



EID AUDIO MARKET New releases galore

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Eid is the peak season of the year for many businesses, and the music industry is no exception. In the wake of Eid-ul-Fitr, music companies – major and small – try to release their best productions. In celebration of the festival, fresh tunes find their way to the fun-filled family evenings, add a dose of friends, making for great holidays.

This Eid, the audio market offers a vast collection of Bangla songs of different genres. The albums that have already hit the market or are expected to be released soon are mostly of folk, adhunika, rock, pop and remix songs.

G-Series and its sister concern Agniweena are releasing mostly pop, rock, adhunika and fusion pop albums. Their albums for this Eid include Swami Zubayeer's solo album "Chander Shorobore", "Cactus Shomoyer Gaan" (Russel featuring Shwajeb, Putul and Moon); ARTCELL by popular band Artcell: "Aha Re" by Minar; "Chondrokuhok Maya" by Nirjher Chowdhury; "Dekha Hobo Bole" by Topu; Khalid Hossain's "Jabi Ke Modinaye" (Islamic songs); "Shurdosshu" by Bibek featuring Avi; "Tomaro Lagia Rey" by Parveen Sultana and "Uncensored" by Mila.

Laser Vision is bringing out audio albums, music and film music videos. Its albums are "Padma Pukur" (Kanak Channpa), "Ekta Bondhu Chai" (Samina Chowdhury and Raghav

Chattopadhyay), "Surma Paar-er Gaan" (Rashedul Kayes), "Folk Factory" (Shirin Dewan and Habib Siraji), "Rabindranath-er Borshar Gaan" (Ajoy Mitra), "Aye Bhor" (Amirul Momenin, Nachiketa, Asif, Agun and Liza), "Dokhina Batash" (folk music by Shafi Mondal, Dilnaba Khan, Shimul Khan, Rinku, Beauty and Salma).

Bengal Foundation's albums are in the pipeline too. Prior to Eid, they have produced two recitation albums "Megh Balika" by late actor-elocutionist Khaled Khan and noted journalist and elocutionist Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury's latest recitation album "Praner Joybarta."

Popular music label, Ganchill, which had been lying low for four years, re-launched on 11th June, 2015 with the album "Asif er Kothay Moon er Gaan", a series of new songs. Other popular music labels including Soundtrack, Sangeeta and Eagle Music have released new albums marking this Eid.

"We always look forward to joyous occasions like Eid. We hope for great sales as we have some exclusive music albums lined up," said a salesman at a music outlet in Bashundhara City shopping mall. Apart from new releases, music outlets are also selling much in demand classics

and old albums.

Diversity of the music offers something for everyone. The focus is on entertainment for all. However, the issue of piracy continues to hound the music industry as the artists and production houses face falling bottomlines.

Five films to release this Eid

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There was a time when Eid was the time for the biggest silver screen releases. Despite Dhallywood's push to make tasteful, original films, the market seems to be shrinking, and the excitement of viewing films during Eid-ul-Fitr is missing. A total of five films are releasing this Eid, two of which are not the quintessential 'commercial' films.



"Agnee-2", the India-Bangladesh joint release, is one of the top releases this festive season. Directed by Ifthakar Chowdhury, the sequel of last year's big hit "Agnee", sees Mahiya Mahi return in a central role, opposite Tollywood hero Om. The film also casts Amit Hasan and Bollywood actor Ashish Vidyarthi. The Jaaz Multimedia-SK Productions (Kolkata) production, under the banner of Heartbeat Productions, is said to be the biggest-budget joint-venture film till date, and has created quite a stir with its glitzy songs, released on YouTube.

"Poddopata'r Jol", directed by Tanmoy Tansen, is another much-anticipated film awaiting release. With a star-studded cast featuring Bidya Sinha

Mim, Imon, Tariq Anam Khan, Nima Rahman and Amit Hasan, the Tripod Studios film promises good music – with the title song by popular band Shironamhin – and picturesque locations. It tells the story of a zamindar's son falling in love with a dancer.

Shakib Khan, the leading hero of the industry, has just one release this Eid. Shahin Sumon-directed "Love Marriage" is expected to be the typical Dhallywood affair, centred in Old Dhaka. Shakib's tested on-screen pairing with Opu Biswas also casts Misha Sawdagar, and is produced by Taposhi Thakur. Shakib's other film that was in talks for Eid release, SA Haque Alik's "Aro Bhalobashbo Tomaye" opposite

Pori Moni, has eventually been slotted to be released next month.

The other two films for release this Eid are both under the banner of Impress Telefilms. "Nodion", directed by national award-winning director Shahneoyaj Cacy casts Toma Mirza, Pran Roy and Jayanta Chattopadhyay in the central roles. "Ami O Ice-cream Wala" is the other film from the banner; Suman Dhar has directed the film, based on a story by Faridur Reza Sagar. The film, about our Liberation War, will see singer Khan Asifur Rahman Agun and his son Michil essay the central roles, alongside veterans Abul Hayat, Tariq Anam Khan and Jayanta Chattopadhyay.



Stills from "Agnee-2" (top) and "Poddopata'r Jol".

Eid Delights!

All that hectic revelry during Eid can be quite exhausting. There's nothing quite like putting your tired feet up and watching your favourite TV show--special TV plays, telefilms, musical performances, variety shows and much more. What's in store:



TV Series "Khayes" on Maasranga Television; Director: Sakal Ahmed; Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Fazlur Rahman Babu; Eid Day-6th Day, 6:15pm



Tele-film "Chandra-Bindu" on SATV; Director: Goutam Koiri; Cast: Riaz, Farah Ruma; 3rd day of Eid, 3pm.



Celebrity talk-show "Kothopokothone Dui Taroka" on Banglavisión; Host: Shamim Shahed; Cast: Ferdous, Purnima; 3rd day of Eid, 9:40pm

ATN Bangla

Mini serial "Osthir Parvez"

Six-episode television serial "Osthir Parvez" will air on ATN Bangla on Eid day at 8:15pm. Written by Maruf Rehman and directed by RB Pritam, the serial encircles a restless youth named Parvez who is popularly known as 'Osthir Parvez' among his friends. Iresh Zaker, Abul Hayat, Saberi Alam, Mishu Sabbir, Sonia, Muhtarima Tabassum and others are in the cast.

Tele-film "Foring"

Tele-film "Foring" will air on ATN Bangla on the second day of Eid at 3:10pm. Written and directed by Anjan Aich, the tele-film encircles landlord Mirza who plans to marry his younger brother's wife leading to a tragedy in his family. Tariq Anam Khan, Farah, Suzana, Faruk Ahmed and Tutul Chowdhury are in the cast, among others.

Channel i

TV drama "Tithi'r Neel Towale"

Based on a story by Humayun Ahmed, adapted and directed by Meher Afroze Shaon, TV play "Tithi'r Neel Towale" will go on air at 7:50pm on Channel i Eid day. Newcomer Zohora Titsha plays the titular role, while Riaz, Syed Hasan Imam, Laila Hasan, Mir Sabbir and Jhuna Chowdhury have enacted other roles.

Telefilm "Priyo Podorekha"

Mohammad Ibrahim-directed telefilm "Priyo Podorekha" will air on Channel i on the third day of Eid at 2:30pm. Audiences will see Iresh Zaker, Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Sabnam Faria and Munira Mithu in the telefilm.

Ekushey TV

Miniseries "Shesh Odhyay"

Six-episode drama serial "Shesh Odhyay" will air on Ekushey TV from the first to the sixth day of Eid at 9:30pm. Written by Rezaur Rahman Rizvi and directed by Minhajul Islam Ovi, the serial casts Joyshri Kar Joya, Sumaiya Shimu, Ismat Ara Lemon, Sajal, Lamia Mimo and others in the lead roles. The story encircles Shopna who becomes involved with criminal gang unknowingly after coming to the capital but dreams of starting a new life.

Ananta-Borsha in "Coffee with Tamim" Celebrity talk-show "Coffee with Tamim" will air on Ekushey TV on the second day of Eid at 8:30pm. Hosted by Tamim Hasan, the show will feature celebrity couple Ananta Jalil and Borsha as guests. They will talk about their film career, share interesting anecdotes and shed light on their married life at the show.

ntv

Break-less TV play "Ekti Adrosho Bidyalay"

Single-episode TV play "Ekti Adrosho Bidyalay" will air on ntv at 8:10pm on Eid day. Written and directed by Sagar Jahan, the play encircles Sabuj who builds a make-shift school for village children to educate them. The play casts Mosharraf Karim, Jenny, Wahida Mallick Jolly, Shahnewaz Ripon and others.

TV play "Akasher Thikanay"

Single-episode television play "Akasher Thikanay" will air on ntv on the second day of Eid at 8:10pm. Written and directed by Zakaria Soukhin, the play encircles depressed girl Tori who laments her father's death. One day she meets Zarf and dreams of leading a happy life together with him. Arfan Nisho, Tisha and Aruna Biswas played the lead roles.



TV Series "Chotokaku: Raag Kore Rangamati" on Channel i; Director: Afzal Hossain; Cast: Afzal Hossain, Orsha, Samia; Previous day of Eid to 6th Day, 6:10pm



Film show "Sagourab-e Cholitechhe" on Boishakhi TV; Guests: Nirob, Emon, Irin; Eid Day, 7:35pm



TV play "Shishir Kona" on ntv; Director: Abul Hayat; Cast: Riaz, Tisha, Sabnam Faria; 3rd Day of Eid, 11:15pm.



TV play "The Mirror Game" on GTV; Director: Gautam Koiri; Cast: Apurba, Rosa Paramita; Third day of Eid at 7:30pm



Tele-film "Hopeless Man" on ATN Bangla; Director: Zahid Hasan; Cast: Mou, Zahid Hasan; 3rd day of Eid, 3:10pm.



TV Drama "The Silence" on Channel 9; Director: Alvi Ahmed; Cast: Sajal, Tisha; Eid Day, 9:30pm

Banglavisión

Miniseries "Mukul Master"

Six-episode TV serial "Mukul Master" will air on Banglavisión at 11:10pm from the first to the sixth day of Eid. Written by Masum Reza and directed by Salaudhin Lavlu, the play encircles a college lecturer who teaches local youths under a tree after college hours, in order to educate them. The serial casts Raisul Islam Asad, Niloy, Wahida Mallick Jolly, Arfan Ahmed, Nawshaba, Mim and others.

Tele-film "Paparazzi"

Tele-film "Paparazzi" will air on Banglavisión on the second day of Eid at 2:10pm. Written and directed by Mahmud Didar, the tele-film encircles Nira who comes to a village for her shooting and meets photographer Robi who persuades her to lead an ordinary life instead of the life of a star. Mamunur Rashid, Arfan Nisho, Orsha, Shompa Reza, Niaz Morshed and others are in the cast.

Desh TV

TV Series "Bakharkhani"

Starting from Eid Day, a weeklong mini TV Series "Bakharkhani" will be aired everyday at 9pm on Desh TV. Written by Tuhin Rasel, Tanim Parvez has directed it. The cast of the series includes Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tania Ahmed, Saju Khadem, Aparna and others.

Musical Programme "CloseUp Call-er Gaan"

Starting from Eid Day, weeklong live musical programme "CloseUp Call-er Gaan", featuring either popular bands or soloists, will be aired everyday at 9:45pm. Band Vikings will perform on Eid Day while Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty [of India], Hridoy Khan, the band Fakira, popular band Chirkuti, Arati Mukherjee [of India] and popular soloists – Kona Kona and Elita will perform on the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh day respectively.

Boishakhi TV

Magazine programme "Dara Diya Kortrik" Magazine programme "Dara Diya Kortrik"

will be aired at 7:35pm on the second day of Eid. Popular actor-director Ananta Jalil and Barsha will be seen as guests while noted singer Kumar Bishwajit and Nakul Kumar Biswas will sing; Mehazaben and Shihab will dance and Mirakkel star Sajal and Shawon will perform stand-up comedy in the magazine.

TV play "Shikkha Safar"

Single-episode play "Shikkha Safar" will be aired at 2:30pm on the third day of Eid. Written by Palash Mahbub, the play has been directed by Hasan Morshed. The cast of the play includes Mosharraf Karim, Aparna Ghosh and Shamima Naznin.

Rtv

Serial "Iar Ali'r Notun Bou" Special six-episode TV serial "Iar Ali'r Notun Bou" will go on air at 8:50pm on Rtv starting Eid day. Written by Brindaban Das and directed by Salahuddin Lavlu, the serial has a star-studded cast of Chanchal

will be aired at 7:35pm on the second day of Eid. Popular actor-director Ananta Jalil and Barsha will be seen as guests while noted singer Kumar Bishwajit and Nakul Kumar Biswas will sing; Mehazaben and Shihab will dance and Mirakkel star Sajal and Shawon will perform stand-up comedy in the magazine.

Tele-film "Karener Pankha" Special tele-film "Karener Pankha" will air on SATV on the second day of Eid at 3pm. Written and directed by Dipankar Dipon, the tele-film is based in Nurpur village, a remote place without electricity. Urmila, Sajal, Dr.Ezaz and others are in the cast.

Gtv

Talk show "Aupi's Glowing Chair" A special programme titled "Aupi's Glowing Chair" will be aired at 8:45pm on Eid day. Hosted by Aupi Karim, actor-elocutionist Asaduzzaman Noor is the featured guest of the programme.

Talk show "Ajker Ananya" Eid special talk show "Ajker Ananya" will be aired at 8:45pm on the second day of Eid. Hosted by Farhana Nisho, the show has four guests – Shanarai Devi Sanu, Mehazaben, Ishana and Hasin.

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