

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



Sara Painting Exhibition
 Artist: Sukumar Paul
 Venue: Gallery Chittrak, Rd-6, H-4, Dhanmondi
 Date: Apr 24-May 1
 Time: 10am-8pm



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



Photography Exhibition
 Title: From Kabul to Kolkata: of Belonging, Memories and Identity
 Organiser: Goethe Institut and Drik
 Venue: Drik Gallery
 Date: April 24-May 6
 Time: 3pm-8pm



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



NEWS bytes

McCartney tops 2015 musicians' rich list

Former Beatle Sir Paul McCartney has topped the Sunday Times' Rich List of musicians with his £730m fortune. He is worth an estimated £20m more than last year, and enjoys a significant boost from his American heiress wife's £150m stake in her family's US trucking business. It puts him well ahead of his nearest rival on the list, Andrew Lloyd Webber, who is estimated to be worth £650m. Of the 1,000 richest people in the UK and the 250 wealthiest in Ireland,



the list puts Irish band U2 at third place. Pop veteran Sir Elton John and Rolling Stones' frontman Sir Mick Jagger follow with their fortunes. For the third year running, singer-songwriter Adele, who is 26, has topped the list for young music millionaires under the age of 30 in Britain and Ireland, with an estimated fortune of £50m. The four members of the boy band One Direction plus former band mate Zayn Malik share the second spot.

Source: BBC



PHOTO: STAR

Weeklong dance fiesta at Shilpakala

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking International Dance Day (April 29) 2015, a weeklong (April 23-29) dance fiesta opened at National Art Gallery Plaza of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on April 23. Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangstha (BNSS) in association with BSA has arranged the programme. Eminent artist and cultural personality Mustafa Monwar inaugurated the event as chief guest through releasing balloons. Dancers of various age groups swayed with the pulsating beats of dhak. Noted dancers -- Rahija Khanam Jhunu, Amanul Haque and Golam Mostafa Khan along with President Minu Haque and general secretary Mahfuzur Rahman of BNSS, and director of music, dance and recita-

tion department of BSA Sohrab Uddin were present at the inaugural event. Secretary and acting director general of BSA Jahangir Hossain Chowdhury presided over the programme. Artistes of Dhriti Nartanalay performed Manipuri dance while several prominent and promising dancers performed on a Tagore song "Anandadhara Bohichhe Bhubone". Artistes of the troupe Bhongima also danced at the opening programme. "To relay the art of dance to every house, Tagore established the practice of refined and artistic form of dance in this part of the world," said Mustafa Monwar. Following the opening ceremony, artistes from a number of dance troupes including Sweet Bangladesh, Nataraj, Nrityanandan, Bulbul Academy of

Fine Arts, Kathak Nritya Sampradaye, Nrityachhanda and Dibya performed dances. The artistes predominantly presented dances on folk songs. Apart from dance performances starting from 3pm every day till April 28, a dance fair is being held at the plaza where several stalls are displaying dance costumes, ornaments, food items and more. The organisers have been holding the event for the last 25 years. The theme for this year's celebration is "Santrash Rukey Dao Nrityer Chhonde". A seminar and a Bharatnatyam workshop will be held during the weeklong programme. A colourful procession and a grand celebration programme featuring, dance performance, discussion and honouring a dance artiste will take place at BSA on April 29.

DREEK launches debut album

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hard rock band Dreek has been a crowd favourite at concerts for a good few years now, and have made their presence felt on radio and even live TV shows, but their first album -- in the pipeline for a while, was finally launched yesterday. The self-titled album was unveiled at the Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi on April 24, with lively performances from several leading bands of the country, both before and after the launch. The album

was launched by the President of BAMBAA and veteran rock star of Miles, Hamin Ahmed. The songs of the album, however, can be downloaded free of cost from www.dreek.co, while a Collectors' Edition will be available at themallbd.com. A portion of the fund raised through selling of the album will be spent for the welfare of autistic children. themallbd.com is the title sponsor of the album, while the album launch was partnered by Maker Events.



"From Kabul to Kolkata" opens at Drik Galley

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, in partnership with Drik, is holding a photography exhibition, "From Kabul to Kolkata: of Belonging, Memories and Identity", at Drik Gallery in the capital. The exhibition, showcasing the images of Moska Najib and Navez Afroz, opened yesterday at Drik Gallery. Inspired by Rabindranath Tagore's "Kabuliwala", photographers Moska Najib and Nazes Afroz embarked on a three-year-long journey to portray the story of a century of social transformations within the community. The two photographers have captured

the stories of this secluded and little-known settlement of Afghani merchants in India in photographs. Moska Najib, an Afghan by origin but living in India for most of her life, says, "Being away from my homeland, I've always been drawn to the themes of identity and new belongings. This inspired me to photograph one of the oldest settled Afghan communities in India in modern times." Najib hopes that the photographs on display will allow viewers to experience the tension between preserving an identity and rebuilding a home in a new space. The exhibit will run from 3pm to 8pm every day till May 6.



IT'S TRUE!



Pierce Brosnan, famous for starring as James Bond, worked as a fire-eater with the circus before joining Hollywood. After being dropped out from school at 16, he decided to be a painter and began training in commercial illustration at Saint Martin's School of Art. While attending a rehearsal for a workshop at the Oval House, he saw a guy teaching people how to eat fire and decided to join in. A circus agent saw him busking and hired him for three years. He later trained for three years as an actor at the Drama Centre London.

Aishwarya strenuously shoots new film

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan is so kicked about her comeback film that she has been shooting for it non-stop -- sometimes even till sunrise. Some schedules of director Sanjay Gupta's film were intended to last five hours, but they stretched beyond 10 hours on certain days. And Aishwarya willingly stayed on the sets till she had completed the allotted work. Last week, the team shot for a few days, including April 20, which marks Aishwarya and Abhishek Bachchan's wedding anniversary. Ash didn't even take the day off. The film's assistant director, Nadeem Shah, said, "Aishwarya has been extremely supportive. We shot for 10-12 hours during these four days. She enacted some action sequences and engaging emotional scenes. It was quite strenuous, but she pulled it off well."

Source: Hindustan Times



Vin Diesel confirms "FAST AND FURIOUS 8"



With "Furious 7" roaring past the billion-dollar mark at the box office, "Fast and Furious 8" seemed inevitable. But even fans of the franchise didn't probably expect it to be this soon. Talking at CinemaCon in Las Vegas, franchise star Vin Diesel revealed that they are aiming to get the next movie into theaters on April 14, 2017. There aren't really any other significant details to share at this point, but with a date less than two years away, that seems to indicate that Universal Pictures has a plan in place, and from what Diesel said in the build up to "Furious 7", that could very well be the case. Doing the press rounds for the film - which became the fastest movie to reach \$1 billion dollar milestone at the box office, Diesel revealed a couple of juicy details about the current plans for "Fast and Furious 8". One is Kurt Russell's character, the shadowy government agent known only as Mr. Nobody, could play a bigger role in the next adventure. In fact,

Diesel said that Russell was hired for Furious 7 with the intention of beefing up his presence in future arcs. It also sounds like "Fast and Furious 8" is taking the show on the road. No stranger to exotic locales, the franchise has been all over the world, but their roots have always remained in Southern California. Again, according to Diesel, New York, a city they haven't visited on screen yet, will figure prominently in the story. In addition to beefing up Mr. Nobody's role, it also sounds like they're looking to invite a familiar face back to the party in the form of Eva Mendes. Reports circulated a while back that she could reprise her role as US Customs Agent Monica Fuentes from "2 Fast 2 Furious". She shows up in the post-credits scene from Fast Five, and if the story includes more government involvement, it's entirely plausible that she could show up.

Source: Cinemablend

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