

Photography Exhibition  
Marking Tajuddin Ahmed's 90th Birth Anniversary  
Venue: Gallery 21, 751, Satmasjid Road, Dharmondi  
Date: July 30-Sept 5  
Time: 12-8pm



Musical Soiree  
Organiser: Chhayanaut  
Venue: Chhayanaut auditorium  
Date: Aug 1  
Time: 7pm



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



Longitude Latitude VI  
Organiser: Bays Ballvista  
Venue: Plot-96, Road-11, Banani.  
Date: July 15-Aug-3  
Time: 2pm-9am



Solo Painting Exhibition  
Colliding Collages  
Artist: Harun-ar-Rashid Tutul  
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Date: July 27-August 5  
Time: 3pm-8pm



## NEWS bytes

# CAROL set for November release



"Carol", Todd Haynes 1950s-set film about a romance between a bored Manhattan housewife and a shop girl, has taken pole position in the race for next year's Oscars.

The film, which was a critical favourite at the Cannes Film Festival, stars two-time Oscar winner Cate Blanchett, opposite Rooney Mara (of "The Girl with a Dragon Tattoo" fame)..

US film studio The Weinstein Company has rescheduled the drama to open on 20 November - a similar awards season slot to previous Weinstein successes "The Imitation Game" and "The King's Speech".

Both films went on to collect multiple Oscar nominations and wins.

Source: Deadline



## A walk through a luminous life Photos of Tajuddin Ahmed on exhibit at Gallery 21

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's liberation was a culmination of valour, selflessness and sacrifices of millions of people, but it is equally true that without a handful of people who firmly held the fabric of that nationalistic struggle, our Liberation War stood the risk of being a valiant failure. Tajuddin Ahmed, the first Prime Minister of Bangladesh, was one such cornerstone of the struggle of 1971. Unfortunately, though, a big part of today's generation know little about this remarkable statesman and his contributions to the country's

Liberation War. He was in charge of the nation's affairs until Bangabandhu's return - of whom he was a close associate - and served under him as finance minister until 1974.

Marking the 90th birth anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmed (July 23), Gallery 21 in Dharmondi is hosting a photography exhibition on this towering figure.

From his early days at Kaligonj High School when he was involved with the Scouts movement, to his social involvement (holding placards during a demonstration for food during the famine of 1956) to political leadership (addressing rallies in 1969) and close association with Bangabandhu are clear in numerous images. Always close by Bangabandhu, he is often seen in a cluster with other major political leaders of the time,



including Syed Nazrul Islam and AHM Kamruzzaman. As the timeline moves ahead to the Liberation War, the images also change, with Tajuddin seen visiting various liberated areas (Muktanchal) and freedom fighters' camps and hospitals, addressing gatherings and keeping people's morale high. After the War, his job was far from done, and he made administrative reforms wherever needed. Some historic moments captured on film include the return of Bangabandhu and the first parliamentary session of Bangladesh.

Another section has photos display his diplomatic efforts and international connections, right after

Bangladesh's birth. From meetings with Indira Gandhi to Robert McNamara and other world leaders, to attending World Bank conferences, he did it all.

Another brief section shows Tajuddin the earnest family man, with wife Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, daughters Sharmin Ahmad (Reepi), Simeen Hussain (Rimi), Mahjabin Ahmad (Mimi) and son Tanjim Ahmad Sohel Taj. The heartfelt family portraits unveil the other side of the great political leader.

The exhibition remains open till September 5, everyday from noon to 8pm.

"I have never played a negative role" ...Nadia

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Popular actress-dancer Nadia has been in the industry for quite a while. A number of Nadia's drama serials are going on air. The Daily Star recently caught up with the actress for an informal chat. Excerpts:

Many dancers have quit dance once their career in television took off. You are an exception. Why?

Nadia: First of all, I love to dance and I cannot live without it. I am primarily known to the audience as a dancer, though I got into acting later on and it made me popular. Dance is my artistic niche.

How long have you been involved with dance?

Nadia: I have been a dancer for 25 years or so. I have been acting for 15 years. Why have your fans not seen you in a film yet?

Nadia: From the very beginning, I never imagined myself as a film star, and now after coming to this point, I still feel the same. Nevertheless, if I find a proper script with a good character, team and director, I'll think of doing a film. What do you like most aside from acting?

Nadia: I love to travel. Whenever I get a break I travel. What do you miss the most?

Nadia: The camera. After a short break of a few days in shooting, I start missing the camera. Though tight shooting schedules can be tiresome sometimes, I love to stand in front of camera.

What have you been working on lately?

Nadia: I have done two single episode TV plays marking Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary: "Shesher Kobita Porer Kobita" and "Char Konya".

In the latter one, I have played four characters simultaneously: Nirupama, Kumu, Kusum and Mrinalini.

Is there any kind of role you have never portrayed?

Nadia: I have never done a negative role. I want to do a negative role but not like the ones we see in Hindi serials (laughs).

Which of your recent works have been the most challenging?

Nadia: My drama serial "Comedy and Colony" is airing on Rtv. I have to speak Chittagong's dialect in the serial, which is a challenge.



## Kriti to start shooting with SRK, Kajol soon

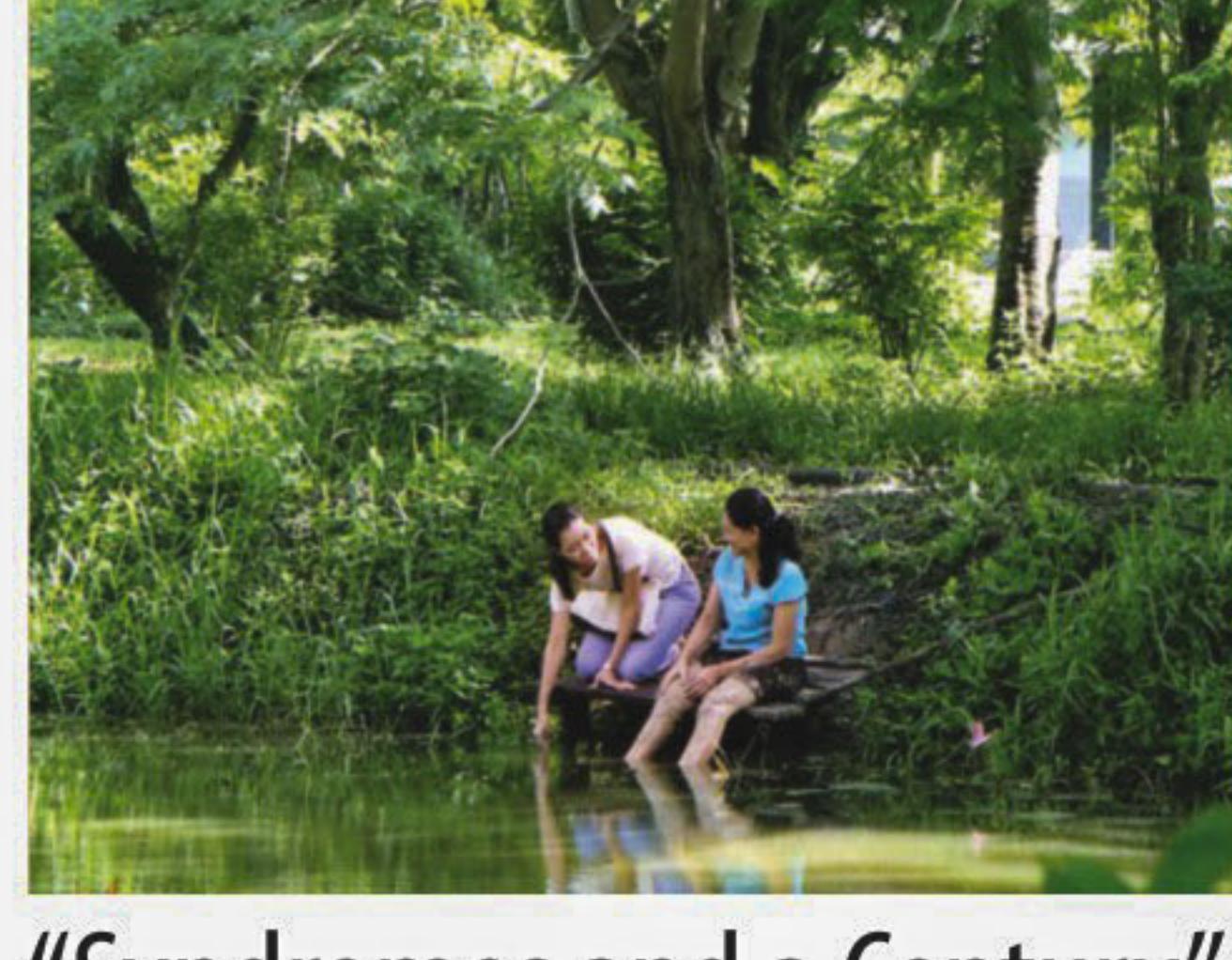
Actress Kriti Sanon says she will start shoot with Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol for "Dilwale" from mid-August.

"Unfortunately, I haven't shot with them yet. It's going to be in mid-August when probably all combination shots and scenes are going to happen. So I'm really looking forward to working with them," Kriti said.

Kriti had earlier said that she had just worked on scenes for the movie with Varun Dhawan. She had a wonderful experience of working with Varun and director Rohit Shetty, who was strict but took really good care of her.

The film is Kriti's second film after her debut in "Heropanti" opposite Tiger Shroff. "Dilwale" is slated to release on December 18.

Source: TOR



## "Syndromes and a Century" on Bengal Cinematheque

A CORRESPONDENT

Bengal Cinematheque, the quarterly series of private film screenings, presented by Bengal Foundation, is holding its second cycle, with films by noted makers Apichatpong Weerasethakul (Thailand) and Roberto Rossellini (Italy). For the second session, the films to be screened are: "Syndromes and a Century" by Weerasethakul (today at 7pm) and "Journey to Italy" by Stromboli (tomorrow).

The screenings take place at Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct, at The Daily Star Centre (64-65 Kazi Narul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazaar, Dhaka 1215).

Bengal Cinematheque aims to present the films and ideas of cinema's greatest auteurs, at the highest quality, to build a community of emerging film-makers, writers and programmers in Bangladesh. Arranged in quarterly cycles, each set of screenings will present selected works by two rare and unusual film-makers.

## Nrityanchal delegation returns from China

A CORRESPONDENT

A delegation of 29 member of dancers of reputed dance school Nrityanchal came back home from China on Thursday, after participating in the 4th China Xinjiang International Dance Festival 2015, held at Urumqi and four other cities of Xinjiang. Nrityanchal presented classical, modern, folk and fusion dances at three stages of the festival, which were enjoyed by houseful audiences. Ambassador of Bangladesh in China attended Nrityanchal's performance on July 24.

The festival opened on July 20 and will end on August 5,



where troupes from 12 different countries and regions, six Chinese groups and eight Xinjiang local troupes are participating in 75 programmes in 10 theatres. The participating countries are: Bangladesh, Belarus, The Russian Republic of Tatarstan, Turkey, Serbia, Ehtiopia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Algeria, Australia and China Hong Kong.

Nrityanchal was invited to participate in the festival by the organizers, through the Embassy of China in Bangladesh.

Noted dancer-choreographer was the dance director of the team, which was led by Muhammad Jahangir, coordinator of Nrityanchal.

## A thousand Italians perform Foo Fighters' "Learn to Fly" live

Dave Grohl may have a broken leg right now, but that hasn't stopped the Foo Fighters from touring -- and now, 1,000 Italians are campaigning pretty convincingly for the rock band to visit their hometown.

Citizens from all over the Italy recently traveled to the northern city of Cesena to band together and show the Foos they can rock too, performing and filming a 1,000-person version of the group's 1999 hit "Learn to Fly".

The hope is the 'Rockin 1000' - as the event was called -- will convince the Foo Fighters to play a concert in Cesena. Organizer Fabio Zaffagnini said in the video he spent a year putting this



A field full of Foo Fighters fans rocking out.

together.

Arrays of drum sets were set up

lined up with plugged instruments and groups stood in circles around microphones to sing the entire song in chorus.

"Italy is a country where dreams cannot easily come true but it's a land of passion and creativity," Zaffagnini said.

The Foo Fighters are currently scheduled to perform in Casalecchio Di Reno, Italy, on November 13 -- about an hour away from Cesena.

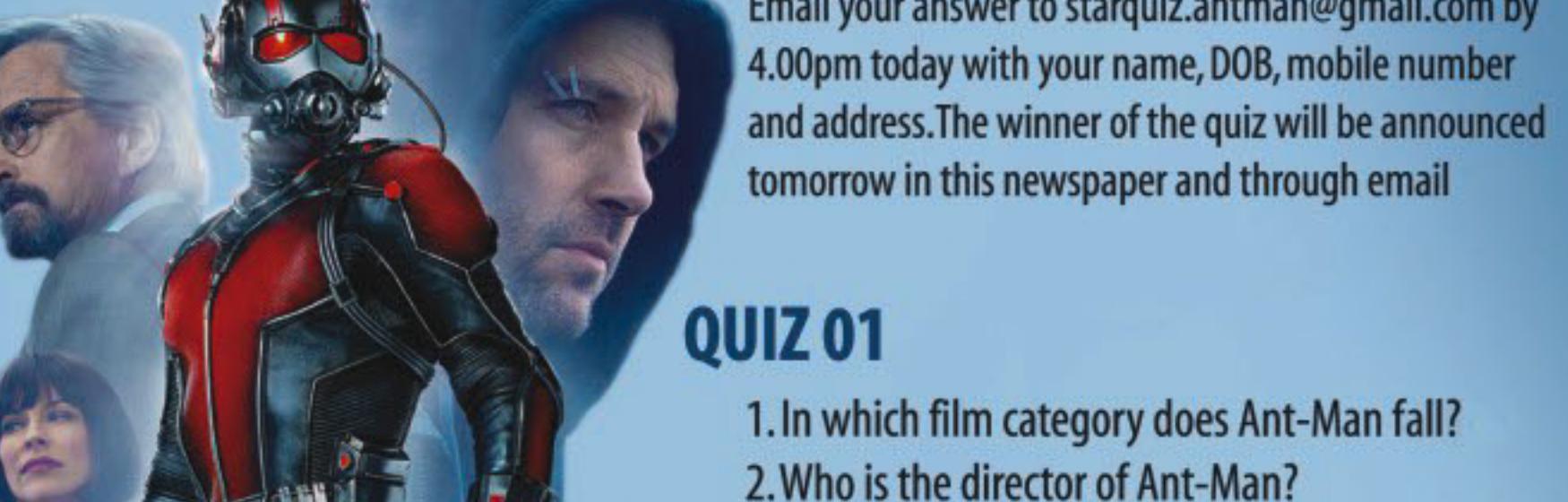
The band responded to the video on Thursday, saying, "Che bello, Cesena", which translates to "How beautiful".

Source: Billboard

## ANT-MAN Quiz Contest

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### QUIZ 01

1. In which film category does Ant-Man fall?
2. Who is the director of Ant-Man?