

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



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: 12-8pm

Classical Dance Recital
Artist: Rachel Priyanka Peris
Venue: IGCC auditorium, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1
Date: April 4
Time: 6:30pm

NEWS bytes

Hugh Jackman to star in 'Apostle Paul'

Hugh Jackman will star in and produce faith-based drama "Apostle Paul" for Warner Bros. Matt Damon and Ben Affleck will also produce through their Warner-based Pearl Street banner along with Jennifer Todd and Chris Clarke. Courtenay Valenti and Nik Mavinkurve will oversee "Apostle Paul" for the studio. Matt Cook is writing the screenplay about Paul, who had been persecuting Christians as Saul of Tarsus. According to Biblical



accounts, as he neared Damascus a light from heaven flashed around him and he heard a voice say, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." Paul became an apostle of Christianity, is said to have written 14 of the 27 books in the New Testament and founded many churches.

Source: **Deadline**

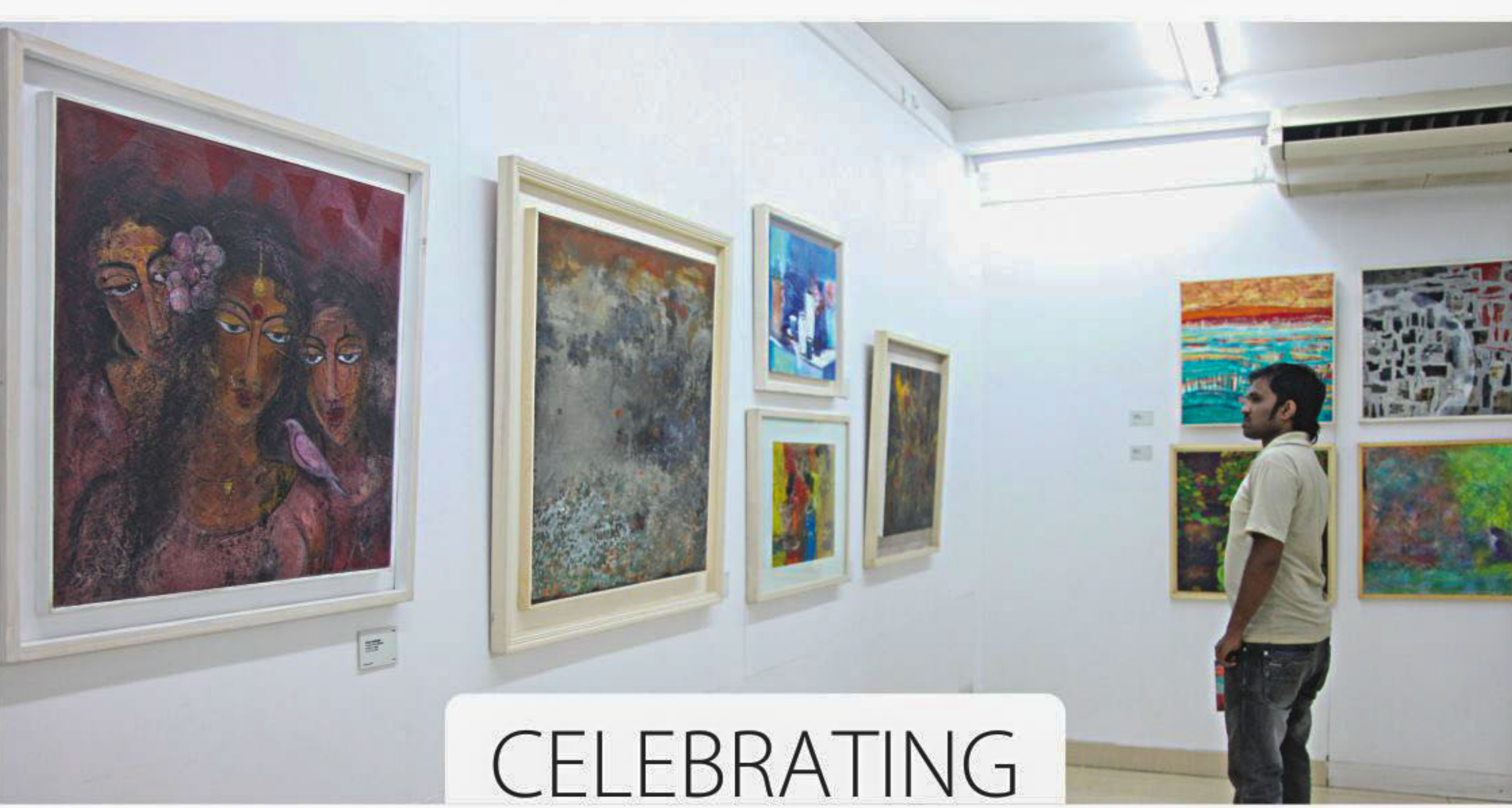


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CELEBRATING

WOMANHOOD WITH ART

Group exhibition at Gallery Twenty One

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Gallery Twenty One and Zonta Club of Greater Dhaka has organised a group art exhibition of Bangladeshi women artists to celebrate International Women's Day 2015. The art show titled "JATRA" was inaugurated on March 28, at Gallery Twenty One and is open from 12pm to 8 pm every day till 12 April.

Entering into the gallery, an art lover sees an array of artworks in diverse media and colours. A wooden sculpture by Ferdousy Priyabhashini is in the middle of the gallery while art pieces by 41 women artists are on display on the walls. The exhibition also honours the participating artists' two mentors and renowned artists - Professor Hashem Khan and Professor Rafiqun Nabi's artworks showcasing with theirs.

Rafiqun Nabi's "Mother and Child" is a masterpiece of exquisite light and shades.

Hashem Khan's two untitled works evoke the rhythms and grace of nature. Kanak Chanpa Chakma as always depicts Chakma girls in close affinity with nature. Maksuda Iqbal Nipa delineates the romance of vermilion on canvas. The oil has wonderful texture and appeal. Gulshan Hossain portrays still life with an amazing touch of blue, while artworks by Dilara Begum Jolly, Rokeya Sultana, Shadia Shamim Monsur celebrate time-honoured folk figures, elements and motifs.

Artworks by Farida Zaman and Shameem Subrana and Nazia Andaleeb Preema have nuances of abstraction and semi-abstraction. Elham Haq Khuku's pen, ink and charcoal work "Me and Meghna" is beautiful. Fareha Zeba's etching "The Deep End-2" epitomises the sublime sacrifice of motherhood. Ivy Zaman depicts visage of Tagore, while Afrozaa Jamil Konka portrays three women's faces with beautiful eyes.

Other participating artists of the exhibition are -- Asmita Alam Shabby, Atia Islam Anny, Barkia Azam, Bipasha Hayat, Dilruba Latif Rosi, Fahmida Enam Kakoli, Farzana Chowdhury, Farzana Islam (Milky), Laila Anjuman Ara (Chhotly), Laila Sharmeen, Masuma Khan, Mini Karim, Monowar Anis Khan, Munmun Nahar, Naïma Haq, Nasima Khanam Queenie, Nasreen Begum, Nazmun Rozy, Rima Chowdhury, Rokeya Sultana, Sameena M Karim, Samina Nafies, Shameem Subrana, Shulekha Chaudhury, Shumona Haque, Sohana Shahreen, Sufia Begum, Tayeba Begum Lipi and Vinita Karim.

Meher Afroze Chumki, State Minister, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Nasreen Rab Ruba, president, Women Entrepreneurs Association of Bangladesh (WEAB) and Tasmima Hossain, acting editor, The Daily Ittefaq and editor, Anannya were present as special guests.

Mir Sabbir's shoot to remember

A CORRESPONDENT

Traveling enhances experience. It makes a person see the beauty of nature, explore places, get acquainted with new cultures and people. Actors, director, and the entire crew and cast travel to different places to shoot for movies or dramas. One such experience on location was shared by popular actor-director, Mir Sabbir:

"There are so many things to relate - innumerable experiences to share, that I would not be able to describe all of them. But one little incident that I would always remember is of a shoot in a village. The locale was a house where the domestic help offered me a meal that she had cooked for herself. People like her hardly get a decent meal themselves. Her gesture of respect to me had me awestruck. The love, simplicity and humility showered on me touched my heart."



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IT'S TRUE!



Monica Bellucci's father is Persian and her mother is from Italy. Though she started her acting career in the mid-1990's she started modeling at an early age. Monica intended to be a lawyer, and studied Jurisprudence for a short period. In order to pay for tuition at university, she took modeling as a career. She is fluent in Italian, English, French and Spanish. Monica was elected the most beautiful woman in the world by French viewers on a television show "La Plus belle femme du monde" in 2004. Now at the age of 50, she is going to be the oldest woman to play a Bond Girl in "Spectre".

TV WATCH

"Passport" on Maasranga

A CORRESPONDENT

Tele-film "Passport", featuring Anisur Rahman Milon, Alvi, Fazlur Rahman Babu and Shaju Khadem, among others - will go on air tonight at 7:50pm on Maasranga TV. Written by Akidul Islam and directed by Al Hajen, the tele-film is about an Australian-expatriate Bangladeshi girl, who gets swindled by an immigration lawyer while trying to get an Australian passport. Her manager, Rony, is short-tempered - and various problems surround the duo, but a mutual chemistry also develops.



The seventh edition of "Bangladesh In Frames", the annual photography exhibition of photography community "Through the Lens (TTL) Bangladesh", ended at Drik Gallery on March 30. The exhibit featured brilliant monochromes and eye-catching colour photographs by 114 members of the community. Despite the images being taken by amateur photographers, the exhibit was a window of the creative imagination of the youth, and a testament of the rise of photography in Bangladesh in recent years.



FURIOUS 7

releasing in Dhaka on US release date

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The seventh film of the Fast & Furious franchise that has been seeing staggering global attention recently -- is set to release in Bangladesh on April 3, the same day as its US release. Star Cineplex is bringing the high-octane film to the Dhaka audience, through a special premiere tomorrow (April 2). The premiere will feature exotic car show with DJ and lighting decorated ambience at the Bashundhara City entrance, in presence of celebrities.

The film, which suffered a huge setback when its star Paul Walker died in a tragic road crash in 2013 halfway through filming, paid heartfelt tributes to the star in the film. Franchise regulars Vin Diesel, Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson,

Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese Gibson are all part of the cast along with Walker (whose brothers played his part for the rest of the filming, along with some CGI superimposition of his face in some scenes), while Jason Statham plays the villain, Noel Gugliemi will reprise his role from the first Fast & Furious film, and rapper Iggy Azalea is set to make a cameo appearance. The film is directed by James Wan and produced by Neal H. Moritz and Vin Diesel.

Worldwide anticipation has been building up for the final film of Paul Walker, and Box Office forecasts are signaling towards record-breaking numbers, so to be able to experience the film on the big screen along with the rest of the world is surely a great opportunity for lovers of the franchise and genre in Dhaka.

Bhola Theatre stage Hing-Ting-Chot

JAYANTA KUMAR BISWAS, Bhola

Bhola Theatre, a leading theatre group of the district, staged their 16th production "Hing-Ting-Chot" in Kobi Mojammel Hoque Town Hall of Bhola on March 26. The play was part of Bhola district administration's programme celebrating the country's 45th Independence and National day.

Talha Talukder Badhan, secretary of Bhola Theatre said that the play was a protest by theatre activists against the recent unrest created by nefarious elements in the country.

Atanu Karanjai, playwright and director of "Hing-Ting-Chot" said that he was influenced by the form of 'Comedia del Arte' which satires the fashionable elite, in this case media persons.

District unit Bangladesh Shishu Academy and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy also performed cultural programmes.



Sushmita set to debut in Bangla film

Bollywood actress Sushmita Sen is all set to make her Bangla film debut with National Award-winning director Srijit Mukherji's new film "Nirbaak".

The film's trailer was recently released by the makers, and features Jisshu Sengupta, Anjan Dutta and Ritwick Chakraborty along with Sushmita Sen. The film is a hyperlink narrative comprising four love stories connected by a single woman, played by Sushmita. Every love story comprises of one entity which is silent thus the film is named "Nirbaak" (Speechless).

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