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ALL-STAR "X-MEN: APOCALYPSE" CAST AT COMIC-CON



20th Century Fox's Comic-Con presentation went out with a bang on Saturday night when the entire cast of "X-Men: Apocalypse" crashed Hall H to premiere the first trailer for the upcoming sequel.

A total of 16 cast members, including Jennifer Lawrence and Michael Fassbender, took part in the event which began with homage to the X-Men franchise. Hugh Jackman introduced the video retrospective, which included his own Wolverine audition tapes.

"Playing Wolverine is the greatest part I've ever had in my life," Jackman said, thanking the fans, Fox boss Jim Gianopulos and director Bryan Singer. To cap off the massive celebration, the casts of "X-Men" were joined onstage by actors from Fox and Marvel's superhero films "Deadpool," "Fantastic Four" and "Wolverine" for a giant group photo.

Earlier in the evening, Ryan Reynolds and "Deadpool" wowed fanboys in Hall H with its own trailer.

Source: Variety

IT'S TRUE!

Brazilian fashion model, actress, and producer Gisele Bündchen was the first in a wave of Brazilian models to find international success and is credited as a pioneer of the 'horse walk', a stomping movement created when



a model picks her knees up high and kicks her feet out in front. Since 2004, Bündchen has been the highest-paid model in the world. In 2012 she placed first on the Forbes top-earning models list, and as of 2014, is listed as the 89th most powerful woman in the world by Forbes.



Nawshin Khair (3L) and Ashwani Nayar (4R) shake hands following the agreement signing.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Le Méridien Dhaka, the capital's newest upscale hotel, and leading art gallery Bengal Art Lounge have signed a non-commercial to help the hotel's guests to better engage in the local contemporary art scene. The partnership is a step for the roll out of one of the brand programmes of Le Méridien, Unlock Art™. The agreement was signed by managing director Nawshin Khair and director Luva Nahid Choudhury of Bengal Art Lounge and by general manager Ashwani Nayar and marketing communications manager Zaireen Sultana

Lupa of Le Méridien Dhaka.

Under the agreement of the Unlock Art™ Partnership, guests of Le Méridien Dhaka will be encouraged to visit a local contemporary cultural centre throughout the year at Bengal Art Lounge. In turn, Bengal Art Lounge will provide a rich cultural experience directly to the guests of Le Méridien Dhaka by organising arts-related events in the premises of the hotel.

"The partnership is in line with our strategy to project a culturally rich Bangladesh to global audiences," explained Luva Nahid Choudhury. "Bengal Art Lounge is a platform

where the public can engage with the creativity of Bangladeshi contemporary artists, and we are delighted to propose this experience to the distinguished guests of Le Méridien," added Nawshin Khair.

Guests of Le Méridien on check-in are presented with collectible key cards designed by commissioned artists that open more than guestrooms and suites; they provide special access to partner local cultural centres, allowing them to witness artistic expressions of how present-day events affect society -- an opportunity that Le Méridien guests of Dhaka now look forward to.

Amin Khan-Prova in NISSHASH

A CORRESPONDENT

Film star Amin Khan has paired up for the first time with television actress Prova for Eid special single-episode play "Nisshash". Written and directed by Imran Hossain Imu, the play -- based on a true story -- is in the post production stage.

Amin Khan said, "Prova is a talented actress and can go deep into the character she is playing. We have done some great work together in this play."

Prova said, "I have watched a number of Amin Khan's films and he was very supportive on the sets of 'Nisshash'. I hope for a positive response from the audience."

The play will air on ATN Bangla during Eid.



Afzal Hossain and Mou in "Oporichita"

A CORRESPONDENT

Seasoned actor-director Afzal Hossain will share screen space with popular model-actress Sadia Islam Mou in Eid special single-episode play "Oporichita".

Written by Pantho Shahriar and directed by Nayeem Imtiaz Neyamul, the play is currently being shot in different locations in the capital.

Afzal Hossain said, "Mou is a talented actress and we have close family ties. Though she has always been into modeling, she has a rare acting talent."

On the other hand, Mou said, "As an actress I feel lucky to have worked with people like Afzal Hossain. It always feels good to work with him as I get to learn a lot from him. He is one of my mentors."

The play, reuniting Afzal and Mou onscreen after one year, will go on air on a satellite channel during Eid.

Epic "Batman v Superman" trailer released

The first full-length trailer for upcoming superhero sequel "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" was released at the San Diego Comic-Con yesterday, and it has left fans of the genre in frenzied anticipation.

Ben Affleck makes his on-screen debut as both the Dark Knight and billionaire Bruce Wayne, and the reason he hates Superman so much was also shown in a glimpse.

In a stunning scene, Bruce Wayne is seen running into a war zone as a battle between Henry Cavill's Man of Steel and an enemy destroys Wayne Tower in Gotham. As Wayne is seen holding a young girl close, surrounded by devastation, it looks as if the fight between Superman and General Zod (from "Man of Steel" led to the death of Wayne's family).

Zac Snyder's epic vision for the DC Universe seems to have paid off with the special effects looking years ahead of other movies. In one scene, Gal Gadot's Wonder Woman - who appears to have joined Batman in his quest to destroy Superman - is seen slamming her brace-



The Man of Steel faces off against the Caped Crusader.

lets together to create a huge energy wave. There's even a nod to the Joker as Batman looks upon an old costume of his emblazoned with graffiti reading: "HAHAHAHA. Joke's on you Batman."

A young Lex Luthor is also seen to have

got a chunk of Kryptonite. So while the twenty-something Luthor might not seem as dangerous as the previous incarnations of the character, Jesse Eisenberg's seems quite demented.

Source: Mirror

"GRANDMASTER" on Channel 9

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Grandmaster" will air on Channel 9 tonight at 10:15pm. Written by Shahjahan Sourav and directed by Dipangkar Dipon, the serial is about a politician and his family members who aspire to gain fame in the world of politics.

"Grandmaster" has a heavyweight cast including Raisul Islam Asad, Syed Hasan Imam, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tarin, Kalyan, Hasin Rowshan, Shahed Ali and Kazi Ujjal.



Drama serial "Housewives" on Maasranga



A CORRESPONDENT

New drama serial "Housewives" will air on Maasranga Television from Sundays to Wednesdays at 8:40pm. Written jointly by Tazeen Khan and Nazakat Khan and directed by Akram Khan, the serial is about several housewives and their modern day lifestyles.

Dipa Khandakar, Munira Yousuf Memi, Sweety, Tomalika Karmakar, Chadni, Farah Ruma, Elora Gowhar, Rokeya Prachi, Arman Parvez Murad, Shahed Ali and others are in the cast.



PHOTO: LS ARCHIVE

MAKING OF A MODEL

"You have to love what you do"

--- Azra Mahmood

NAHIN TAHER

Azra Mahmood, one of the top models of the country, has been around in the glamour world for 15 years. She spoke to The Daily Star about what it takes to be a model.

What made you a model?

Azra: I always loved to see the people on the ramp, especially when I watched F TV. The complete focus of the models on their walk, they aura they exuded and their perfection was like an adrenaline rush for me and brought me here. I wanted to be the epitome of flawless beauty like them.

What is the first step to becoming a model?

Azra: You have to love what you do. You really cannot take up modelling as a profession, especially in our country. But you need to be passionate and dedicated, you have to have charisma, show your potential and zeal to be in this glamour world. And most importantly you need to be prompt and punctual.

Is it necessary to be a part of the ramp?

Azra: When we say "model," it usually means a ramp model. But in this continent, we have this distinction of ramp model and TVC models.

Any tips for aspiring models?

Azra: Modelling does not mean just to be a part of the glamour world but also means staying beautiful and healthy. This is what we forget once we come in the limelight. Models need to know how to keep fit by working out and looking after their skin. That's why a healthy diet is so important.

Your best experience as a model?

Azra: In our country we don't have fashion shows. The few shows we have are not very professionally done. I thoroughly enjoyed and learnt a lot from the better fashion shows I have done.



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Q2. Which movie theater has brought the Minions in Bangladesh?

Winners of quiz-2

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3. Nahila Chowdhury, Mirpur
4. Rashed Ringku, Mirpur
5. Moontaha Mahbub Hridi, Adabar
6. Kaniz Marzia, Dhaka University
7. Taisir Farzana Tora, Uttara
8. Salvana Ahmed, Mohammadpur
9. Fariah Aazeen (Ayishah) Dhanmondi
10. Mahjabeen Halima, Uttara

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