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Julia Roberts
in talks for
"Mother's Day"

Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson and Jason Sudeikis are in talks for ensemble comedy "Mother's Day" with Garry Marshall directing.

The script, written by Anya Kochoff-Romano ("Monster-In-Law") and Lily Hollander, centers on several intersecting stories on a single day — in the style of Marshall's "Valentine's Day" and "New Year's Eve".

Marshall earlier directed Julia Roberts in "Pretty Woman," "Runaway Bride" and "Valentine's Day".

The news was first reported by Deadline.com.

Source: Variety

IT'S
TRUE!

Bollywood actor Sunil Shetty has always been associated with a 'macho' image, but he recently revealed that there's a 'thinking' side to him as well, forcing him to avoid driving. He told media at a press conference where he was unveiled as a brand ambassador of Mumbai Traffic Police's new initiative, that he doesn't drive cars because he thinks a lot, the two don't go hand in hand.

THANK YOU
FOR EVERYTHING
...SRK

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has expressed his gratitude towards his fans, critics and well-wishers for completing 23 years in Bollywood. The 49-year-old actor, who reached the benchmark on June 25, shared a video on his Twitter page and blamed his stardom for the delay in posting the message. "Hi everybody on Twitter. First of all, extremely sorry for the delay... But I'm a star so I can be a little late," he joked. "Thank you for the company you keep me in the middle of the night when I'm still awake and the world is asleep and I'm feeling lonely," the actor said in the one-minute-50-second video, where he pointed out 23 reasons for thanking the audience and said his journey in showbiz would not have been possible without their support. "Thank you for this thing, that thing, everything, and thank you for all the 23 things and 23 years that you have liked me, loved me so much. I wouldn't be able to do anything if you guys were not there," he said, sporting a white shirt and denim in the video. SRK even thanked his haters for their dislikes. "Thank you for the haters... Thank you for the good thing... Thank you for the bad thing... Thank you for the likes, thank you for the dislikes... Thank you for all the nice messages you send on festivals... And thank you for all the good things you write about my films," he added. On a lighter note, the superstar took a jibe on his fans for sharing the posters of his unreleased films and sending stories which he has not read. "Thank you for the film posters that you make of films... whose posters have still not made. Thank you very much for some of the stories which you are sending which I have not yet read..."

SRK, who shot to fame with TV serials like "Fauji" and "Circus", thanked fans for being with him through thick and thin. "Thank you for writing the good things about my co-actors and friends and their films. Thank you very much for advice I get... Thank you for some of the videos that you make of my songs and post... Thank you for always being there..."

Sources: TOI



RAMADAN CHRONICLES

A month of
FESTIVITY

--- Aditi Mohsin

NAHIN TAHER

Aditi Mohsin, a popular Rabindra Sangeet singer is upbeat about the month of Ramadan and Eid-ul-fitr. She says:

"The month of Ramadan brings utmost peace in a person's life. It makes me realise that this is the month of festivity and self-control. It is a festival for Muslims from all over the world."

"I love this month. Apart from all the religious connotations, what I love about this month is how people exchange gifts. I remember when I was young, we used to hide our clothes to make it ultra special. I used to think that if I show my clothes to someone it will get old; though as you grow old these feelings change, but I still love getting gifts."



One gift that always makes me happy is a sari, as I love wearing it."

"Eid day is just not about wearing beautiful clothes. It is a special day for everyone. We all make delicious food on this day. At my home, it is a must that I cook payesh and beef korma."

A play has to be realistic
...Masud Shezan

SAURAV DEY

Masud Shezan, a journalist-turned-television director, has had long innings as a cultural activist right from his college days. Beginning his journey as a street theatre activist, Masud was closely involved with TSC based cultural organisations. Now he is a busy television director with notable single episode plays and drama serials like "Late Latif", "Mudra Dosh", "Mobile Court", "Shari", "Selfie", "Hatem Ali" and many more to his credit. Arts & Entertainment recently caught up with him for an interview. Excerpts:

How did you become a director?

Masud: Theatre and recitation were my passion but at a certain point I felt an urge to do something different. I used to oversee the entertainment page of Daily Jugantor, and was also an active cultural activist. Then I thought of making television plays and started working on it. I directed my first play in the latter of the 2000s.

How do you select scripts?

Masud: I write scripts for all my plays. My mind is on contemporary happenings and crises whether personal, psychological, social or political. I watch plays by both popular and new directors, and learn many things from them.

How do you select a cast?

Masud: I prioritise actors with good acting capabilities and commitment. I don't select so-called stars in my plays; instead I prefer to work with real actors. I think there are differences between stars and actors in our country.

What makes for a well-directed play?

Masud: A play has to be realistic; it has to be a pictorial description of the gradually changing emotions of human life. While making plays I strive to reflect life and the flaws in our society, sometimes through subtle satire and dark humour.

Your aspirations as a director?

Masud: I always dream of making films. I want to make something original which will reflect my taste as a director. I am looking for producers who will fund me.

Anoushka Shankar
announces new album release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prolific sitarist Anoushka Shankar has announced the release of her latest album, "Home", in the coming week. In a post on Facebook, the daughter of sitar virtuoso Pandit Ravi Shankar made the announcement, saying she "very proud



of this classical raga recording and I can't wait for you to hear it."

The album, releasing under the German label Deutsche Grammophon internationally on July 10, contains three tracks on Raga Jogeshwari — one is the alaap, the next is a jod and jhala and the third is a gat in rupak taal, and a track on Raga Manj Khamaj — a raga her father had played at his famous performance at the Woodstock

Festival in 1969. Her accompanists on the tracks are Pandit Tanmay Bose on the tabla and guitarist Kenji Ota.

"Home" will be Anoushka's eighth studio album, which have been a mix of classical, fusion and experimental styles. She has toured all over the world and has fans spanning across genres. Her previous album, "Traces of You" (2013) was a tribute to her father, alongside her half-sister, Norah Jones — and earned her a fourth Grammy nomination, in the Best World Music category.

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steps
into
12th
year

A CORRESPONDENT

Leading satellite channel ntv will celebrate its 12th anniversary tomorrow. Starting its journey on July 3, 2003, the TV channel has come a long way as one of the most popular channels in the country. It will celebrate its 12th anniversary with an array of special programmes. Single episode drama "Moner Moto Mon" will air tomorrow at 12:20 pm. Written and directed by Imraul Rafat, the play casts Tahsan, Tisha, Mehzabien, Saberi Alam, Masud Ali Khan and others.

Another play "Tumi Kemon Achho" will air tomorrow at 8:15pm. Written by Rumman Rashid Khan and directed by Chayanika Chowdhury, the play casts Mahfuz Ahmed, Tauquir Ahmed and Aupee Karim in the lead roles.



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For Each Winner

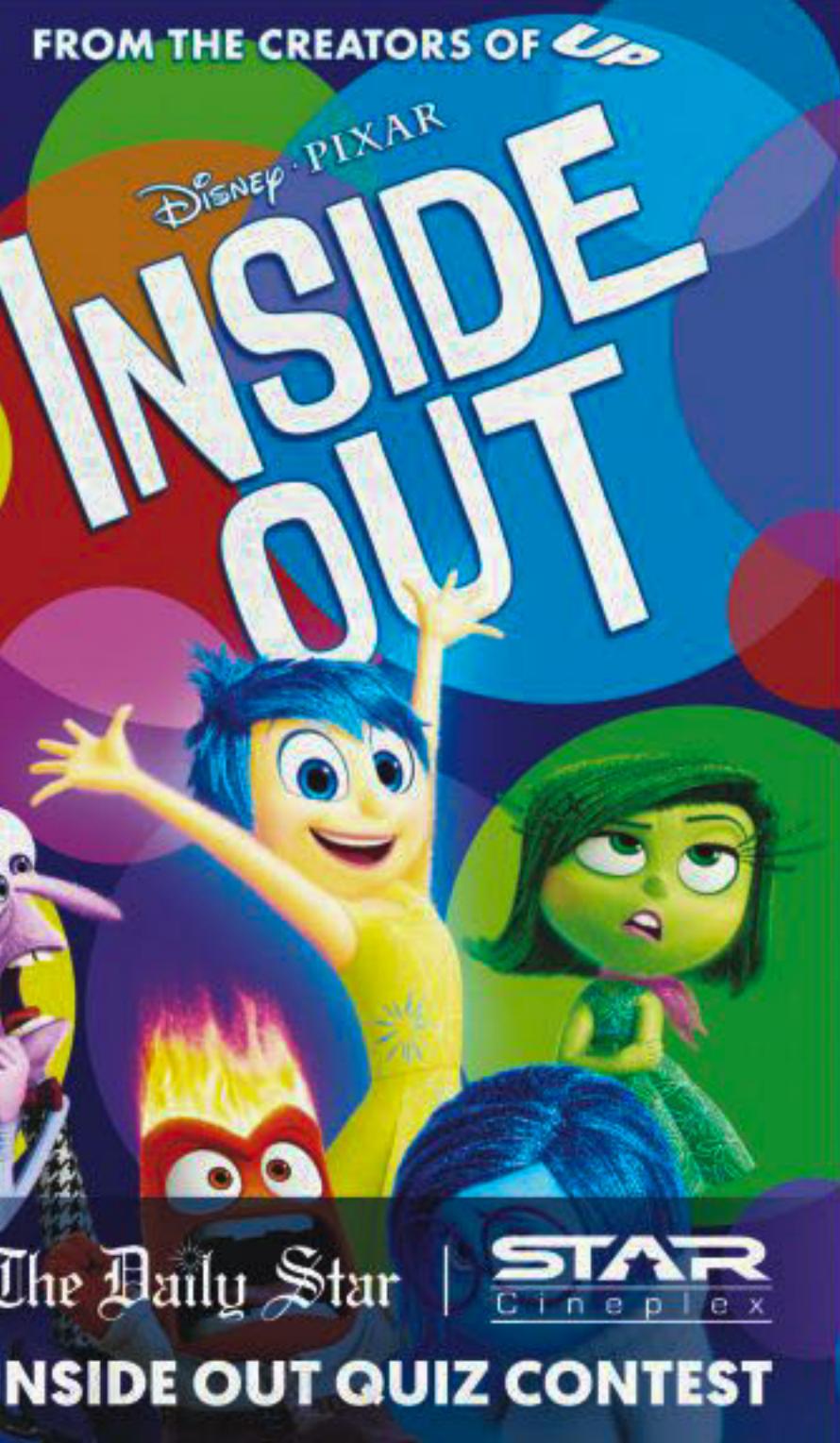
QUIZ:05

1. Who did voice of Fear in Inside Out?
2. Who is the producer of Inside Out?

Winner of quiz 4

1. Mashiyat Nayeem, Bashundhara
2. Tazrian Monsoor, Lalmoni
3. Nuzhat Jahana, Tikatuly
4. Mashrufee Alam, Uttara
5. Fardeen Almas, Mohammadpur
6. Kaniz Marzia, Badda
7. Mohammed Ashraf, Dhanmondi
8. Samiul Kabir, Banasree
9. Irtiza Haque, Kathalbagan
10. Tisha Khandakar, Tejtruri Bazar

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