

WHAT'S ON

Film Screening

Stromboli (Roberto Rossellini)

Organiser: Bengal Cinematheque

Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts precinct

Date: Aug 2; Time: 7pm

Group Art Exhibition

Collagraph

Organiser: Shako

Venue: Kala Kendra, Iqbal Road

Date: July 31-Aug 22

Time: 4:30-9:30pm

Photography Exhibition

Urban Chaos

Organiser: Photofee

Venue: Gallery Chitrak

Date: July 31-Aug 4

Time: 3pm-8pm

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

“Mission: Impossible” flying at Box Office

Tom Cruise has been welcomed back to the multiplexes, with “Mission: Impossible -- Rogue Nation” heading for an opening weekend that could top \$50 million, as per early estimates. “Rogue Nation” dominated Friday business, with a first-day total of at least \$20 million. Paramount's fifth entry in the “Mission: Impossible” franchise has launched amid a marketing campaign with Cruise to



discuss eye-popping stunts of the film, including his clinging to an airplane on takeoff. “Rogue Nation” is set in Morocco, Austria and the UK, where Ethan Hunt tracks down an organisation bent on creating global chaos. Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg and Rebecca Ferguson also star in the Christopher McQuarrie-directed film.

Source: Variety

Immersed in heartfelt melodies

Padatik holds “Prakriti O Rabindranath er Borshar Gaan”

SAURAV DEY

A capacity audience at the National Music and Dance Centre auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on Friday listened raptly to Rabindranath Tagore's monsoon melodies. Ahead of Tagore's death anniversary and celebrating monsoon, Padatik Bangladesh held “Prakriti O Rabindranath er Borshar Gaan” on July 31. Popular Bangladeshi singers Nargis Chowdhury and Abdul Wadud along with Indian singers Debalina Bhowmick and Shiba Prasad Dhar presented Tagore's monsoon songs.

Alongside music, the event fea-



tured a five-minute sequence, enacted by thespian Aatur Rahman and Naila Tarannum Kakoli, from “Rokto Korobi”.

In an interactive address, Aatur Rahman gave insights into Tagore's thoughts on nature, its influence on his creations, and how the Bard's interactions with poets and intellectuals from across the world shaped them. Aatur Rahman also handed souvenirs to the artistes.

Aside from strong visuals in the background, the stage was decorated to give the audience a flavour of listening to Tagore in the monsoon. As it rained outside the auditorium, the audience was treated to a surreal experience. The

programme was different from usual musical events as it included audio visuals, innovative set design, lively discussions and audience interactions.

“Tagore perceived the monsoon in a unique way and it touched his heart to such an extent that many of his popular songs are inspired by the monsoon. We wanted the audience to know how Tagore's feelings about the season are still relevant,” said Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, group leader of Padatik Bangladesh, who planned and directed the event.

The soiree began with a choral rendition of “Esho Nipobone” followed by Nargis Chowdhury's “Emono Diney Tarey Bola Jaye” and “Aaj Sraboner Purnima Te”.

Shiba Prasad Dhar presented two songs: “Ami Ki Gaan Gabo” and “Timir Obogunthon” followed by Debalina Bhowmick's “Badol Diner Prothom Kodom Phul” and “Shaona Gogone”.

Abdul Wadud presented “Amar Priyar Chhaya” and “Asha Jaoar Majhkhane” before Nargis Chowdhury returned for “Aji Jhorer Raate” and “Pagla Hawoar Badol Dine.”

The evening wrapped up with a Bharatnatyam-flavoured dance set to “Nilonjono Ghono Punjo Chhayay” by the artistes of Spondon.



Aaj Sraboner Purnima Te: Artistes at the event; (Top) Aatur Rahman and Kakoli enact “Rokto Korobi.”

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

Celebrating Friendship WITH MUSIC

ACOUSTICA EPISODE 01 at The Daily Star Centre today



Leemon



Moon



Sovvota



Moitree

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Friendship is a bond that cannot be defined or circumscribed. Friendship can only be celebrated, and maybe that's why Friendship Day is celebrated across the world every year. The first Sunday of August is not far off, and Star Arts & Entertainment brings you the opportunity to share some great moments with your friends by listening in to some lovely live music.

Today, four immensely talented musicians from Gaanshala -- Sovvota, Leemon, Moon and Moitree -- will perform at “Acoustica Episode 01: Ek Nirjhor'er Gaan” at the AS Mahmud Seminar Hall of The Daily Star Centre, from 6pm. No big booming sounds, no flashy lights; just an up-close and personal ‘unplugged’ musical experience. Bring your friends along for an evening of fresh music and a hearty adda. GaanBangla TV and ABC Radio are partners of the event.

“Dolchhut Projapoti” on ntv



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial “Dolchhut Projapoti” airs on ntv every Saturday and Sunday at 8:20pm. Written by Faria Hossain and directed by Arif Khan, the serial delves into the everyday lives, struggles and

dreams of a middle class family living in the capital.

The serial casts familiar faces like Tauquir Ahmed, Diti, Rownak Hasan, Kalyan, Nawshreen, Bonnya Mirza, Raisul Islam Asad, Dolly Zahur, Laila Hasan, Chitralkha Guha and others.

FRIENDSHIP DAY

Bonds on the screen and beyond

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Show business is competitive in Bangladesh. Nevertheless many actors end up spending a lot of time with their co-artists on the sets, and the connections often transcend professional commitments and turn to close friendships. On Friendship Day, familiar faces of the large and small screens shared interesting tidbits about their best friends in the fraternity:

Film star Nirab described Emon

as his best friend. The two Dhallywood heartthrobs became friends ever since they came into spotlight with a popular TV commercial for a telecom company.

“We have many things in common,” said Nirab, adding that they have had memorable times together.

“We worked in the same ad for telecom operator Banglalink. For the grooming sessions of the TVC, we stayed together for 15 days. We shared a room and became very close friends. We used to have great fun.”

According to Nirab, friendship is nothing but trust. It's a bond where you can share everything.

Meanwhile, model-turned-actress Hasin is best friends with another model-actress Mehzabien. Though the two had known each other for a long time, they became close last year.

The two are so such close friends that they make time to meet almost every other day, despite tight shooting schedules, and begin their day by calling each other on the phone. Hasin recently also planned a surprise

birthday party for Mehzabien at her own residence.

Tarin is Apurbo's best friend. Both are popular faces in the media, and have been close for years. Tarin is just like a family member for Apurbo. Tarin is also on very good terms with Apurbo's wife, child and father.

Apurbo considers himself lucky to have a friend like Tarin.

Some days ago, it took Apurbo a while to reach Tarin's residence to wish her on her birthday. But Tarin waited for him and the duo had dinner together.



Debasish's album launched

Debashish Somadder's music album “Promise of the First Kiss” was launched from Melodia Vista on July 30, at the Shahid Shafur Rahman Auditorium, Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association.

Cultural Affairs minister Asaduzzaman Noor was present at the event as chief guest, says a press release.

Social worker and cultural activist Ferdous Ara Khanom and singer Shandipon Ghosh were also present at the programme.

The album also serves a good cause, as 50% of the profit from it will be donated to charity through the Somadder Welfare Foundation.

IT'S TRUE!

The 2009 comedy film “I Love You, Man” is about a real-estate agent and an investor, who become friends over their shared musical fandom -- of the Canadian progressive rock band Rush. The roles of the two men -- Peter Klaven and Sydney Fife -- are played by Paul Rudd and Jason Segel respectively, who are both big fans of Rush in real life. The film also features the Rush song “Limelight” being performed at a wedding, by another real-life band, OK Go.



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