

WHAT'S ON

Solo Painting Exhibition
 Artist: AH Dhali Tomal
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Rd-13, H-7, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 1-May 14
 Time: 12pm-8pm

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 Ghiyasuddin
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
 Date: April 18-May 26
 Time: 12pm-8pm

A Jazz Evening
 Organisers: Department of Theatre and Performance Studies, DU
 Venue: Natmandal, Dhaka University
 Date: May 2
 Time: 6:30pm

Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Dust to Dust
 Artist: Mahbubur Rahman
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: Apr 11-May 2
 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 Painting Exhibition
 Artist: AH Dhali Tomal
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Rd-13, H-7, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 1-May 14
 Time: 12pm-8pm

AB'S

25 year musical journey

"I dream of a day when Bangla songs will be available in every part of the world"



Ayub Bachchu (AB) is one of the most popular names in Bangladeshi band music and the music scene. For more than two decades, he and his band LRB have been entertaining hundreds of thousands of fans in Bangladesh and abroad. This year marks 25 years of the journey of AB and LRB, and they are still tremendously popular among the youths of this generation. Star Arts & Entertainment recently caught up with the rock sensation at his studio AB's Kitchen in the capital's Moghbazar. In a casual conversation, the LRB front-man talked about what was closest to his heart:

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

"Music is to be regularly practiced and worshipped. The more you practice the better you get, as it needs hard work and devotion. I personally think there's no limit to learning. Every moment I learn something new," said AB.

Asked about his success and what keeps him moving, AB replied, "First of all, I am not sure whether I have succeeded. I don't even want to measure my success. What I know is I am still singing and receiving love from my crazy fans. It usually happens that many singers give up practicing when they achieve success but I practice regularly."

A modest AB went on: "I always feel I am not a winner. Success and achievements don't come so fast. Of course, the respect I get from people means a lot to me. I have a place in people's hearts. They love LRB and there are scores of crazy fans out there. To me it's a blessing. I would call it oxygen which keeps me going."



AB walked down memory lane to recall the days when LRB began its journey. "The beginning is always difficult, and 24 years ago, things were not the same. We struggled, we broke down at times but we stood firm. I can remember we had to make drums out of pillow

covers. But we are grateful to people for their support from the very beginning," he recalled. About his dreams, AB said, "I dream of a day when Bangla songs will be available in every part of the world. I don't know how long will it take but I believe this

will happen. The inaccessibility of Bangla songs from other parts of the world hurts me at times. Recently we did a show in Canada. We saw the excitement of people at our show and their warm welcome -- that's something that tells us about our popularity."

"To me my creations are like my children. As every child is the dearest to their father, all of my songs are equal to me," revealed AB.

AB termed the day when he performed with his son on the same stage, as a special experience. "It was an emotional moment when I shared the stage with my son. It was one of the most memorable days in my life," said AB.

Asked whether his son will follow the footsteps of his father, AB said, "That's up to him and I will impose no pressure from my end. He will do whatever he likes to do. But I always encourage him to finish his studies first. Above all, he has to be a good human being--that's my expectation," AB concluded.

NEWS bytes



Tidal is 'doing just fine': Jay-Z

Jay Z is not one for writing a lot of tweets - but he's just put out a "stream of consciousness" defending his music streaming service, Tidal. Launched last month with some very high profile backers, critics have said that the company has been a bit of a flop, with low subscriber numbers. But Jay Z says: "Tidal is doing just fine. We have over 770,000 subs. We have been in business less than one month. We are here for the long haul." Jay Z bought Tidal from a Swedish company, Aspiro, earlier this year, for \$56m. There was a spike in interest when he re-launched it on March 30 but then dropped out of the top 50, for downloaded music apps on the US iTunes store. At the launch event, musicians including Beyonce, Madonna and Kanye West were announced as backers of the service.

Source: BBC



Clash of the titans
SUPER CHEF
 Episode 3



Participants busy to make their best dishes for the judges.

OSAMA RAHMAN

This week heralds the return of two favourites from last year, Mehnaj Rahman and Sabrina. Both heavyweights in the amateur culinary fields, they return this year on their own roads to redemption. "I am here to win," Mehnaj said defiantly when asked what her intentions were this year. "I am extremely confident with my dish," Sabrina said with a smile. Both these participants seemed ready for the challenge.

With even fewer spots left for the taking, the heat in the Super Chef kitchen was becoming intolerable. But the two returning finalists isn't the only thing that makes this episode worth viewing; there is a lot more. For instance, what happens when you stuff a chicken with cheese and add a layer of baked spinach? What if the judges are torn between your use of ingredients? What happens when the judges start an argument about whether to pick a participant or not? All of these and much more will be answered this week.

Not only is there limited number of aprons left but right about now there are also few spots on the waiting list. "If you have already proven yourself, then the waiting list is not for you. You can have all the preparation in the world but in the

and her perfectly prepared dish becomes her worst nightmare. Will the judges forgive the human error on her part or will the mistake cost her?

This week, there will also be a lot more innovation than any episode before. Participants, wary of the judges' need for innovation, will be pulling out all spots. Some will also be taking care of presentation, another point the judges have repeatedly emphasised on. But sometimes too much caution may spell disaster. Will that happen this week as well? Only time will tell.

Shaheda Yesmin, proprietor and trainer of the exclusive culinary academy Jewel's Kitchen, along with Chef Tarik and superstar Tariq Anam Khan, will all be on their toes this week. The intense scrutiny required to judge every dish is seemingly taking its toll on the judges and this week tempers are more frayed than ever before. Tune into ntv tonight sharp at 9pm to find out all the answers and much more.

QUIZ
 Who made the best dish of today's episode?
 a) Latifa b) Bimasha
 c) Habiba d) Kaniz

Congratulations to last week's winners:
 Raihan, Akhi, Sakib, Chadni and Shimul.

kitchen all it takes is the simplest of mistakes to completely lose out," Chef Tarik explained. One of the participants this week seems to have fallen prey to just that. Her fault? A pinch of salt more than required

Bieber added to **ZOOLANDER 2**

It looks like there's a newer, younger, "really, really, ridiculously good-looking" model coming to steal Zoolander's thunder. Justin Bieber was rumoured to have landed a role in the upcoming "Zoolander 2", starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson. Now it's no longer unconfirmed buzz, as there is photographic proof that the pop singer has traded in his "Baby" face for "blue steel".

Stiller announced the news on his Instagram account in the best way possible: a battle of the blue steels, a "smile-with-your-eyes-off" contest.

It's unclear what role Bieber will play in the film, though The Hollywood Reporter states it's a cameo. Rumours of his involvement began swirling after he teased an upcoming film role on his Facebook page earlier this week. He wrote that he's working on something big in Europe (the film is currently filming in Rome, Italy). This was followed by a quote from the first movie, "He is so hot right now," which was spoken by Will Ferrell's Mugatu in reference to Hansel's (Wilson) rising star.

The 21-year-old Bieber, once known for antagonizing paparazzi before his bodyguards plucked him out of harm's way, has been trying to remedy his ways. The recent Comedy Central Roast presumably dropped his ego down a couple pegs. According to E! News, a source says he's "interested in movies and starting a film career," so perhaps "Zoolander 2" will be the beginning.

In addition to Bieber, "Zoolander 2" is packed full of returning and newcomer talent. Representing the veterans are, of course, Stiller and Wilson as rival models-turned-best friends Derek and Hansel, Ferrell as maniacal fashion designer Mugatu, Christine Taylor and Billy Kane. Fred Armisen, Penelope Cruz, Kristen Wiig, Kyle Mooney, Karlie Kloss and Cyrus Arnold are also among the new cast members joining the sequel.

"Zoolander 2" will open in theatres on February 12, 2016.

Source: CinemaBlend



IT'S TRUE!



Before he became a successful model and a heart-throb actor, Taufiq Mahbub dreamt of being a musician. He played bass for his band, The Manager, and performed in numerous underground live concerts before on-screen fame took away his time to engage in music. He was also an active concert organiser, and was behind many successful indoor concerts. Their song "Natok" found considerable popularity among listeners, and is still often played on radio.