

WHAT'S ON

Theatre
 Play: Hargaj
 Troupe: Swapnadai
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: June 1
 Time: 7pm



Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Remixing Illusion
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2
 Date: June 1-15
 Time: 11am-7pm



Group Art Exhibition
 Jago Nari Jago Bonhishikha
 Organiser: Studio 48
 Venue: Eric's Bristo, Dhanmondi-5
 Date: May 23-June 23
 Time: 10am-9pm



Art Exhibition
 Celebrated Violence-4: Fuzzy Fear
 Venue: Kala Kendra, Mohammadpur, Dhaka
 Date: May 28-June 20
 Time: 5-9 pm



Solo Exhibition
 River Stories
 Artist: Vinita Karim
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: May 16-June 6
 Time: 12-8pm



NEWS bytes

FURIOUS 7 fourth-biggest film of all time

It's been just under two months since "Furious 7" performed a hand-break turn into cinemas with a mountain of critical acclaim, impressive stunts, and scintillating action set-pieces. Since then the likes of "Avengers: Age Of Ultron" and "Mad Max: Fury Road" have been released, but "Furious 7" continued to make more and more money. So much money in fact that it's now become only the fourth film of all time to pass the \$1.5 billion mark at the box office - becoming the fourth highest grossing movie of all time, just behind "The Avengers", "Titanic", and "Avatar".



Currently, "Furious 7" is the highest grossing movie of 2015. But there's still an outside chance that "Avengers: Age Of Ultron" will ultimately surpass it. So far, "Furious 7" has earned \$348 million at the US box office, while it's also brought in a phenomenal \$1.152 billion from international markets.

Paul Walker's death (like Heath Ledger's with "The Dark Knight") evoked sympathy in audiences, who flocked to say goodbye to the actor. The film's promotional campaign also played upon Walker's passing, but did so in a heart-felt fashion that never felt disingenuous.

IT'S TRUE!

Robert De Niro gets his perfectionism from his father. Robert De Niro Sr was an acclaimed Expressionist painter who studied his subjects in depth and repainted canvases hundreds of times. Growing up in New York's Little Italy - a few blocks away from Martin Scorsese - he was nicknamed 'Bobby Milk' for his pale skin. He and Martin saw each other



several times in the neighborhood, but never spoke until being introduced at a party in 1972. Martin Scorsese and Robert De Niro have collaborated on eight films since 1973 - Mean Streets, Taxi Driver, New York, New York, Raging Bull, The King of Comedy, Goodfellas, Cape Fear and Casino. Niro and Marlon Brando are the only actors to win an Oscar for playing the same character, Vito Corleone.



AN ARTISTE SHOULD HAVE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: ROKEYA PRACHI

SAURAV DEY

National Film Award winning actress Rokeya Prachi is equally bright on both small and big screen. But nowadays, she spends more time behind the lens as a director. She has a number of directorial projects in her hand including a film. Arts & Entertainment recently caught up with her for an interview.

Excerpt:
What are your current projects?
 Rokeya Prachi: I am currently busy with television plays. My drama serial "Shelai Poribar" on the lives of garment workers is now aired on channel i. Also I have a number of single episode plays in my hand. Moreover, I have plans to make a film and it's in the pre-production. Nowadays we don't see you in television

plays. What's the reason?
 Rokeya Prachi: I spend little time in front of camera since I don't get roles which go with my personality and age. Instead I chose to be behind the lens though I host shows on Channel i, Ekushey TV and Gazi TV. I think an actor should not do anything only for money.

What kind of roles do you prefer?
 Rokeya Prachi: I want roles which make me think; which are different from usual. I feel an urge to break stereotypes and experiment with different characters. If the directors are willing to give me challenging roles I would love to do that. I want roles which will require me to break my image. In terms of my work, I prefer quality to quantity.

How does it feel to be behind the lens as a director?

Rokeya Prachi: Though now I am more into directing, I still like acting the most. Direction is challenging since you have to arrange everything and coordinate between all of the units of a production. It requires hard work and determination.

What, in your opinion, is the most essential attribute of an artiste?
 Rokeya Prachi: An artiste should have social responsibilities. And out of this responsibility, I made the drama serial on garment workers. Apparel industry is the perfect example of gender equality, as men and women work hand in hand in garments. There's no discrimination, and male workers respect and protect their female counterparts in garments. I wanted to bring forth the positives in this sector against the odds.

Shuvro Dev sings theme song of Golf Tournament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Singer Shuvro Dev has sung the theme song of Bangladesh Open Golf Tournament 2015. The tournament ran from May 27-30 at Kurmitola Golf Club in the capital. He also composed the song and arranged the music, while Brigadier Abul Fazal Mohammad Sanaullah penned it. The theme song titled "Eagle Birdy Par Par" is about the magnificence of the game and the carnival of world class golfers in Kurmitola.

Shuvro Dev gained popularity as a singer when he released his first audio album "Hamelin-er Shei Banshiwala" in 1984. Till date he has produced and recorded over 30 albums.



Shampa Reza in "Tea with Tootli"

A CORRESPONDENT

Seasoned actress Shampa Reza will be present as guest in tonight's episode of celebrity show "Tea with Tootli", to be aired on Maasranga Television at 9:10pm. The actress will talk on her personal life, professional life and share experiences and anecdotes with the audience. Hosted by Tootli Rahman, the show is produced by Roqibul Alam.

Chhayanaut celebrates Nazrul Utshab 1422

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nazrul aficionados celebrated the bard's 116th birth anniversary as Chhayanaut organised a two day-long Nazrul Utshab (festival) 1422 at its main auditorium on May 29 and 30 for the seventh consecutive year.

Artistes of Chhayanaut began the festival with a choral rendition of the song "Anjali Loho Mor" while a number of artistes, with mongolprodip, presented a lively dance to the song "Srijono Chhondey Anondey".

Dr. Sarwar Ali, vice-president of Chhayanaut, gave the welcome address while the festival inaugurator SM Ahsan Murshed delivered the Nazrul memorial lecture at the festival. General secretary of Chhayanaut, Khairul Anam Shakil presented the vote of thanks.



Artistes perform at the event.

Several Chhayanaut artistes, Shrabanti Dhar, Dhruba Sarkar, Jannat-E-Ferdausi Lucky, Nahian Doordana Shuchi and Rifat Ara Toma and others, rendered solo songs -- "Ami Goney Gahoney", "Dhuli Pingol Jotajut", "Sur-e O Banir Mala", "Jaak Na Nishi", "Mor Prothom Moner" and more respectively at the session.

Several noted artistes including Khalid Hossain, Sumon Chowdhury, Dr. Nashid Kamal, Yakub Ali Khan, Dalia Nausheen, Yasmin Mushtari, Nasima Shaheen and Jagadananda Roy rendered solos at the event.

Elocutionist Sumona Biswas recited Nazrul poems at the programme.

Chhayanaut artistes wrapped up the opening day's festival with a choral song "Tora Shob Joyoddhwani Kor". Several dancers performed to the live performance.

Shilpa Shetty turns RJ

Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty, who found popularity in Britain after winning a season of "Celebrity Big Brother" in 2007, has turned into a radio jockey to talk about Bollywood with the people in London. She will be on a special show on BBC Radio 2.

The actress took to micro-blogging site Twitter to share details of the show, which will go live in September.

The actress interacted with melody queen Lata Mangeshkar and director Karan Johar for the broadcast. She feels indebted to the two for taking time out to delve upon their journey in showbiz.

Elated by the new role, Shilpa posted two photographs of herself in the hot seat of radio jockey. She shared these images on photo-sharing website Instagram with the caption: "The new RJ in the house".

Source: **Indian Express**



SUPER CHEF EPISODE 12 THE NEW RED WEDDING?

OSAMA RAHMAN

Last Friday, the Super Chef participants found themselves in the boiler. When it came down to the 'tike-thakar lorai', almost all the participants produced their worst presentations till date. The judges were of course not happy, especially because this was the first week with a guest judge, executive chef of Bellagio, Gerard Wallace. The judges thus wanted the participants to really impress the guest judge but the participants faltered. Fortunately, it was not all doom and gloom. Nadim Sarker was complimented for being one of the most organised contestant on the floor by Gerard Wallace, and for his technique and his method of preparation. This was only of few compliments that the participants received. SM Shakib, on the other hand, was criticised for having an unclean and

SUPER CHEF QUIZ

Why Hilsha is fish placed inside polao during cooking "Ilish Polao"?

a) Infuse the Hilsha flavor in to the polao
 b) To make the polao non-sticky

Send your answers along with your name, address and contact number to superchef2015quiz@gmail.com or sms the correct answer to 6969. Simply write SC (Space) Answer (A/B).

untidy station. However, despite that, Gerard acknowledged in private that watching Shakib cook was a wonder by itself. "By watching him prepare, you will never know

what Shakib will make," Gerard said. "He is all over the place but God must be with him when he is cooking for what he makes at the end," he said.

After the disaster of last Friday, this week the participants will be expected to be on their toes from the very beginning. There will be no guest judges this week but the challenge will be no less easy. Participants will again find themselves divided into two teams and will then have to face the challenge the judges give to them. Today, expect a lot of vibrancy and beauty all around the Super Chef kitchen. A festive mood will prevail as this round's team challenge is the wedding challenge. Participants will have to prepare a full course of wedding food, enough to serve around 10 guests. The choice of menu will be entirely up to the team themselves. However, unlike when making traditional wedding food, not all utensils will be available and nor will a lot of time. The participants will have to do their best to work with whatever they are given and produce the best wedding spread they are capable of making. Division of labour is one thing that may yield high rewards this time around.

Those that fail to make it in the safe zone will find themselves back in the 'tike thakar lorai'. What will be the challenge there? It will be Ilish Polao, a popular traditional dish but that sounds easier to make than it really is. Should the ilish be in the polao? Should it be cooked separately? What texture are they to look out for? With so many questions waiting to be asked, the challengers will again have to be on the top of their game. And there is further incentive; next week brings along the next guest judge. Who will it be? Stay tuned and find out. Watch ntv every Friday and Sunday night at 9:00 pm.



Participants cook in a tense situation.

Dhaka Foodies

Dhaka RESTAURANT WEEK 2015

Quiz 5 Winner: Shaolin, Malibag, Dhaka

Thank you all who have participated in this contest and made the festival successful. We are eager to come up with new innovative contests for food lovers in near future. Till then keep your eyes on The Daily Star.