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-- Fahmida Nabi



There's a new "Spider-Man" in town **Sony and Marvel**



Sony Pictures and Marvel Studios are proud to announce that after a full worldwide casting search, Tom Holland will play Peter Parker/Spider-Man in the next "Spider-Man" film, to release on July 28, 2017. The film will be directed by Jon Watts, director of "Cop Car", the upcoming thriller that made its debut earlier this year at the Sundance

Film Festival. Marvel and Sony Pictures, and producers Kevin Feige and Amy Pascal conducted an extensive search for both the actor and the director. The studios and producers were impressed by Holland's performances in "The Impossible", "Wolf Hall", and the upcoming "In the Heart of the Sea" and by a series of complex screen tests. Following Marvel's tradition of working with the brightest next wave of directors, Watts also went through multiple meetings with Feige, Pascal, and the studio, before winning the

Sony Pictures will finance and release worldwide the next installment of the mega "Spider-Man" franchise on July 28, 2017, in a film co-produced by Kevin Feige and his expert team at Marvel and Amy Pascal, who oversaw the franchise launch for the studio 13 years ago. Together, they will collaborate on a new creative direction for the Web-Slinger.

"Spider-Man", embraced all over the world, is the most successful franchise in the history of Sony Pictures, with the five films having taken in more than \$4 billion worldwide.

Porimoni in her first TVC

A CORRESPONDENT

....... Promising film actress Porimoni will be seen in a new television commercial of a beauty Soap. Through this she added a new signpost in her career. Expressing her feelings about the TVC, the model-actress said that she hadn't done a TV commercial before, but she chose it as it is a significant brand in Bangladesh and the soap has aristocracy and sophistication attached to its name. Porimoni expressed hopes that it will be well-received by the audience.





STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Galleri Kaya, one of the leading art galleries of Bangladesh, over the last 11 years has arranged many art exhibitions, art camps and workshops. A number of Bangladeshi and internationally acclaimed artists conducted the workshops. Celebrating its 11th anniversary, the gallery has organised an exclusive group art exhibition showcasing selected artworks by renowned and master painters of Bangladesh.

The exhibition titled, "11th Anniversary Exhibition" began on 5 June, and features artworks by Bangladeshi modern masters --

Aminul Islam, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Debdas Chakraborty, Dipa Haq, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Hashem Khan, Kalidas Karmakar, Monirul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Nitun Kundu, Quamrul Hassan, Qayyum Choudhury, Rafiqun Nabi, Ranjit Das, Rashid Choudhury, Ratan Mojumder, Samarjit Roy Choudhury, Shahabuddin Ahmed, Shambhu Acharya, Shishir Bhattacharjee, SM Sultan, Tarun Ghosh and Zainul Abedin.

The exhibition showcases a selection of six oils, nine indigenous pigments, four acrylics, seven watercolours, eight brush, ink and pen works, three serigraphy, two woodcut prints, an oil on board, a gouache, one lithography,

between 1973-2013.

The gallery has always invited well-known critics, historians, curators and painters from different countries of the world. It has particularly motivated the ever-growing community of established and upcoming Bangladeshi artists so that they are on a firm path to prominence and recognition.

Matiur Rahman, editor of the daily Prothom Alo, inaugurated the exhibition while eminent economist Dr. Binayak Sen attended the opening ceremony. The exhibition, opening from 11am to 8pm daily, will continue till June 26.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite her busy schedule, Fahmida Nabi finds time to not only cook iftar for her family, but to spend time with her friends as well. There's also a special reason she's looking forward to

> Eid this year, she explains.

> > Your favourite dishes on the iftar menu?

Fahmida: The dishes that I've grown up loving at iftar, are not good for my health: peyaju, beguni and jilapi. Muri(puffed rice) is another musthave, although I usually now have boiled chicken salad, tempura and things like

that. But no iftar of mine is complete without a big cup of steaming tea. The other thing I really like of late is the large,

white variety of chickpea. That tastes really good. Do you get to cook iftar at home? Fahmida: Every time I am home during iftar, I do get

into the kitchen. My daughter likes various delicacies for iftar, so I try to come up with new things. Do you go to eat sehri outside sometimes? Fahmida: Oh, it is one of our popular outings. We have a 'haha-hihi' group (comprising myself, Samina,

Sweety, Kaniz Almas Khan and others) - and we go to sehri at Nando's or somewhere a few times. It's hard to coordinate free time during the day, and also traffic can be a buzz-kill, so we take the late-night option. What are you looking forward to ahead of Eid?

Fahmida: I am doing an album with Iqbal Asif, where Samina and I have sung popular songs. I will also be appearing in an Eid TV show with siblings Samina and Pancham. But most importantly, my other sister

who lives in London, is visiting us this Eid, so that is

what I am looking forward to the most.



Kichhu Bedona" released

A CORRESPONDENT

Singer Shumona Haque's solo audio album "Kichhu Smriti Kichhu Bedona" is now in the audio market. PBS Music has produced the album. Shumona has written all the seven tracks, including "Tomaro Amaye Mone Porbe", "Isharatey, Ei Raat-e", " Sajani Jeyona", "Elo Baishakh" and the title track while Jaspal Moni has directed music for the album.

The album tracks, recorded in Saatwika studio, Mumbai, India, are mellow. The music arrangement for all the songs is quite refined, thanks to the acoustic instrumental accompaniment incorporating the flute, sitar, violin, Murad Ali sarangi, tenor and soprano saxophone, and melodic, mandolin guitar, santoor, tabla and dhol. Rajesh Singh recorded and

mixed sound for the tracks. The track "Sajani Jeyona" is one of the standouts, although her voice seems 'artificially' modulated in a few tracks. Her pronunciation of the lyrics also needs to be more polished.

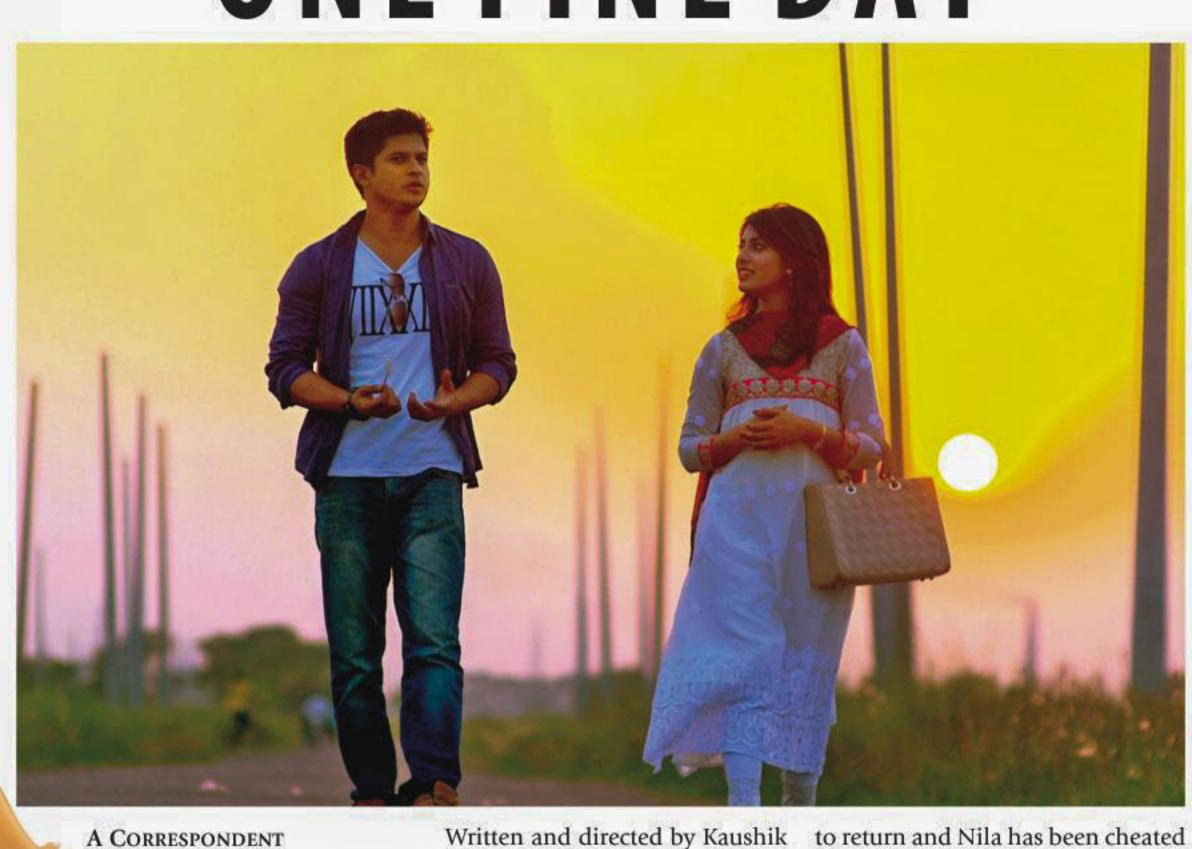
NACHIKETA NIGHTS ON ATN BANGLA



A CORRESPONDENT

Popular Indian singer Nachiketa's solo musical programme "Nachiketa Nights" will go on air on ATN Bangla during Eid. Directed by Rumana Afroze, popular singer Bappa Majumder has hosted the show. The programme will feature songs and casual conversation between the two ace musicians. Apart from performing his most popular numbers, Nachiketa will share interesting anecdotes from his eventful life.

Shokh and Niloy in ONEFINEDAY



A CORRESPONDENT

Busy television actress-model Shokh will be seen alongside Niloy in a single-episode television play "One Fine Day".

Shankar Das, the story's protagonists are Rudro and Nila - two young people at critical junctures in other. their lives.

by her boyfriend. When they meet, they share their stories with each

The play will air on Maasranga

Rudro is waiting for her girlfriend Television during Eid.