the Innovator award. In his speech, Timberlake quoted Steve Jobs' words "stay hungry, stay foolish" as ones that speak to his own career. Timberlake



Madonna and Taylor swift perform together.

also shared a message with younger viewers who might be scared of innovating for fear of being an outcast. "If you're a young person like I used to be,

and you're at home watching and you're being called weird, and you're being called different, or whatever the hell you're being called, I'm here

tonight to tell you your critics do not count. Their words will fail. You won't."

Other winners in attendance at the theater included 5 Seconds of Summer for best fan army, Jeremih for hip-hop/R&B song of the year and country singer Brantley Gilbert, who received the Renegade Award.

As for the performances, the evening gave popular artistes a platform with which they could introduce fresh, new tracks. Rihanna emerged from a helicopter channeling Oscar the Grouch in a bright green fluffy jacket during the first live performance of her new track "B-tch Better Have my Money". Meghan Trainor performed her new single "Dear Future Husband" in a sailor-themed number, Jason Derulo showed off his dance moves during a performance of his new hit "Want to Want Me", and Snoop Dogg got eccentric with a few suggestive props during a lively performance of "Peaches N Cream."

Source: Variety