

Recitation Evening by Tanveer Mokammel
Organiser: Platform
Venue: Bangladesh Film Institute
Date: August 1, Time: 5pm



Grand Final of Bitarka Bikash
Organiser: BRAC, ATN Bangla & Debate for Democracy
Venue: Bangla Academy Auditorium, Dhaka.
Date: August 1 Time: 11am



Film Show
New Films, New Makers
Organiser: Movijana Film Society
Venue: Art Gallery Plaza, Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 31; Time: 3:30pm

Concert
Charm of Korea VII
Organiser: Korean Embassy
Venue: International Convention City, Bashundhara
Date: July 30; Time: 7pm

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CHARM OF KOREA VII
"Wong San Jazz Story"

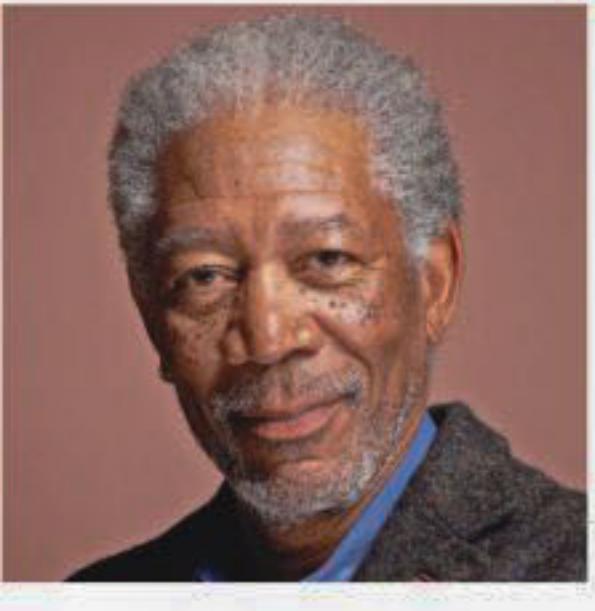


NEWS bytes

Morgan Freeman to star in 'Down to a Sunless Sea'

Morgan Freeman has signed on to star in action movie "Down to a Sunless Sea," set up at Focus Features.

Focus has bought the script by David Gleeson. The logline is under wraps, but is said to be similar in tone to "Air Force One." Producers are Bruce Cohen and Freeman's Revelations, which is headed by Lori



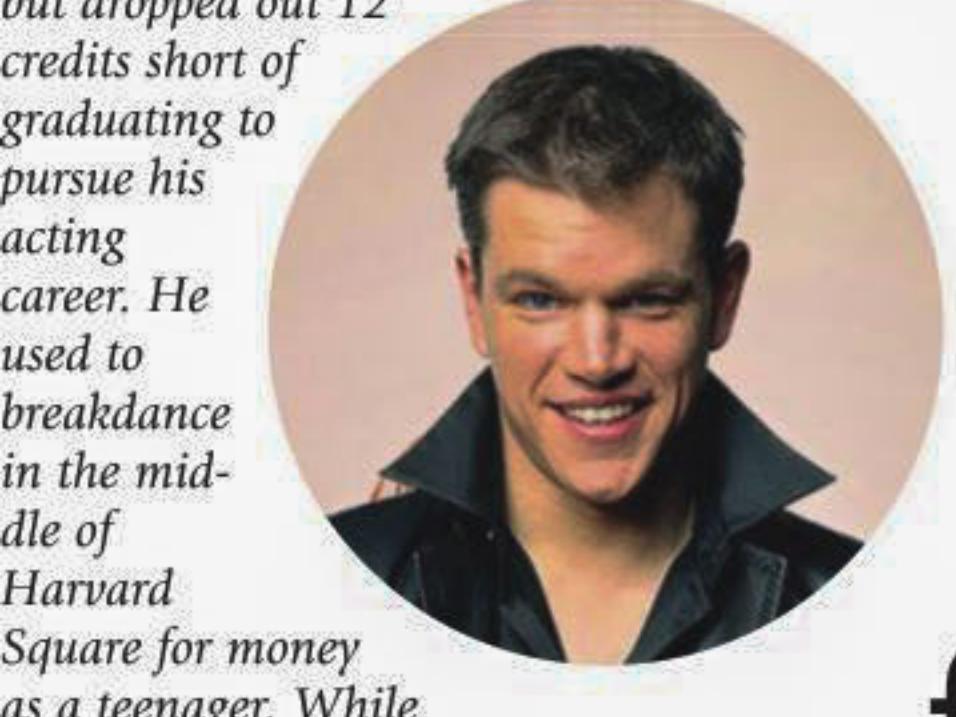
McCreary. Freeman starred in last year's sci-fi hit "Lucy" with Scarlett Johansson and in "Ted 2." He'll be seen next year in "London Has Fallen" and the "Ben-Hur" remake.

Cohen's producing credits include "Silver Linings Playbook," "Milk" and "American Beauty."

Source: Deadline

IT'S TRUE!

Matt Damon began acting at the age of 10 while attending Rindge & Latin prep school alongside his neighborhood friend Ben Affleck. Later he went to Harvard to study English but dropped out 12 credits short of graduating to pursue his acting career. He used to breakdance in the middle of Harvard Square for money as a teenager. While trying to find gigs in the acting world, he lived with Ben Affleck and his brother Casey. Damon and Ben decided to write their own script and they wrote "Good Will Hunting". He sold the script of "Good Will Hunting" along with Ben to Miramax for \$500,000.



Celebrating a celebrity "Neel Chhoa Kingbodonti" launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 80th birth anniversary of noted actor, elocutionist and cultural personality Syed Hasan Imam was celebrated on July 27 amidst festivity at the Shawkat Osman auditorium of the Central Public Library in the capital.

Eminent citizens including Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, veteran cultural personality Kamal Lohani, noted artist Mustafa Manwar, Cultural Affairs

Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, Awami League leader Syed Ashraful Islam, lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon, thespian Ramendu Majumdar, academician Dr. Abdul Mannan and Barrister Amir Ul Islam attended the programme. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sent her greetings.

The event began with a group dance by the artistes of Nataraj followed by a welcome speech by Sammilito

Sangskritik Jote president Golam Kuddus.

Several noted personalities from the film, television, theatre, radio and cultural arena came on stage with bouquets to wish Hasan Imam on his birthday.

Later, Hasan Imam along with the present notable personalities launched a souvenir book titled "Neel Chhoa Kingbodonti".

The event also included solo and chorus songs and recitations.



No full stops for Jyotika Jyoti

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular actress Jyotika Jyoti was caught up in a flurry of activity as the countdown began for Eid. Seven of her television plays went on air during the festival.

Jyotika was seen alongside Sajal in "Bhetor Bahir" and "Laddu", while in comedy "Shala vs Dulabhai" she co-starred with Hasan Masud.

She played key roles in "Oshanto Prem" and "Chain Café".

Another single-episode play "Jolkonya" cast her with versatile actor Chanchal Chowdhury.

In a first, she donned a burqa for Eid play "Opor Prishtha Droshtobbo" where she played the wife of an Islamic cleric.

Aside from her plays, she appeared in a television programme as Bonolota Sen.

Moreover, Jyotika Jyoti-starrer film "Anil Bagchir Ekdin" released on Eid. Based on Humayun Ahmed's story, the film is directed by Morsedul Islam.

MINIONS crosses \$500m mark at foreign BO

Kevin, Stuart and Bob are making their masters very happy as "Minions" has crossed the \$500 million mark at the international box office, Universal Pictures announced Monday.

The comedy opened in first

place in 55 territories, setting the record in 29 markets, including Brazil, France, Mexico, Russia and the U.K., for biggest opening weekend of all time for an animated movie.

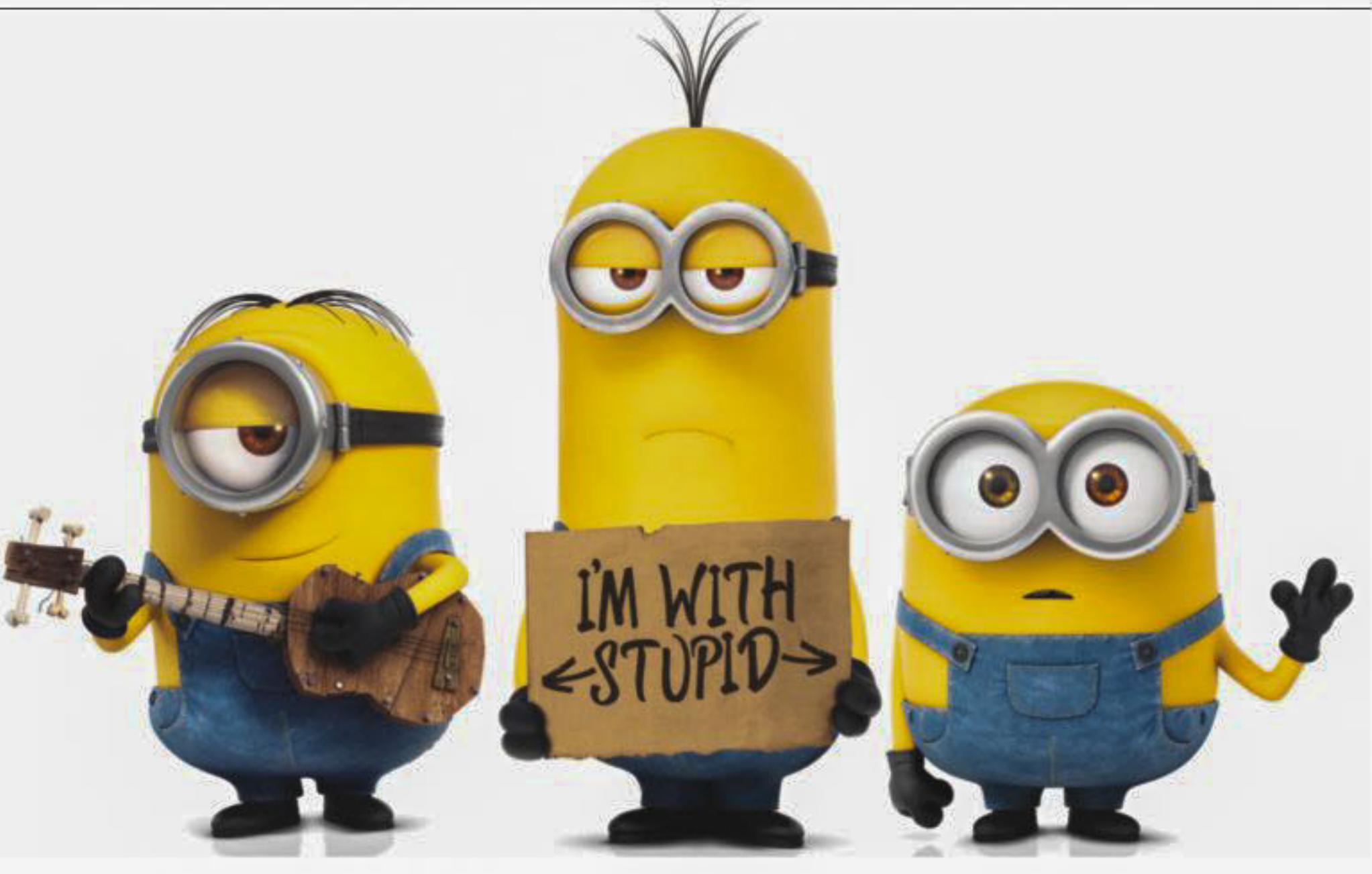
"Minions" is also Universal's

highest-grossing debut ever in seven territories and became the top launch of any film in Russia and Venezuela. "Minions" has hauled \$261.6 million in the U.S. after three weekends.

But it's not over. "Minions"

still has plenty of gas in the tank with seven more markets to go, including China, Korea, Japan, Italy, Turkey, Greece and Slovenia.

Source: Variety



Never imagined I would be around for so long: Juhi Chawla



Bollywood actress Juhi Chawla, who has completed more than 25 years in the film industry, said that when she was at the beginning of her career, she never imagined that she'll have such a long innings in Bollywood.

Talking to IANS, Juhi said, "My journey has been wonderfully long. And today, I am amazed that I am still around, relevant and visible, which I never even imagined 25 years ago. I just had no clue that I would be around for so long. I am really grateful and happy for this. So overall, my journey has been very eventful, and I am very glad that I have been in the industry."

"Well, sometimes it's been a little overwhelming, but now I make sure to just take one thing at a time. So that's why I pick and choose what I do," she added.

Her performance in a negative role in "Gulaab Gang" was well appreciated and she was nominated for the Filmfare best supporting actor category. She will now be seen in the role of a teacher in upcoming educational drama "Chalk N Duster".

Source: NDTV



Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) and Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts (New York) jointly arranged a dance programme titled "Noibedyo" at the National Music and Dance Centre auditorium of BSA on July 26 evening. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor attended the programme as chief guest while US Ambassador to Dhaka Marcia Bernicat and BSA director general Liaquat Ali Lucky were special guests. Planned and directed by Anny Ferdous, the programme featured 12 dance pieces of different genres. Tasin Ferdous presented Bharatnatyam at the event which also included a display of contemporary dance pieces.

Post Eid Apurbo is back in action



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Post the Eid vacation, television actors are returning to the shooting sets to gear up for upcoming Eid-ul-Adha. Popular actor Apurbo has a number of single episode television plays at hand.

He is currently shooting Mehedi Hasan Johnny's TV plays "Miser" and "Kaaktarar Prem".

"Miser" casts Sharlin alongside Apurbo who plays a frugal man. "I have donned this avatar for the first time. While working on this play, I got an insight into the psyche of a miser," said the actor.

On the other hand he will be seen as a young man who fears marriage in "Kaaktarar Prem". This play, helmed by the same director, also casts Sharlin opposite Apurbo.

Moreover, Apurbo will start shooting another television play "Back to Love" directed by Sohag once these two are over.

In addition, three Apurbo-starrer drama serials - "Lake Drive Lane", "Life In Metro" and "Daag" - are to air on different satellite channels.