



Rajeeb and Nadia Samdani among top art collectors in the world

Bangladeshi duo on ArtNews' Top 200 list

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Rajeeb and Nadia Samdani, renowned art collectors from Bangladesh, have been named in the prestigious ArtNews Top 200 Collectors of the world. The 25th anniversary of the list terms the Samdanis "Young Bangladeshi investors, [who] are not only prodigious collectors of art of their region — their vast collection includes modern and contemporary Bangladeshi artists as well as artists from India and Pakistan — they are also avid supporters of it. Rajeeb is co-chair and a founding

member of Tate's South Asian Acquisition Committee, but the Samdanis have become best known for their biennial, Dhaka Art Summit, which brings together curators, artists, and other arts professionals from around the globe." Nadia and Rajeeb are the only representatives of the South Asia on the list, with the only other Asian collectors being from places like Taipei (Taiwan) and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia). The achievement puts the Samdanis next to collectors Pinault, Prada, Arnault, Saatchi to Hollywood star Leonardo Di Caprio.

The Dhaka Art Summit, which was launched in 2012 and in its second edition in 2014 attracted 70,000 visitors -- putting it on par in terms of attendance with major international art fairs. February 2016 will bring the third edition of the summit to Dhaka. Their Samdani Art Foundation, in partnership with the Delfina Foundation, gives out the biannual Samdani Art Award to a young Bangladeshi artist -- the jury for which includes Cosmin Costinas (director of Hong Kong's Para/Site), Catherine David (deputy director of Paris's Centre

Pompidou) and Massimiliano Gioni (artistic director of New York's New Museum). At the Venice Biennale in 2015, the Samdanis' foundation supported the work of Naeem Mohaiemen and Raqs Media Collective; both included in the curated exhibition "All The World's Futures". In 2014 they were nominated for the Forbes India Art Award in the Young Collector of the Year category in recognition of their collection of Indian artists such as Anish Kapoor, Bharti Kher, Jitish Kallat, Ravinder Reddy, Chitra Ganesh, and Subodh Gupta.



Sajal and his four heroines

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Four promising TV play actresses -- Suzana, Hasin, Asha and Peya Bipasha -- are working with Sajal in an Eid special TV serial titled "Target 07". Written by Matia Banu

Shuku and directed by Ruman Runi, the seven-episode TV serial will go on air on Asian TV at 8:20pm everyday starting from Eid Day.

In the serial, Sajal will be seen as a killer, while Suzana enacts an air

hostess, Hasin plays a model, Asha's role is of a teacher and Bipasha acts as a fashion designer. The story of the serial revolves around various mysteries where Sajal plays a central role. Shooting of the serial is currently underway.

IT'S TRUE!

One of the biggest highlights of James McAvoy's career was starring with Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman in "Wanted". When McAvoy screen-tested for the role, he was initially rejected because the studio was seeking an actor with conventional Hollywood leading-man looks and physique. He



later recalled being considered the "runt of the litter" of those who tested, but ultimately got the role in late 2006 since the studio "wanted someone geeky". While shooting action scenes for the film, he suffered several injuries, including a twisted ankle and an injured knee, but the actor said he had a 'good time' doing the movie.



Mahi on Eid special "Alap"

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Film actress Mahiya Mahi will be the guest on the Eid special episode on Boishakhi Television's talk show "Alap". She will talk about her career, new films, future plans and a host of previously unknown facets of her life.

Produced by Palash Mahbub and hosted by SHanta Jahan, the episode will air at 10:20am on Eid day.

Ben Affleck to write and direct standalone Batman film

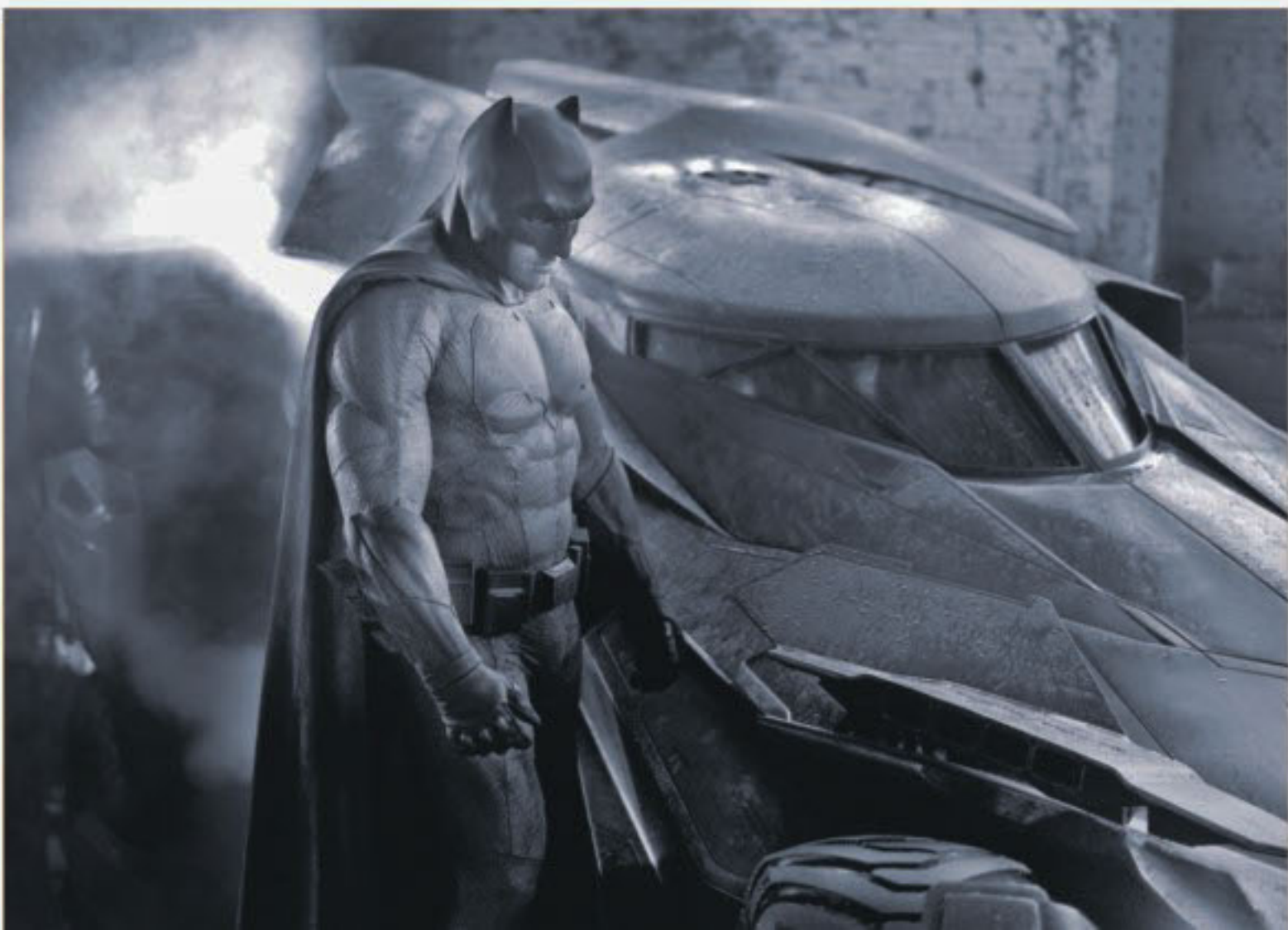
Ben Affleck is teaming up with Geoff Johns to co-write a stand-alone Batman movie that Affleck will direct and star in.

Deadline reported that Affleck and Johns are well in sync, and are likely to turn in a script before the end of the summer, prior to Affleck going off to direct "Live By Night" in November. The Batman movie would shoot after he finishes that project, and the plot would reflect the Batman character that emerges after "Batman V Superman" and "Justice League", the latter of which comes out November 17, 2017.

DC and Warner Bros have set a long list of superhero movies that take the Marvel formula of interspersing characters from one film to the next, so it's unclear when Affleck's film will be slotted.

The best Batman blockbusters had a real sense of visual authorship, originated by Tim Burton, with the latest arc by Christopher Nolan. Now it falls to Affleck, who'll creatively steer the Batman franchise after directing the Best Picture winner "Argo" and co-scripting and directing gems "The Town" and "Gone Baby Gone".

Helped by the collaboration with DC-savvy Johns, this might be the most exciting news to hit the San Diego Comic-Con this weekend.



Joyeta Fahmi: Classical singer makes strides

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Classical music is singer Joyeta Fahmi's forte. Rewards have poured in too as the young Tagore singer is now a popular name in the music arena in Mymensingh and the country.

Joyeta has close linkages with eminent Tagore artists in Kolkata like Maya Sen, Sramona Sen and Rajsree Bhattacharya. She continues to train under Rajsree Bhattacharya.

Joyeta did her graduation and post graduation in Music from Kolkata University. She attained first position in a music competition organised by Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad (JRSSP) in 2003 and 2005, and now regularly participates in programmes organised

by JRSSP, Chhayanaut, Bengal Foundation, Biswa Sahitya Kendra and Bangla Academy.

A listed artiste of Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television, Joyeta has also performed Tagore songs on TV channels.

A Rabindra Sangeet trainer at Mymensingh Shilpakala Academy, Joyeta founded Uttariya, a cultural organisation in 2009 to promote classical and traditional music among the younger generation.

Joyeta said, "To attain perfection in classical music is a continuous process. However, children and youth do not like to dedicate themselves to learning classical music for years together. They are fond of modern music and are reluctant to learn traditional and classical music."



"Shudhu Tor Jonno" on ntv tonight



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Single-episode TV play "Shudhu Tor Jonno" will go on air on ntv tonight at 9pm. Written by Ayan Chowdhury, the play has been directed by Sakawat Manik. The story of the play circles a young couple Jishan and Parama. One day Jishan meets a mugger. Getting convinced by the words of the mugger to

celebrate their marriage anniversary, Jishan gives him money, selling a guitar which was a gift from Parama. Another day, Jishan persuades the mugger to buy a restaurant. This event fuels a furious quarrel between Parama and Jishan. The story turns a corner. Will Parama marry Jishan after all?

Afran Nisho, Mehzabien and Tanveer are lead cast of the play.

SRK releases teaser of "Fan"

The teaser of Shah Rukh Khan's much-awaited film "Fan" is finally out, and has already sent the Internet into frenzy. Khan's fans have been waiting for quite long for a glimpse of their superstar's next project, and the actor took to Twitter to grace their wishes.

The 30-second promo doesn't really give any insight into the film apart from what is already common knowledge. It had earlier been reported that the film will not have

any song and dance, which is quite rare for a Shah Rukh Khan film. Maneesh Sharma's tale, however, is an emotional, content-driven one, and hence the decision of skipping the routine song-and-dance path.

Apart from Shah Rukh Khan, "Fan" stars model Waluscha De Sousa. As of now, the film is scheduled to hit theatres on April 15, 2016.

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