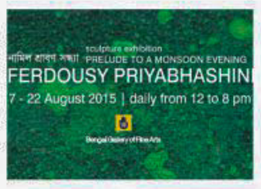
WHAT'S ON

Dance Recital
43rd Nupur Beje Jai: Showcasing Mamata Shankar Dance Company
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum
Date: August 8
Time: 7pm

Group Art Exhibition
Collagraph
Venu: Kala Kendra, Iqbal Road
Date: July 31-Aug 22
Time: 4pm-9:30pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Reminiscence
Artist: Proshanta Karmakar Buddha
Venue: Shilpangan
Date: Aug 7-18
Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Sculpture Exhibition
Prelude to a Monsoon Evening
Artist: Ferdousy Priyabhashini
Venue: Bengal Gallery
Date: August 7-22
Time: 12-8pm



Documentary Screening
Organiser: BDC and BFI
Venue: National Art Plaza Gallery, BSA
Date: Aug 8-9
Time: 5pm onwards

NEWS *bytes*

Abu Nyeem performing in Delhi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Young Bangladeshi dancer-choreographer Abu Nyeem is participating in a prestigious festival at India's Gati Dance Forum Residency in Delhi. His solo piece, "The Long Road", will be one of the attractions of the All Warmed Up festival (from August 7-9), along with performances by five other dancers, all from India.

Originally hailing from Barguna, Nyeem was the first recipient of noted dance school Sadhona's yearlong scholarship to promising artistes of contemporary dance, in 2012. He started training at the age of seven with Bangladeshi folk dance, and gradually exposed himself to creative contemporary movements. Through his

years of learning, he has also trained in Kathak and Bharatnatyam, and has performed extensively in Bangladesh and South Asia for the last 14 years. Abu was among the top five dancers in popular Bangladeshi dance reality TV show "Channel I Shera Nachiye" in 2014.

"The Long Road" inquires the relationship of the spine, with the mind and spirit. In the piece, the mind has been used as the driver pushing the spine, one of the strongest tools of the body.

Shilpakala Academy observes TAGORE'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking the 74 th death anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a programme, featuring discussion, recitation, rendition of songs and dance recital, on August 6 at its Music and Dance Centre auditorium.

Noted Educationist Dr. Akhtar Kamal discussed on the life and works of Tagore while Sohrab Uddin, Director of Music, Dance and Recitation Department of BSA delivered welcome address. Liaquat Ali Lucky, BSA Director General, presided over the event.

A cultural programme followed where Tagore singers Mahadev Ghosh, Salma Akbar, Tania Mannan, ATM Jahangir, Soma Rani Roy, Nilotpal Sadhya, Shimu Dey and Azizur Rahman Tuhin performed solo Tagore songs.

Renowned elocutionist Shimul Mustapha recited Tagore poems at the event. A group dance performance, choreographed by eminent artiste Sharmila Banerjee, captivated the audience. The cultural part came to an end with a presentational of a musical titled "Shorowritu". Farhana Chowdhury Baby directed the piece.

Elocutionists Bhashwar Bandyopadhyay and Krishti Hefaz hosted the programme.

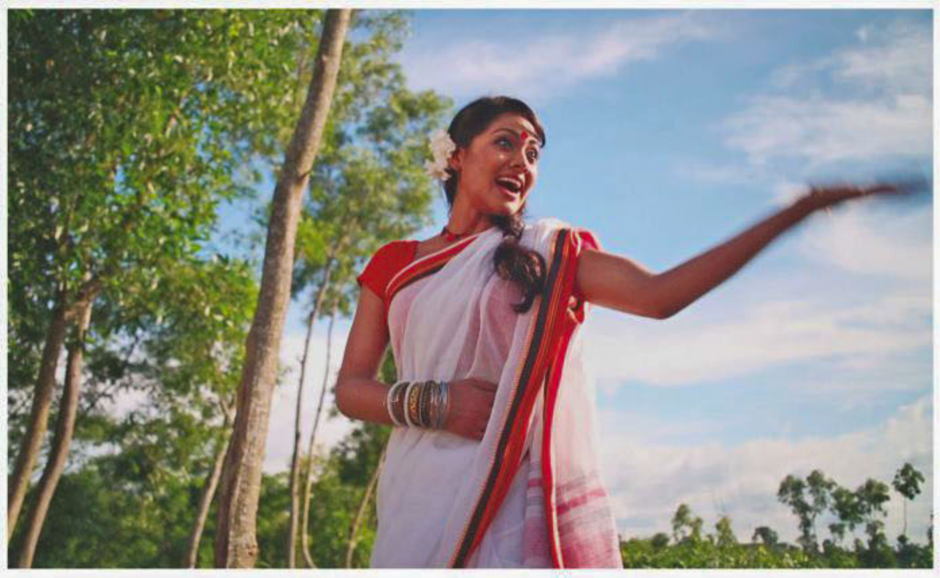
Chanchal Khan to sing at IGCC

A CORRESPONDENT

Marking the death anniversary of Tagore, Indira Gandhi Culture Centre (IGCC) is organising an evening of songs by Chanchal Khan. The event titled "Baishe Srabon: A tribute to Tagore" will be held at 6:30pm today at the IGCC, Gulshan-1 in the capital.

Dr. Chanchal Khan is an established Tagore artiste in Bangladesh. He has also directed several plays of Tagore, including "Shyama", "Chitrangoda" and "Valmiki Pratibha". He has just made a documentary titled "Rabindranath in Bangladesh" -- a historical visual analysis of Rabindranath's works during his stay in East Bengal between 1890 and 1937.

The programme is open to all.



"Moyurakkhi Tumi Diley" on SATV

A CORRESPONDENT

Weekly tele-film "Moyurakkhi Tumi Diley" will air today at 3pm on SATV. Written by Adnan Adib Khan and directed by Golam Sohrab Dodul, the tele-film casts Rownak Hasan, Tisha, Nisho, Shyamol, Mita Chowdhury and others.

The story encircles Moyurakkhi who goes out one day with her three friends but on their way back home two of her friends die in an accident which leaves Moyurakkhi completely numb. Meanwhile, she finds out that she is pregnant but doesn't know whose child she is carrying.

Tushti in eight television serials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular actress Shamima Tushti is passing busy times on the set of television serials, as eight of her drama serials are currently going on air on different channels.

"Non Stop", "Khorkuto" and "Swarnalata" are going on air on Banglavision, while ntv is airing "Lake Drive Lane".

Her drama serials "Oloshpur" and "Mayar Khela" are being telecast of Rtv.

About so many serials, Tushti said, "Each drama serial is entirely different from another, and the roles I played have variations. Somewhere I played a village girl, somewhere an urban character and somewhere I played negative role."

On the other hand, Tushti has finished shooting a full-length feature film titled "Hason Raja".

The film is waiting to be released in Bangladesh and some other countries this December. Veteran Indian actor Mithun Chakrobarty will be seen alongside Tushti in the film.

PHOTO: STAR

Ensemble Theatre stages "Kokila"

AMINUL ISLAM, *Mymensingh*

Ensemble Theatre, a prominent drama troupe here staged "Kokila", a play based against child abuse and repression on women at Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium Tuesday evening.

It was the 19th stage programme of the troupe, protesting countrywide sexual harassment, rape and other social crimes.

The play adopted from eminent playwright Abdullah Al Mamun's "Kokilara", was directed by Abul Monsur, presdient of the troupe.

Abul Mondur and Tabassum Bonnya were the cast of the play.

A scene from the play. PHOTO: STAR

The play was assisted by SM Wares Hasan, Asaduzzaman Rubel and Joy Saha.

Earlier, a discussion was held, titled "Mullyabodh Jagoron".

Deputy commissioner of Mymensingh Mustakim Billah Faruqui, FBCCI director Aminul Haque Shamim, Bangladesh Mohila parishad president additional police superintendent Abu Ahmmad Al Mamun, Ferdous Ara Mahmuda Helen, chief adviser of Onsumble Theatre Nurul Amin Kalam and journalsit Neamul Kabir Sajal addressed the inaugural session.

The speakers were of the view that the programme is special one as it organised to create awareness among the people about different types of social crimes through various programmes. incldluing staging of plays.

The pitiable condition of children and women in the prevailing social structure depicts the degradation of moral values and impatience of a section of people, they said.

Later, a mass oath taking programme was conducted against children and women repression.

The same programme will be organised at all upazilas in phases, to create public awareness against the social crimes to make the country livable for all, said the organisers.

Gambit looking at three actresses for female lead

Now that Channing Tatum is officially locked in to play the titular role of Rupert Wyatt's "Gambit", the production can start looking at actresses who can play opposite the star as the female lead. According to new reports, the film has not yet zeroed in on exactly who should get the part, but it seems as though three frontrunners have emerged. Deadline is reporting that testing is scheduled to begin next week for the role of Belladonna Boudreaux (aka Bella) in the film, and that there is a trio of actresses who will be trying to prove that they have what it takes to get the role.

At the exact same time stories began to leak about Channing Tatum's possible departure from "Gambit", it was also reported that French actress Lea Seydoux was being considered by 20th Century Fox for what was then an unknown female lead in the feature. While she doesn't have an extensive Hollywood resume to this point in her career (instead

Rebecca Ferguson

best known for Palme d'Or winning film "Blue is the Warmest Color"), but she does have some blockbuster experience thanks to her villainous turn in "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol", and her part in the upcoming James Bond adventure "Spectre".

The second candidate on this is also an actress from the "Mission: Impossible" franchise. Rebecca Ferguson has been receiving rave

Lea Seydoux

reviews for her badass performance in Christopher McQuarrie's "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation", and now it looks as though the Swedish actress may find herself taking on her first comic book movie role.

Hollywood caught the first glimpses of Australian actress Abbey Lee earlier this summer, thanks to her role as The Dag in George Miller's mind-blowing "Mad Max: Fury Road", but she is already finding her name on shortlists for some of the biggest gigs in town. She's been very busy of late, starring in both "The Neon Demon" and "Gods of Egypt", but the female lead in "Gambit" would unquestionably be her biggest role to date.

In the comics, Belladonna Boudreaux was a childhood friend of Gambit's, who was arranged to be married to him in an attempt to unite both the Thieves Guild (of which Gambit was a part), and the Assassins Guild (of which Belladonna was a part).

Source: **Cinemablend**

Abbey Lee

Zayed Khan and Shimla in "Amar Ami"

A CORRESPONDENT

Film actors Zayed Khan and Shimla will be present as guests in Banglavision's popular talk show "Amar Ami". The actor duo will shed light on different aspects of their acting and personal life and share interesting anecdotes with the audience.

Hosted by Rumana Malik Munmun and produced by Sazzad Hussain, the show will air tonight at 9:05pm on Banglavision.

Salman turns playback singer for "Hero"

Salman Khan can do nothing wrong, or so it seems. After crooning that by-now-blockbuster song "Hangover" in his last year's hit "Kick", the "Dabangg" star has now lent his voice for the title track of his co-production, "Hero", starring Aditya Pancholi's son Sooraj and Suniel Shetty's daughter Athiya.

Considering that his 2015 release "Bajrangi Bhaijaan" is setting the box office on fire even three weeks since its release, here's one more reason to look forward to "Hero", when it releases on September 25.

"Hero" will have another first of sorts: It will be the first time Salman will be lending his voice for another actor (in both "Kick" and "Wanted" he sang for himself). The 49-year-

old actor teased his fans with a clip showing him recording the song titled, "Mai Hoon Hero Tera", on Twitter.

Source: **Hindustan Times**