

Farah's mango madness

Group Art Exhibition Jago Nari Jago Bonhishikha Organiser: Studio 48 Venue: Eric's Bristro, 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 Time: 12-8pm



NEWS bytes

Prison Break set for return?

According to TV Line, 20th Century Fox is working on a revival of hit TV series "Prison Break", which starred Wentworth Miller and Dominic Purcell and ran on its airwaves from 2005 through 2009. This will be a limited series affair, and will reportedly reunite the two stars who played brothers escaping from prison in the original run. There was more to the story than that, but that's the overall plotline.

However, there's not much more to the report. Concrete details are being kept under wraps for the time being, but should this happen, and it's not a definite thing just yet, it would likely be similar in size and scope to the network's last-year's revisitation of "24". This means it will likely feature roughly a dozen episodes and revolve around a single story arc that doesn't leave things particularly open at the

Both Miller and Purcell

have stayed busy since the

Break": Miller has appeared

in a bunch of movies, even

writing the script for Park

language debut "Stoker".

Purcell has filled his time

appearing in a ton of low-

where he generally plays

Chan-wook's English-

budget action movies

gruff tough guys.

Source: CinemaBlend

cancellation of "Prison



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular face on television, Farah Ruma has many fond childhood memories of gorging on delicious mangoes. In a recent conversation with the correspondent, she said, "I spent my schooldays in Chittagong where my father was posted. At tiffin hour, we picked mangoes off the tree behind the backs of our teachers. This got us scoldings. Often we feasted on the mangoes without waiting for them to



ripen. I still can't forget the mango madness."

Although she is from Rajshahi, hailed as the land of mangoes, Farah lamented that she could not visit her native home in the peak mango season due to her busy schedule. "Fortunately my relatives send mangoes for us in Dhaka every year. My grandparents have already sent mangoes and hopefully we will get a few more consignments," she said.



A platform for contemporary musicians

FAHMIM FERDOUS

"I have been in the music industry for 30 years now, and in that time, I have practically seen the industry be born, grow, and then go astray. And I hope we live to see the day when we see artistes are being rewarded; that good people have come to the industry and cleaned it up", said Shafin Ahmed, a Bangladeshi rock music icon of sorts. He is the latest addition (upon his own interest) to "Ek Nirjhorer Gaan", a project of contemporary music of an unprecedented scale. A total of 101 songs are in the compilation, sung by 43 artistes and arranged by nine composers. It includes names as senior as Naquib Khan to as young as Sovvota, from as familiar as Bappa Majumder to as unexpected as advertising agency giant Gausul Alam Shaon: all of what started as architect-filmmaker Enamul Karim Nirjhor's practice of songwriting. He wrote and composed all the songs.

The news of the grand launch of "Ek Nirjhorer Gaan" and surfacing of the organisation Gaanshala, set for June 12, was revealed at a

casual gathering of the artistes and organisers at Nirjhor's residence on Wednesday. An emotional Nirjhor spoke about this project that he started from the thought of a platform for contemporary singers and musicians' fight for their rights, respect and remuneration. He also mentioned that it has been a long journey that began in 2007, and termed to have seen 101 songs being ready (with a few numbers pre-released in audio and video already) a special moment.

A number of musicians and composers in attendance - including Naquib Khan, Fahmida Nabi, Shampa Reza and Chandana Mazumder also echoed the idea of musicians coming together and having a common platform, so they could stand strong against corporations who reap all the fruit from the artistes' hard work. "Artistes are our heroes," said Nirjhor, adding that the launching of the album will be themed on that, with some new unique ideas.

ABC Radio is the radio partner for the album and they are already broadcasting the released songs, which are also available on social media sites like YouTube and Facebook.

Uchcharan reunites on Colours FM

Uchcharan, the band founded in 1972 by Pop Guru Azam Khan, will reunite and perform after almost 30 years on Colours FM 101.6, says a press release.

Band members -- Alauddin Al Asad, Ishtiaqur Rahman, Kazi Aftab Uddin and Ashfaq Ur Rahman will talk about their hey days in the "The Band Show", hosted by Shaikh Shahed from 6pm till 8pm today. They will also talk

about their late frontman Azam Khan on his 4th death anniversary.

Azam Khan, who was a freedom fighter himself, brought in a musical revolution after the Liberation War. He introduced pop music in Bangladesh and has been an icon ever since.

Uchcharan are famous for their songs "Ore Saleka, Ore Maleka", "Alal O Dulal", "Ashi Ashi Bole Tumi", "Obhimaani" and "Bangladesh".



NEPAL

Resilience and Reasons

Abir Abdullah's solo exhibit opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted photographer Abir Abdullah's solo photography exhibition "Nepal -- Resilience and Reasons" will open this evening at Gallery Chitrak in the capital.

The exhibition, curated by Aninda Kabir Avik, features 90 powerful photographs on the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that killed more than 10,000 people and injured more than 18,000 in different parts of Nepal. The tremor left the entire world speechless, while ruining

historical city Kathmandu, its temples, towers

and valleys. Eminent architect-poet Rabiul Hossain, renowned photographer Nasir Ali Mamun and Associate Press (AP) Bangladesh Bureau Chief Julhas Alam will inaugurate the exhibi-

tion. Apart from documenting Nepal, the displayed photographs will prepare for such calamities,

since Bangladesh also lies in the danger zone. The exhibit will run every day 10am-8pm till



EMMA DEAN visits the Super Chef kitchen



Emma Dean (L) interacts with a chef. OSAMA RAHMAN

The 13th episode of Super Chef picks up from where the last one left off, except this week there is a surprise. The participants already know that this week they will be receiving yet another mystery box and this will be followed by the "Tike thakar lorai". With Shimu already gone, now only five participants remain and all five will have to fight it out for that one top spot. And if they thought they have faced pressure, then they have no idea about what is to come.

This week, the Season 5 winner of Master Chef Australia, Emma Dean will take over the Super Chef kitchen. Although she will not be the one choosing the dish, she will gauge the participants as they go about their regular challenges. Emma Dean will observe the participants as they prepare their dishes and ask them questions regarding those. Remember, on Sunday, Emma Dean will be taking a Super Chef Culinary class where participants will be asked to recreate a dish of her choice. What that dish will be, will eventually be based on

what Emma sees today. The Master Chef winner, Emma Dean will be one of the most notable figures to make an appearance in the show. A star in her own right, Emma Dean, the darling of the culinary world is expecting a cultural shock of sorts but so are the participants. Plus, the added element of a celebrity chef will mean the participants will have to be

on their toes throughout. Last week, the judges had a lot to say to Sakib. One of the underdogs and the people's favourite, Sakib indeed has come a long way in his journey. Previously, many wrote him off thinking he did not have the technique to survive as an international quality chef but Sakib proved all his detractors wrong. However, there are still areas for him to work on. He was told that his station was too untidy and he needed to be more organised in his preparation. There was also evident tension boiling between Sakib and the other participants with many saying he was just not a team player. "I feel like a bad boy, hearing the judges' com-

ments," Sakib had said. Will this week

SUPER CHEF QUIZ

Q. What is tenderloin beef's specialty?

a) It gets cooked easily b) It takes ample amount of time to cook

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).

mean redemption for the former government service employee?

On the polar opposite of Sakib is Nadim who was complimented for being one of the more organised participants. Umme Kulsum had a close shave last week and it will be interesting to see whether she comes back stronger or weakened by the fact that she came so close to elimination. Jebunessa, on the other hand, will hope to build up on her strong performances and make it to the safe zone once again. Whatever happens, the scrutiny will be greater on all the participants this time around. Regular judges Shaheda Yesmin, Tazzamul Tarek and Tariq Anam will also know that since they selected this as their top five, they will have to perform as the top five chefs of the country. Anything less at this point will simply not acceptable. As the competition nears the end, do not miss the latest episode of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2015. Tune into ntv, every Friday and Sunday at 9pm. You can also catch all the aired episodes online at

https://3rdbell.com/.

Tirjak's theatre fest opens today at Shilpakala

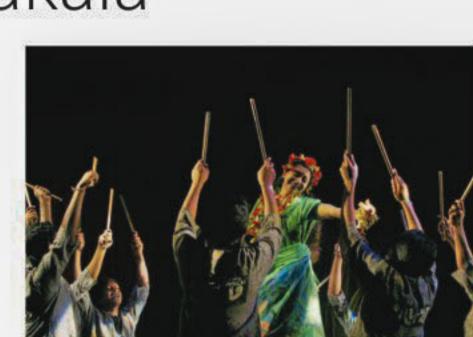
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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In celebration of its 40 years of journey, Tirjak Natyadal is holding a two-day theatre festival on June 5 and 6 at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). Through this two-day festival, Trijak, a renowned theatre troupe based in Chittagong, will conclude the year-long celebration of their 40th anniversary celebration.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor will inaugurate the festival along with eminent litterateur Syed Shamsul Haq, while Dr. Anupam Sen, Vice-Chancellor of Premier University will preside over the opening ceremony.

The festival will feature two plays: Sophocles' "Oedipus" and Tagore's "Roktokorobi" in addition to a souvenir



display, discussion, award giving ceremony

and folk songs of Chittagong. Tirjak will also honour four luminaries of theatre arena: Ramendu Majumder, Mamunur Rashid, Ataur Rahman and Nasiruddin Yousuff on June 6. Chittagong City Corporation Mayor AZM Nasiruddin will attend the event.

