

WHAT'S ON
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



Satyajit Ray Film Fest
 Organiser: EMK Center
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi 27
 Date: April 27-30
 Time: 6-8pm



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



NEWS bytes

Jackie Chan Opens Udine Festival

Jackie Chan breezed into Udine, the town in north-eastern Italy that hosts the Far East Film Festival, on Friday. It is the first time in its 17 year history that the specialist festival has welcomed East Asia's most consistent movie star. Chan, who only 24 hours earlier had handed out prizes at the closing ceremony of the Beijing festival, came in by private jet. In the afternoon he held a press and fans event for his recent hit "Dragon Blade," before attending the standing room only opening ceremony. In previous years, the Far East Festival has wrestled



with budget issues and local politicians who want to halt it. This time two councillors took to the stage to back the festival, the city's commitment and the benefits to the region's economy. Totaling 62 features and four documentaries, the festival lineup includes Chinese hits "The Continent" and "Breakup Buddies", Thai drama "The Last Executioner", South Korea's "Cart", "Confession" and "My Brilliant Life" as well as "Gangnam Blues" and "Ode to My Father".

Source: Variety

"PEOPLE'S LOVE IS MY BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT"



... Beauty
 SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 Former Close-up 1 champion, Beauty is now a very popular face among music lovers, and has a tight schedule of TV and stage shows. The Daily Star recently interviewed the acclaimed singer. Excerpts:
What does music mean to you?
 Beauty: It is my passion and love. I can't even think of doing anything else.
You are called "Lalon Konnya"; your take?
 Beauty: My fans and loved ones address me by that name. Their love for my songs is very humbling.

What is your biggest achievement as a singer?
 Beauty: People's affection and love. Audio albums, playback and stage shows – what is your favourite musical space?
 Beauty: I enjoy singing in all areas. But stage performances really make me happy as I get an instant feedback from the audience. It is only on stage that one can see how viewers respond to my songs.
Your dream as a singer?
 Beauty: I want to sing until my last days, and want to stay in the mind of the audience as an accomplished singer.
What are the most important qualities for a singer?
 Beauty: Firstly, he or she must be polished and humble. He should respect others. But then again, I think everyone should have these qualities.

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Nakul Kumar Biswas performs in Mymensingh



AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh
 Prominent stage performer Nakul Kumar Biswas enthralled a huge audience with his voice and mastery of musical instruments at Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium Thursday evening. Mymensingh Technical Education Welfare Association organised the cultural show marking its 11th founding anniversary. Opening his performance with a song written for the occasion, Nakul rendered 15 songs over for one and half hours. "Biye Korlam Ken Re Dada" was his last song that created a wave of rhythm. His harmonium-playing was another treat for the gathering. Nakul became emotional when he recalled his mother whom he lost in his young days. Local artistes also performed dance sequences marking the occasion. Manosh Talukder directed the dance show. Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Mustakim Billah Faruqui was the chief guest at the event.

"Dust to Dust": Solo exhibition by Mahbubur Rahman



Guests at the exhibition.

A CORRESPONDENT
 Bengal Art Lounge has organised "Dust to Dust (2010-2015)", a solo exhibition of installations, objects and drawings by Mahbubur Rahman. Eminent writer Syed Shamsul Haq and noted painter Shahid Kabir jointly inaugurated the exhibition recently. Mahbubur Rahman's 25 years of creative practice have established him as one of Bangladesh's most radical and challenging artists. Rahman has pioneered a cross-media approach in visual arts. "Dust to Dust (2010-2015)" is conceived as an illustration of the artist's polymorphous endeavors: from charcoal drawings to complex installations with fabricated objects mixing sound and light, the exhibition opens a window on Rahman's ambitious experimentation. Part new exhibition, part retrospective, the show blends previously unseen artworks with selected pieces that have been exhibited on rare occasions. It is the first time, for instance, that "I was told to say these words", a major installation created for the Venice Biennale in 2011, will be on display in Bangladesh. The complicated relationship between the aspirations of the self and the norms enforced by religion and society, or the duality of power and oppression in the post-colonial context of South Asia, are among the questions hinted at in this exhibition.

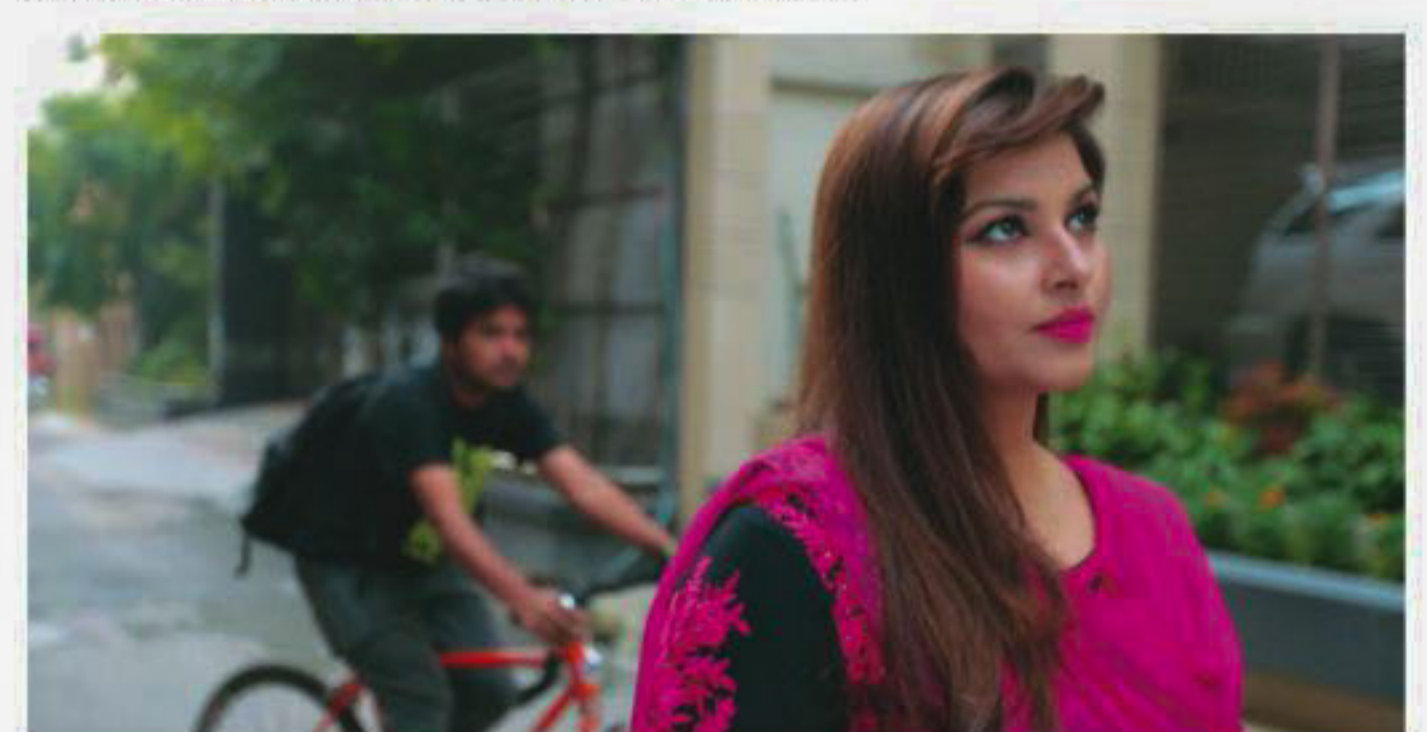


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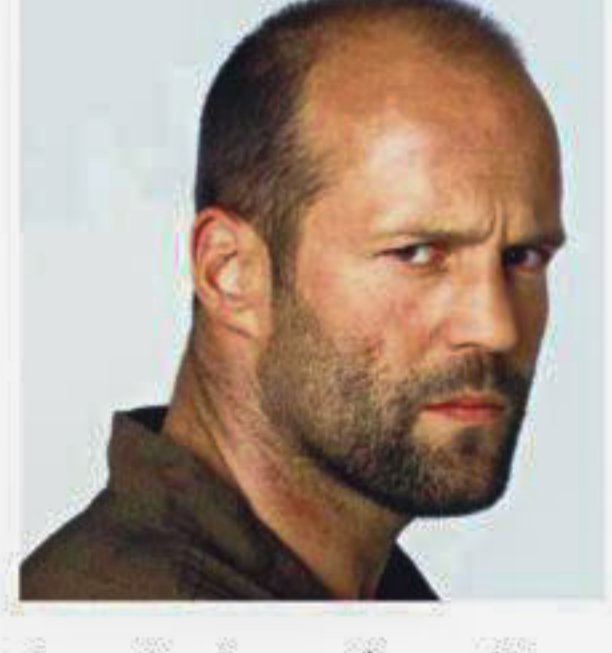
"Adorsho Lipi" on SATV
 A CORRESPONDENT
 Drama serial "Adorsho Lipi" goes on air on SATV from Monday to Thursday every week at 8:40pm. Written by Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury and directed by Hasan Morshed, the serial revolves around a school that opens its doors to people of different ages and mindsets. They are however bound by a deep desire to do something for the country.
 Mosharraf Karim, Aparna Ghosh, Intekhab Dinar, Faruk Ahmed, Shamima Naznin, Shayna Amin, Kochi Khandakar and others are in the cast.

"Dost Dushman" on Maasranga TV

A CORRESPONDENT
 Drama serial "Dost Dushman" goes on air every Monday and Tuesday at 9:20pm on Maasranga TV. Written and directed by Muhammad Mostafa Kamal Raj, the serial revolves around a group of university students and their relationship of love and hatred. Allen Shubhro, Kazi Asif, Shabnam Faria, Tawqif Mahbub, Sonia Hossain, Tasnuva Tisha, Faruk Ahmed, Dr. Ezaz, Jenny, Saju Khadem and others are in the cast.



IT'S TRUE!



Jason Statham, after walking away from his family's market stall business, became involved in the fashion world. Against the odds – of not looking anything like a model – he modelled for French Connection UK. They chose Jason because they wanted their model to look like a normal guy. This led to his other appearances in the media, as he landed several small roles in music videos such as The Shamen's "Coming On Strong" and "Erasure's Run To The Sun."



STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) organised a musical evening by Nazrul singer Chhanda Chakraborty at IGCC, Gulshan-1 on April 25. At the two-hour long programme, Chhanda presented several popular Nazrul numbers and golden oldies. The singer began her performance with Nazrul's "Riniki Jhiniki" and went on to sing nine more tracks including "Mone Porey Aaj", "Jete Dao Amaye Dekona", "Ami Jamini Tumi", "Nishi Pobon" and a few more.



JACQUELINE sets focus on acting

After the blockbuster "Kick" (2014), Jacqueline Fernandez has a truly interesting bunch of movies ahead. Apart from "Brothers" and "Bangistan", the gorgeous-looker also has a Hollywood horror-thriller "Definition Of Fear" and a Sri Lankan indie in English, "According To Matthew". She'll soon start work on Rohit Dhawan's "Dishoom" with Varun Dhawan and John Abraham, followed by Remo D'Souza's next with Tiger Shroff. Talking about "Brothers", her first film with producer Karan Johar, she says, "It is an intense drama with many layers. One major aspect deals with a couple (Akshay and I), their trials and tribulations. I'm happy that filmmakers are confident that I can deliver in such a challenging role." She is also gung-ho about "According To Matthew", because "It was incredible bringing a real-life incident to screen. It's a suspense thriller and my character is very intimidating." And, though she just has a cameo in "Bangistan", she is very happy about it. Jackie reasons, "Ritesh (Sidhwani) and Karan (Anshuman) had approached me before Kick released. I loved the script and the message they are trying to send out through this film." She concludes, "My upcoming films are the kind of work I want to focus on now. Earlier, it was more about being glamorous and working with big names. Now, I want people to relate to my character on screen, not to Jacqueline."

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