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Han Solo
origins film
announced



A Star Wars spin-off film will tell the back story of space smuggler Han Solo, Disney has announced. The new movie is to be directed by Christopher Miller and Phil Lord, the men behind the hugely successful "Lego" movie.

The charismatic criminal turned Rebellion hero returns in Star Wars' next instalment "The Force Awakens" this Christmas.

Actor Harrison Ford last played Solo in 1983's "Return of the Jedi".

No details or casting have been yet been announced but the Hollywood Reporter said the script would be written by father and son team Lawrence and Jon Kasdan.

There was a huge excitement in the fan community earlier this year when an extended trailer for the new film featured a brief appearance of Solo and his Millennium Falcon co-pilot Chewbacca, appearing to be on the deck of his famous spaceship, uttering the words, "Chewie, we're home..."

The untitled Han Solo project is scheduled to be released on 25 May 2018.

Source: BBC

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Dinat Jahan
MUNNI'S
quick iftar tips

A CORRESPONDENT

Dinat Jahan Munni won her first national-level award for singing in 1985, and over the decades, has established herself as a singer, and later as a TV host. The persona she created over this period of time through her magical voice has won the heart of many people. The artiste recently spoke to this correspondent regarding iftar.

"The Holy month of Ramadan is bliss. It is a joy for all of us. It's just not only about the month; it's also about how we perform our prayers to the Almighty.

"During the time of iftar, I keep in mind how to keep the food as healthy as possible. Of course, there are conventional food like, bora, beguni, chhola and lots of fruits. The foods I always keep on the table for iftar are mainly mango, banana, yogurt, and cucumber. These are very healthy and give lot of energy especially after a long day of fasting."

"Since I have children and they are at their growing stage, I make special items. I try my best to avoid deep fried food, so I prefer to have cereals during the iftar time.

Here is a quick iftar recipe, for a custard cream yogurt.

Take:

- 1 cup of full cream
- 1 table spoon yogurt
- Little bit of sugar
- Fresh or canned fruit

Blend the full cream and yogurt together along with the sugar. Then add the fruit. You can add different kinds of fruits as well.

Obscure's
"Majhraat-e Chand"
released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular '90s band Obscure's tenth album "Majhraat-e Chand", was recently unveiled at capital's Dream Desk Studio in Bailey Road, under the label of G Series-Agniveena. Thespian Shimul Yousuf, owner of G Series-Agniveena Nazmul Haque Bhuiyan and several well-wishers and fans



launched the album.

Sayed Hasan Tipu, front-man of the band, said, "The album has a special segment titled 'Obscure O Desh', comprising three songs -- 'Tista', 'Desh Chhar Rajakar' and 'Pita'. The seven other tracks of the album are 'Kadam Phul', 'Abhimani', 'Majhraat-e Chand-2', 'Holud Kham', 'Bhul', 'Raar-er Tara' and 'Bhalobasha Tumi'.

Back in 1986, Obscure's maiden album titled "Volume 1" was launched. The song "Majhraat-e Chand" of the album got huge popularity. So, this album has been named after the sequel of that song. The present line-up of the band is: Tipu (vocal), Raju (bass), Shanta (guitar), Rinku (drums), Rubiyat (guitar) and Shawon (keys).

Good time
for female
actors in
Bollywood

... Richa Chadha



"Gangs of Wasseypur" actress Richa Chadha feels Bollywood is a good place for female actors right now as there are better roles being written for them. Richa, who will be seen in debutant Neeraj Ghaywan's Cannes-acclaimed "Masaan", said the industry and the audience have become more receptive to actresses, especially in lead roles. "It is a good time for female actors because there is greater acceptability. I also feel meaty roles are being written for actresses. I loved 'Queen', 'NH10' and 'Piku'...Great roles for women are there right now," the actress told PTI.

The 26-year old is happy to be a part of "Masaan", whose story is set in Varanasi, as she feels it is high time films utilised modest backdrops. "It is about time that films with modest settings and real characters got made because in the past we have seen movies set in foreign locations, big cities... Now it is the time to see the more rooted stories," she said.

Richa, known for preferring big roles over big banners and a film's commercial value, said she cannot star in any movie if her character does not make sense to her. "I will do a big budget film provided my role is substantial because I have to have fun doing a movie; I have to make sense. I am fairly selective. You will be seeing a lot more of me now but every film has its destiny. I have done some films, which are yet to release," she said.

Richa will be next seen Pooja Bhatt's "Cabaret", "Main Aur Charles" and Sudhir Mishra's "Aur Devdas".

Source: DNA India



Selim and Badhon in
The Hero

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular television actors Shahiduzzaman Selim and Badhon have paired up after almost three years for the tele-film "The Hero". Written by Rajibul Islam Rajib and directed by FQ Peter, the tele-film will air on Channel i on July 15.

The tele-film encircles Shamim, an ordinary man who dreams of becoming a film hero but in the process loses his everything. Eventually he fails to become a film hero and instead turns into a national hero.

About the tele-film, Selim said, "I play a realistic character in the tele-film, and I worked with much enthusiasm since I like the role very much. Also Badhon has matured as an actress, and I hope the audience will like our work."

Tahsan-Tisha in
STORY OF THOUSAND DAYS

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular singer-actor Tahsan will be seen alongside television star Tisha in special tele-film "Story of Thousand Days". Written and directed by Mabur Rashid Banna, the tele-film casts Tisha and Tahsan as best friends who are secretly in love with one another. Despite being very close, they never acknowledge their mutual affections. Meanwhile they decide to celebrate 1000th day of their love but Tisha becomes gets hospitalised for a serious illness.

The tele-film will air on the second day of Eid at 2:40pm.



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The record for most Grammy nominations without a win is 16, jointly held by rapper Snoop Dogg and R&B singer-songwriter-musician Brian McKnight. The illustrious list also includes the likes of rock guitar legend Joe Satriani (15), pop superstar Katy Perry (13), Diana Ross (12), Busta Rhymes (12) and thrash metal band Megadeth (11), among others.

"Minions" eyes massive debut

Bangladesh to see US simultaneous release



Universal is being more conservative, insisting it will be happy if the film matches or tops the "Despicable Me 2" bar of \$83.5 million debut set in 2013.

Overseas, "Minions" is already racking up big bucks, earning more than \$125 million since opening last month in several foreign markets.

There is more competition for the family dollar than analysts initially expected there

would be on this weekend. "Inside Out", the critically adored Pixar release, continues to pack them in, having earned \$250 million and counting at the North American box office.

"I think there's enough room for both films to succeed," said Contrino.

The film, which tells the story of three of the adorable pill-shaped creatures looking for the next big super-villain for their entire species to serve, will be released in Bangladesh on

Universal and Illumination Entertainment's "Minions" should score one of the year's top openings, with the family film on pace to pull in \$100 million and change in its opening weekend. That would make the "Despicable Me" spinoff the fourth film this year to debut to north of \$100 million stateside, something only two films achieved throughout all of 2014.

the same date of its US release on July 10. "Minions" will premiere today at the Star Cineplex to a select audience, before going on the regular roster from Friday. Directed by Pierre Coffin, it stars Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton, Steve Coogan, Geoffrey Rush and Steve Carell in various voice roles.

Source: Internet

minions Quiz Contest

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10 Winners Everyday! 2 Premium Tickets For Each Winner

Evolving from single-celled yellow organisms at the dawn of time, Minions live to serve, but find themselves working for a continual series of unsuccessful masters, from T. Rex to Napoleon. Without a master to grovel for, the Minions fall into a deep depression. But one minion, Kevin, has a plan; accompanied by his pals Stuart and Bob, Kevin sets forth to find a new evil boss for his brethren to follow. Their search leads them to Scarlet Overkill, the world's first-ever super-villainess. The Daily Star together with Star Cineplex will host a quiz for the animation lovers in the Arts & Entertainment section. So keep your eyes open.