Collage Poetry at Zainul Gallery Water colour the Suman Baidya way



NAHIN TAHER

Alpana Habib is a renowned chef, and a familiar face to those who follow cooking shows on TV. In a conversation with The Daily Star, she shared her thoughts on the dietary aspects of Ramadan, and shared a recipe too.

"Cooking should be fun and easy. There should be variety of food on one plate. Since I live with my in-laws, they like to have the conventional iftar like bora and beguni. But I do my best to make at least one different food item each day. Fruit chaat, pasta salad, omelette pakora, chowmein, keema stuffing are simple and easy food items. I like to see different food of different textures, so that the iftar table looks inviting."

RAMADAN CHRONICLES Alpana Habib strives for variety

"One thing that should be kept in mind that our body does not get any liquid while we fast. It is better to open the fast with water rather than juice that contains too much sugar. Oily food and sugar directly gets absorbed by the body, if there is no intake of food during the entire day. To have a proper balance diet during breaking our fast, here is a quick recipe. Take:

- 1 cup of sour yogurt
- 4 cups of water
- 1 cup of sugar
- 6 lemon and slice it 1tsp salt

Squeeze the lemon and mix all the above ingredients together. Stir them for a while and keep the mixture in the freezer. Make sure that you filter the lemon, or else the

mixture will be bitter. And serve it

just before breaking the fast.

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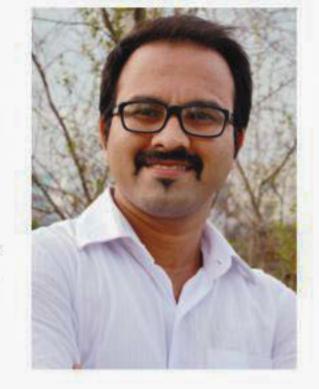
A week-long solo water colour exhibition titled "Collage Poetry" is on at Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka. Promising water colourist Suman Baidya has demonstrated his talent in portraying oriental expressions.

The artist's work focuses on images of Buddha, feminine grace in natural settings, portraits of great personalities and

untainted natural beauties. He also depicts female visages symbolising various aspects of dreams, desires and beliefs. Warm colours, technical detail and mellow textural intensity are common traits of his works.

The onset of the monsoon appears in several works like riding rickshaws, hilly rivers, landscape of Bandarban and boats on a rainy river. Several visages of Bangabandhu constitute the subject of another painting by the artist. Several of Baidya's works denote serenity and natural grace. His water colours have a sense of sophistication and tranquility about them. The works are elegant with striking female figures and varied symbolic representations. His works assume a somber look, with predominant colours of red and yellow.

Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of University of Dhaka inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest on June 24. The exhibition remains open from 11 am to 8pm till June 30.



NEWS bytes

Comedian crashes Kanye's Glastonbury set

Kanye West's headlining Glastonbury 2015 set on Saturday, June 27, was disturbed by a stage crasher.

The concertgoer who got onstage was identified as comedian Simon Brodkin, who performs as a character called Lee Nelson. Wearing a T-shirt that read "Lee-zus" -- mocking

the title of Kanye's album Yeezus -he was quickly dragged off by security, the Daily Mail reports. "Some

people were saying Kanye shouldn't headline Glastonbury, so I thought I'd give them a hand," he said. According to NME, the stage invasion occurred during Kanye's performance of "Black Skinhead", and the rapper

Prior to this year's festival, a petition signed by over 134,000 people demanded that Glastonbury call off Kanye's headlining set, stating that he's not a rock artiste.

had to restart the song.

In September 2009, Kanye infamously interrupted Taylor Swift's acceptance speech when she won the best female video accolade at the MTV Video Music Awards, and in February 2015, he nearly jumped onstage when Beck won album of the year at the Grammys. Both times, he spoke out about his opinion that Beyonce deserved to win.

Glastonbury 2015 closed out with a set from The Who yesterday.

Source: Billboard



Tauquir-Bipasha working under Abul Hayat's direction

A CORRESPONDENT

Celebrity couple Tauquir Ahmed and Bipasha Hayat will be seen together in single- episode television play "Sonali Danar Cheel". Directed by noted actor-director Abul Hayat, the play is currently being shot in Pubail near the capital. The story is about Nira and

Sajal—played by Bipasha and Tauquir—who

struggle to adjust to married life.

How does it feel to work under her father's direction? Bipasha responds, "Sometimes I have argument with my father and sometimes he scolds me. He is very strict as a director."

"Also when I work with Tauquir, we respect each other as co-actors. We work with sincerity so that the audience gets a good feeling about our work," Bipasha added.

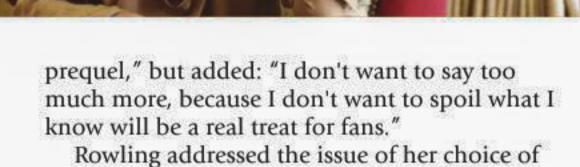
Harry Potter to open in London next year

JK Rowling •has confirmed that the Harry Potter play, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child", will open in London next year.

"It will tell a new story, which is the result of collaboration between writer Jack Thorne, director John Tiffany and myself," she wrote on Twitter. Rowling's website stated that the play would receive its world premiere at London's Palace Theatre in the summer of 2016. Tickets will go on sale this autumn.

On Twitter, Rowling described Thorne, Tiffany and producer Sonia Friedman as "a dream team." "I've had countless offers to extend Harry's story over the years, but Jack, John and Sonia Friedman are a dream team!" she wrote. "It has been a huge pleasure to share with them (and soon, with you!) this untold part of Harry's story," she added in a series of Tweets on Friday.

Rowling •revealed that the story "is not a



medium for the story. "To answer one inevitable (and reasonable!) question — why isn't #CursedChild a new novel? — I am confident that when audiences see

the play they will agree that it was the only proper medium for the story," she wrote. Rowling began the series of Tweets on Friday by describing it as "a very special day for two reasons."

The first was that "Harry Potter and

the Philosopher's Stone," her debut novel and the first in the Harry Potter series, was published in the UK 18 years ago. It was published in the US under the title "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" in 1998.

Source: Variety



US singer-songwriter-guitarist Sheryl Crow toured with Michael Jackson as a backing vocalist during his Bad World Tour 1987-89 and often performed with Jackson on "I Just Can't Stop Loving You". She also recorded background vocals for performances for a number of established artists such as Stevie Wonder, Belinda Carlisle and Don Henley. In 1992, Crow recorded her first attempt at a debut album. The self-titled album was due to be released on September 22, but was ultimately rejected by her label. Today, Crow has sold 50 million records worldwide and has nine Grammys in her showcase.

Rajpal Yadav on a roll

Bollywood actor Rajpal Yadav, who was last seen sharing screen space with Hollywood actors like Martin Sheen and Mischa Barton in "Bhopal: A Prayer For Rain", says that he is going to play lead roles in two of his interna-

tional projects. "I'll be featuring in two Hollywood projects in lead role," Rajpal told reporters at a promotional event.

"Bhopal: A Prayer For Rain" is based on true events of 1984 when a toxic gas leak from the Union Carbide Corporation's pesticide plant in the Madhya Pradesh capital killed



and maimed thousands of people.

Back home, Rajpal is best known for his comic roles, while also donning some serious, nuanced characters in a number of films, and he says he has more films in the pipeline.

"And I'm also doing 10-12 films in Bollywood also in lead roles. So in all, there are about 17-18 films that I'll doing in the next two-three years with utmost sincerity," he said and added that his film "'Kick 2' in Telugu is also on."

"I also did a film Amma in Hindi and Kannada and I'm also planning to do another Tamil film," he said.



Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, MP in a post-dinner photograph with mime maestro Partha Pratim Majumder and eminent painter Shahabuddin Ahmed. Both are recipients of the title "Chevalier De L'ordre Des Arts Et Des Lettres" (Knight in the Order of Fine Arts and Humanities) conferred by the Ministry for Cultural Affairs and Communication of France. M. Shahidul Islam, Ambassador, in Paris, organised the event.

Popular actor Apurbo and his son share a common birthday: June 27. Day before yesterday Apurbo celebrated his own as well as his son Ayash's first birthday. He spent the day with his family members and close ones. The actor organised a celebration so that his son's first birthday was very special.

tomorrow in this newspaper and through email.





