

WHAT'S ON
Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Wings of Imagination
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
 Date: 5-15 June
 Time: Monday-Thursday 3-9pm
 Friday and Saturday 9-12am and 5-8pm

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 Bristro, Dhanmondi-5
 Date: May 23-June 23
 Time: 10am-9pm

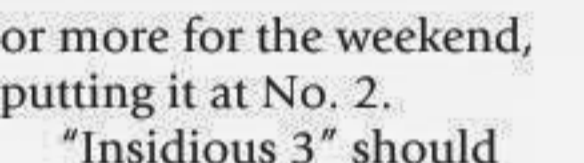
Art Exhibition
 Celebrated Violence-4: Fuzzy Fear
 Venue: Kala Kendra, Mohammadpur, Dhaka
 Date: May 28-June 20
 Time: 5-9 pm

Musical Soiree
 Title: Praner Khela
 Artists: Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury & Shama Rahman
 Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, H-42, Rd-27, Dhanmondi
 Date: June 9; Time: 7pm

NEWS bytes

"Spy" sneaks to top of Box Office

"Insidious: Chapter 3" may have narrowly topped the Friday box office, but Paul Feig's James Bond spoof "Spy" is having no trouble winning the weekend ahead of the horror thriller and rival R-rated comedy "Entourage". "Spy" grossed \$10.3 million from 3,711 theatres. The ensemble title, starring Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham, Rose Byrne and Jude Law, looks like another win for Feig and McCarthy. From 20th Century Fox, the \$65 million comedy has also been embraced by critics. "San Andreas", the earthquake disaster film starring Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, continues to be a force of nature in its second outing. The movie is tipped to gross \$25 million



for more for the weekend, putting it at No. 2. "Insidious 3" should follow closely behind at No. 3. The \$10 million thriller marks the directorial debut of "Insidious" screenwriter Leigh Whannell and stars Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott, Angus Sampson, Whannell and Lin Shaye. "Entourage" is looking at a fourth-place finish. The movie adaptation of the HBO show reunites creator Doug Ellin with Adrian Grenier, Kevin Connolly, Jeremy Piven, Jerry Ferrara and Kevin Dillon, which picks up the story a few months after the events at the end of the HBO show.

Source: THR



WINGS OF IMAGINATION AT AFD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Queenie's Art, in association with Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD) has organised a group art exhibition titled "Wings of Imagination" at La Galerie of AFD, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The exhibition is an outcome of an art camp held last winter at Nakkhatrabari Resort, Gazipur. Renowned artist Mizanur Rahim, Dean, Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts of Shanto Mariam University of Creative Technology, art critic; architect Professor Shamsul Wares, Dean, School of Environmental Science and Design, University of Asia Pacific and Sadya Afreen Mallick, Editor, Arts and Entertainment, The Daily Star were among the distinguished guests present at the opening ceremony. Bruno Plasse, Director, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka welcomed the guests and presided over the opening ceremony. "An artist requires a clear conscience about time and place and a deep passion for any artistic venture. We must evaluate our works, keeping this in mind," said Shamsul Wares. The organisers honoured eminent painter Samarjit Roy Chowdhury at the event. Sadya Afreen Mallick presented him with *uttario* while Shamsul Wares presented him a bouquet and Mizanur Rahim handed over a crest to him.

An art camp titled "Wings of Imagination" was coordinated by Queenie's Art at the Nakkhatrabari resort in Gazipur from December 12-15, 2014. It was organised to honour the eminent artist Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, recipient of the Ekushey Padak in 2014. The serene location was chosen for the convenience of the artist who responded to the call of

Jhapi Art School; Ashok Karmakar, executive artist of Prothom Alo; Rafi Haq, editor of Shilpa Prabaha; Pradyut Kumar Das of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; artist and art critic Zahid Mustafa, Bipasha Hayat, Fahmida Enam Kakoli, and Ashraf Hasan along with the organiser Nasima Khanam Queenie and two promising artists-- Azmeer Hossain and



Guests inaugurate the exhibition (top); visitors browse the artworks.

the convener artist Nasima Khanam Queenie to be a part of her camp -- to help spread the participants' wings of imagination. The participants of the art camp and exhibition were Professor Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka; Professor Nasreen Begum, Department of Oriental Art, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka; Syed Hassan Mahmud and Atia Islam of

Shahnoor Mamun. The artworks conceived and created from this art camp are on display at the gallery. As Queenie's Art states in its mission statement, the artworks eloquently reflect the spirit of the artists' expression of love in their truest forms. The exhibition, opening from Mondays to Thursdays (3pm to 9pm) and on Fridays and Saturdays (9am to 12pm and 5pm to 8pm), will continue till June 15.

Prangonemor to host "Praner Mela" at Shelaidah Kuthibari



A 45-member group will visit Kushtia over the weekend.

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Theatre troupe Prangonemor has been diligently practicing Rabindra Natya, or stage plays of Tagore, since its inception. They have brought four Tagore plays to stage, and have also organised a theatre festival exclusively of Tagore plays, featuring productions from Bangladesh and India. On June 12, the troupe will travel to the Rabindra Kuthibari in Kushtia's Shelaidah, to host a two-day "Praner Mela" festival. Aside from music and merrymaking, the event will also mark the first reading rehearsal of the troupe's new play "Ami O Rabindranath", written and directed by Nuna Afroz. Apart from "Ami O Rabindranath", the troupe is set to bring two more plays to the Dhaka stage this year, directed by Shishir Rahman and Awal Reza.

IT'S TRUE!



Morgan Freeman is so concerned about honeybees that he turned his 124-acre ranch in Mississippi into a bee refuge, where he planted hundreds of flowering trees, bought 26 beehives, and kept a gardener to look after them. He made the disclosure at The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon in July last year. Freeman, who is known for his environmental activism, isn't the first celebrity to take up the hobby - he follows in the footsteps of late actor Henry Fonda and lifestyle queen Martha Stewart, while "2 Broke Girls" actress Beth Behrs and her boyfriend, Mad Men star "Michael Gladis", have also become amateur beekeepers.



Artist Tahera Khanam's solo exhibition "Bela Aubelar Ragini" opened at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in the capital on June 5. Noted artists Syed Zahangir and Samarjit Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibit, in presence of the director general of Bengal Foundation Luva Nahid Choudhury, and the artist. The exhibit features 48 artworks boasting vivid imageries of nature. The exhibition will run every day from 12pm-8pm till June 25.

MIM
on a roll

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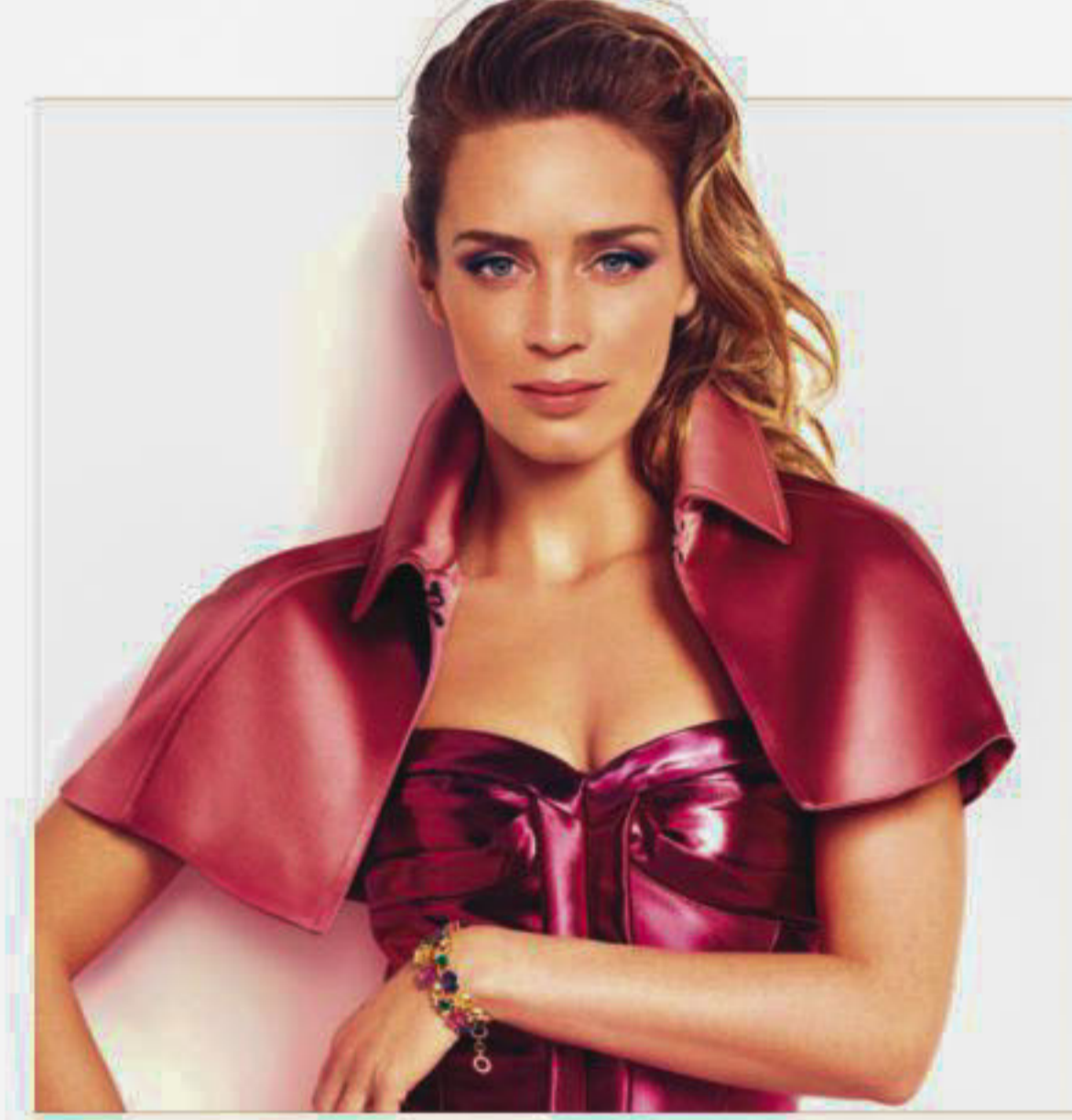
Popular model-actress Bidya Sinha Mim is passing hectic times in films and television commercials. Last month, she finished shooting a TVC alongside film star Ferdous. Recently, she shot another TVC for Keya Lemon Soap. Directed by Piplu, shooting for the TVC wrapped up in two locations in the capital.

About her new TVC, Mim said, "The story is quite good, and I tried to depict it accurately. I hope the audience will like my work."

On the other hand, Mim is gearing up for her upcoming film, a Bangladesh-India jointly produced film, alongside Tollywood's popular hero Soham.

To be directed jointly by India's Rajachandra and Bangladesh's Kamal Mohammad Kibria Lipu, the yet-untitled film will go on floor in the last quarter of June.

Meanwhile, Mim-starrer film "Poddo Patar Jol" will release in upcoming Eid.



Emily Blunt in talks for "Girl on the Train" adaptation

Emily Blunt is in talks to star in the DreamWorks adaptation of "The Girl on the Train". Tate Taylor has signed on to direct Erin Cressida's script, which is based on Paula Hawkins' hugely popular novel. "The Girl on the Train" is the fastest-selling adult novel in history, having sold more than two million copies in the US alone since it was published in January by Riverhead Books. It landed in the top spot on the New York Times best sellers list in its first week of eligibility and has remained there for 18 weeks straight. The story follows Rachel, a woman devastated by her recent divorce who spends her commute fantasizing about a seemingly perfect couple who lives in a house that her train passes every day. One morning, she sees something shocking there and becomes entangled in a mystery. Marc Platt will produce the film, while Jared LeBoff of Marc Platt Productions will serve as executive producer. DreamWorks acquired the rights to "The Girl on the Train" in 2014 prior to its publication. Blunt is currently filming "The Huntsman" opposite Chris Hemsworth and Charlize Theron. She will appear in the Lionsgate thriller "Sicario" this fall.

Source: Variety

ANTI-TRAFFICKING POSTER EXHIBITION

Let artist's brush speak against human trafficking

Venue : Zainul Art Gallery
 Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka
 Date : 08 June 2015 to 14 June 2015, 11am to 5pm

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