

**WHAT'S ON**

**Photo Exhibition**  
 Title: Too young to wed  
 Photo journalist: Stephanie Sinclair  
 Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise  
 Date: 17th April-30th April  
 Time: (3pm-9pm)



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Destination & Departure  
 Artist: Professor Monsur Ul Karim  
 Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara  
 Date: Apr 11-21; Time: 11am-8pm

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Notation, Reconstructed  
 Artist: Kazi Ghyasuddin  
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
 Date: April 18-26  
 Time: 12pm-8pm

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Serigraphy Watercolor Print  
 Venue: Monobhumi Art Space, Sahara Tropical Centre, 218, Elephant Road  
 Date: April 10-24  
 Time: 3-9pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Dust to Dust  
 Artist: Mahbubur Rahman  
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge  
 Date: Apr 11-May 2  
 Time: 12pm-8pm

**NEWS bytes**

**Penelope Cruz confirmed in "Zoolander 2"**



Ben Stiller has made it official, with an announcement on Instagram and Twitter -- that Oscar-winning actress Penelope Cruz will be in the sequel of "Zoolander 2". Cruz's character has not been revealed.

The follow-up to the hit 2001 film sees Stiller returning as the titular male supermodel and Blue Steel creator, Owen Wilson as rival/best friend Hansel, Christine Taylor as love interest Matilda Jeffries, and Will Ferrell as evil fashion mogul Jacobim Mugatu, along with new cast member Kristen Wiig in an unspecified role.

Stiller is directing from a script by Justin Theroux. "Zoolander 2" is scheduled for release on February 12, 2016.

Source: Deadline

**IT'S TRUE!**

Michael Chiklis, the only one of four title actors of "The Fantastic Four" already familiar with the comic book, wore 60 pounds of latex which took three hours to get into. To keep Chiklis cool in the suit, a rock was removed from his head and cold air was sprayed into the gap between the suit



and the actor. For most of the shoot, Chiklis was terribly uncomfortable in the hot "Thing" suit. The final street battle, however, was filmed in Vancouver in December, leaving Chiklis as the only comfortable one of the four; the rest were in the skintight blue uniforms.

**Shaheen Samad's five decade musical innings**

Amra Surjamukhi holds programme at National Museum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking Bangla Naboborsho 1422 and five decades of musical career of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra (SBBK) artiste Shaheen Samad, cultural organisation Amra Surjamukhi arranged a programme, featuring discussion and a solo musical soiree at Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum on April 18.

Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser, attended the event as chief guest. Qayum Reza Chowdhury, assistant press secretary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, cultural and theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar, noted singer Syed Abdul Hadi and Dr. Khaleda Khanam, president of Bangabandhu Mahila Parishad were present as special guests. Barrister M Amir-Ul Islam, constitution expert and a state minister of Bangabandhu government, presided over the programme. Coordinating secretary of Amra Surjamukhi Shafiqul Islam Selim delivered the welcome address at the event.

Shaheen Samad set off the soiree with a raga-based classic of Kazi Nazrul Islam "Kholo Go Ankhi", set on Raga Bhairavi. She then performed a baul-ang song "Ami Bhai Khyapa Baul", a tappa "Swapone Eshchhilo Mridubhashini"; a DL Roy song "Ekbar Gaal



The artiste performs at the soiree.

Bhora Ma Daak-e". The artiste also spoke about her long musical career with various references, interspersed between the songs.

The seasoned artiste showcased some melodic skills while performing a Meera Bhajan "Tumhri Karan" and a dadra "Jochhona

Korechhe Aadi", originally recorded by Begum Akhtar. Later, the artiste performed a romantic Kavyageeti "Priyo Emono Raat Jeno Jaye Na Brithai" a golden oldies "Kehene Toh Bohot Kuchh" and wrapped up the soiree with three songs of SBBK.



**Chanchal Khan's "Prangone Mor" hits audio market**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The latest album by Tagore singer Chanchal Khan, "Prangone Mor", was launched on April 18 through a ceremony and musical programme at The Daily Star Centre.

Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, eminent filmmaker Syed Salahuddin Zaki, columnist Dr. Muhammad Zahangir and Star Arts & Entertainment Editor Sadya Afreen Mallick were among the distinguished guests at the launching ceremony.

Speaking about the album, Professor Anisuzzaman said "The variety of Tagore songs cannot be contained in one CD, but the singer has given efforts to fit those varieties in this album. He is an accomplished singer as he spent many years with the songs of Tagore."

Sadya Afreen Mallick said, "Despite the fact that Chanchal lived abroad for 23 years he never left Rabindranath. Chanchal has put in much hard work to sharpen his musical skills."

Muhammad Zahangir said, "The album has a beautiful title and it makes me nostalgic. It is good news that such a brilliant album is out in Bangladesh."

The singer presented a number of Tagore songs, starting with "Amar Hiya Majhe" followed by "Aji Sajher Jamunay Go" and "Je Kebol Paliye Berag".

The singer continued to sing a few more songs including "Pothik Poran Chol Se Pothe Tui" and "Tumi Khushi Thako" before ending the programme with "Prangone Mor".

Popular actress and director Rokeya Prachi emceed the album launching ceremony.

The album, produced by G-Series and marketed by Ceetanjoli, is now available in the audio market.

**"Jalaler Golpo" at Fajir Festival**



PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

After winning the debutant director's award in Jaipur International Film Festival in India last February, Abu Shahed Emon's work "Jalaler Golpo" has been selected for the Fajir International Film Festival to be held in Tehran, Iran, from April 25.

The Fajir Festival has been playing a key role in shaping aspiring filmmakers in Iran and the choice of Emon's movie out of entries of over 80 countries is considered significant.

Meanwhile, the film, produced by Impress Telefilm, has got the Censor Board's clearance without any cuts and is expected to hit theatres in Bangladesh in the middle of this year, according to the director.

Besides Jaipur, "Jalaler Golpo" has already been screened in two other international film festivals in Busan (South Korea) and Goa (India).

The film's cast includes Mosharraf Karim, Moushumi Hamid, Tauquir Ahmed, Shormi Mala, Nureh Alam and Mitali Das. Arafat Rahman and Mohd Emon do the title roles.



Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, Artist Kazi Ghyasuddin and Bengal Foundation Chairman Abul Khair at the inauguration of Ghyasuddin's latest art exhibition at Bengal Gallery, "Notation, Deconstructed". The exhibit opened on Saturday and remains on till May 26.

**Gono-Sangeet festival in Manikganj**  
 Shuvendu Maiti accorded reception

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Manikganj district unit of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi organised Gono Sangeet Utshab in Manikganj on Saturday evening.

Renowned Gono-Sangeet singer and researcher from India Shuvendu Maiti inaugurated the festival at central Shaheed Minar premises. Well known Gono-Sangeet personality Taposhi Roy Chowdhury, journalist Dipankar Gautam, Udichi district unit president Gazi Wazed Alam and general secretary Shyamal Karmaker were present at the inaugural function.

Shuvendu Maiti along with guest artistes and members of Manikganj district unit of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi performed songs at



Udichi activists render a chorus.

the festival.

The organisation also accorded a reception to Shuvendu Maiti for his outstanding contributions.

Earlier, training in Gono-Sangeet was held at Manikganj district sports auditorium attended by around 100 children.

**Rupban**  
 staged in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

"Rupban", one of the most famous jatra pala of the area, was staged at a five-day celebration marking Pehela Baishakh.

Mymensingh Sheba Niketan, a socio-cultural organisation and Mymensingh municipal authority jointly organised the programme at Town Hall premises. The event concluded on Friday evening.

Adapted and directed by Dr. HA Golandaj Tara, the pala was staged by Samprii Mancha, Mymensingh.

Two other dance dramas - "Kala Moyna Baidyar Pala" and "Laily Majnu" - were also



staged by the group.

The celebrations included rendition of songs, kichha pala, hittera geet (a traditional geet of rural Bangladesh to welcome newborn babies) and poetry recitation.

Participants were Sandipon Sangskritik Sangstha, Abdur Rashid Miah Smriti Sangsad, Nazrul Academy, Mukhush Natya Sangstha, Nritya Dhara and Raga-Ragini Sangskritik Goshthi.

Artists from Kolkata Dr. Tushar Dey, Bhaskar Dey, Subimol Das, Monisha Ghosh, Ram Khyapa, Shuvra Chakraborty and Ranju Nandi also performed at musical soirees of the celebrations.



**DEEPIKA-PRIYANKA**  
 team up for Bhansali's next

Priyanka Chopra and Deepika Padukone are set to dance together in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's next film.

The song, for the film "Bajirao Mastani", will be shot over five days, but the actresses will have only two days to rehearse their moves. Priyanka and Deepika are constantly in touch over the phone, discussing how they will put their best foot forward.

Recently Priyanka had spoken about the song, saying, "It will be a great experience. I don't remember seeing a song like this since 'Dola re' in Devdas."

Deepika, too, is said to be excited about the number, and has been bonding with her co-star for a while now.

Source: Hindustan Times

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