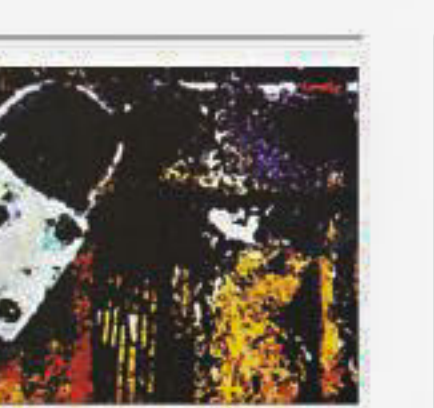


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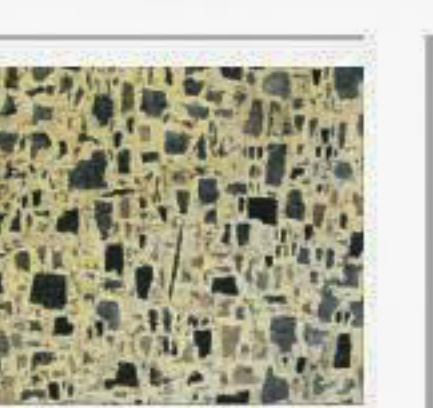
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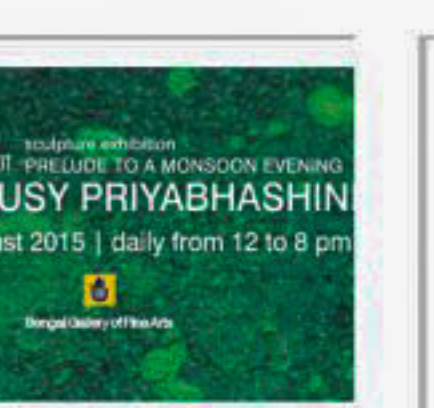
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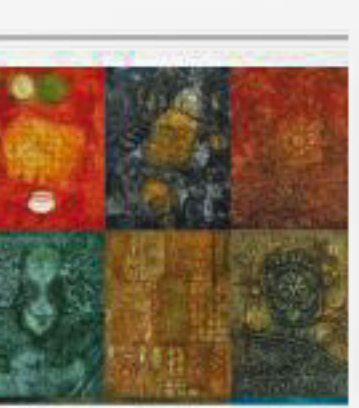
Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Realms of Memory
 Artist: Bipasha Hayat
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: Aug 8-29
 Time: 12pm-8pm



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



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



NEWS bytes

Wahlberg to star in "Partners"

Mark Wahlberg will star as a Los Angeles Police Department detective in New Line's action-comedy "Partners". The script, written by Evan Turner, centres a detective becoming romantically involved with a woman after a one-night stand, then discovering that she's an FBI agent in charge of a high-profile case to which he's been assigned.



Richard Brener, Sam Brown and Michael Disco are overseeing for the studio, which is seeking a director and lead actress.

Wahlberg starred as a detective with Will Ferrell in Warner's 2010 comedy "The Other Guys". He was last seen in "Ted 2" and will appear with Ferrell in Paramount's "Daddy's Home", which opens on Christmas. He's been shooting Lionsgate's "Deepwater Horizon" with Peter Berg directing.

Source: Variety



Songs of TAREQUE MASUD

The auteur's other identity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tareque Masud is one of those talents who took Bangladeshi cinema to the global stage. Most of us are familiar with his cinematic approach, but few know of his song-writing prowess. Masud wrote songs for his films and cherished it as a form of art. On his fourth death anniversary (today, August 13), we revisit this other side of the gifted filmmaker.

When writing songs, he followed the traditional Baul form. He also wrote some patriotic songs as well as others bearing social messages, under the pseudonym, AT Masud.

A double-disc album featuring 20 songs written by Masud was released in early 2013 by Laser Vision. Titled "Songs of Tareque Masud", it is a heartfelt tribute to the late filmmaker.

The two discs are separated from each other based on the corresponding genres. The second disc features a total of nine songs

belonging to the Baul genre; mostly written for the films "Matir Moina", "Ontorjatra" and "Runway". The first disc features 11 songs highlighting patriotic spirit and social awareness. These songs are from the films "Muktir Kotha" and "Muktir Gaan", as well as from smaller promotional works "Narir Kotha" and "Onno Shoishob".

Artists featuring in the album range from Momtaz, Shah Alam Dewan, Ibrahim Boyati, Anusheh Anadil, Kanonbala Sarkar, Swani Zubayer, Halima Khatun and Sudipta Chatterjee.

The songs - "Pakhita Bondi Achhe", "Radha Jemon Shada" and "Jodi Beheste Jaitey Chao" -- demonstrate a deep understanding of the filmmaker's interest in the Baul genre. Although the lyrics are highly emotive and original, in most cases, Masud borrowed traditional melodies when composing the songs.

It is clear that his Baul songs are more popular than the patriotic and other songs. "Pakhita Bondi Achhe" is one of the hugely

popular songs. The song's popularity among the masses also owes to the fact that the uncrowned queen of folk music, Momtaz, breathed life into the words.

Catherine Masud, in a note she wrote for the album, described the backgrounds of the songs. She mentioned that the first song Masud wrote for a film was "Sham Chacha Gelo Kothaye" [for the documentary "Muktir Gaan"]. The song is allegorical -- a political satire of the Pakistan army.

Among 20 songs, two in particular deserve special note, as they were not directly penned by Masud. One is "Jessore Road" -- an adaptation of Allen Ginsberg's poem "September on Jessore Road" [used in the film "Muktir Kotha"]. The song was written, composed and performed by Indian artiste Moushumi Bhowmik, while the concept behind the song came from Masud.

Another song, "Narir Kotha", was written primarily by Shah Alam Dewan, a Baul singer. Dewan had a great influence on Masud's song-writing.

PROSHANTO KUMAR Buddha's art on display

FAYZA HAQ

Artist Proshanto Kumar Buddha's first series at Shilpangan titled "Reminiscence" -- that began on on August 6 -- is on books. He said that children spend hours on their mobiles, laptops and chat away with their friends online. In the process they have abandoned the reading habit. His aim is to get children to go back to the pleasure of reading.

There are 10 pieces on this subject. They are all done in mixed media and the shelf contains books on Rabindranath, Nazrul, Jibananand Das. The next in the series contain doors, in a depiction of the lost and forgotten city of Sonargaon, once a capital

city of Bangladesh. "We destroy our wealth by ignoring them," Buddha believes. They are presented with padlocks which need to be preserved through the years. The government and rich businessmen should make this their priority, says the artist on an emotional note.

"The sea is our wealth and so sailing boats are a source of our earning. Today we see only engine-driven boats which ply on the rivers and pollute them," says Buddha. Before, he says, men used to sing while plying boats, but now this habit has been lost.

The next series is on flowers like cosmos, sun flowers, lotus, and lilies. The artist says that the children should be inspired by them instead of getting distracted by technology.



DiCaprio to play serial killer in new Scorsese film



A serial killer role that Leonardo DiCaprio has wanted to play for a long time finally is coming to the forefront as the reunites with Martin Scorsese for "The Devil in the White City".

Paramount won an auction to buy the movie rights to Erik Larson's book "The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair That Changed America."

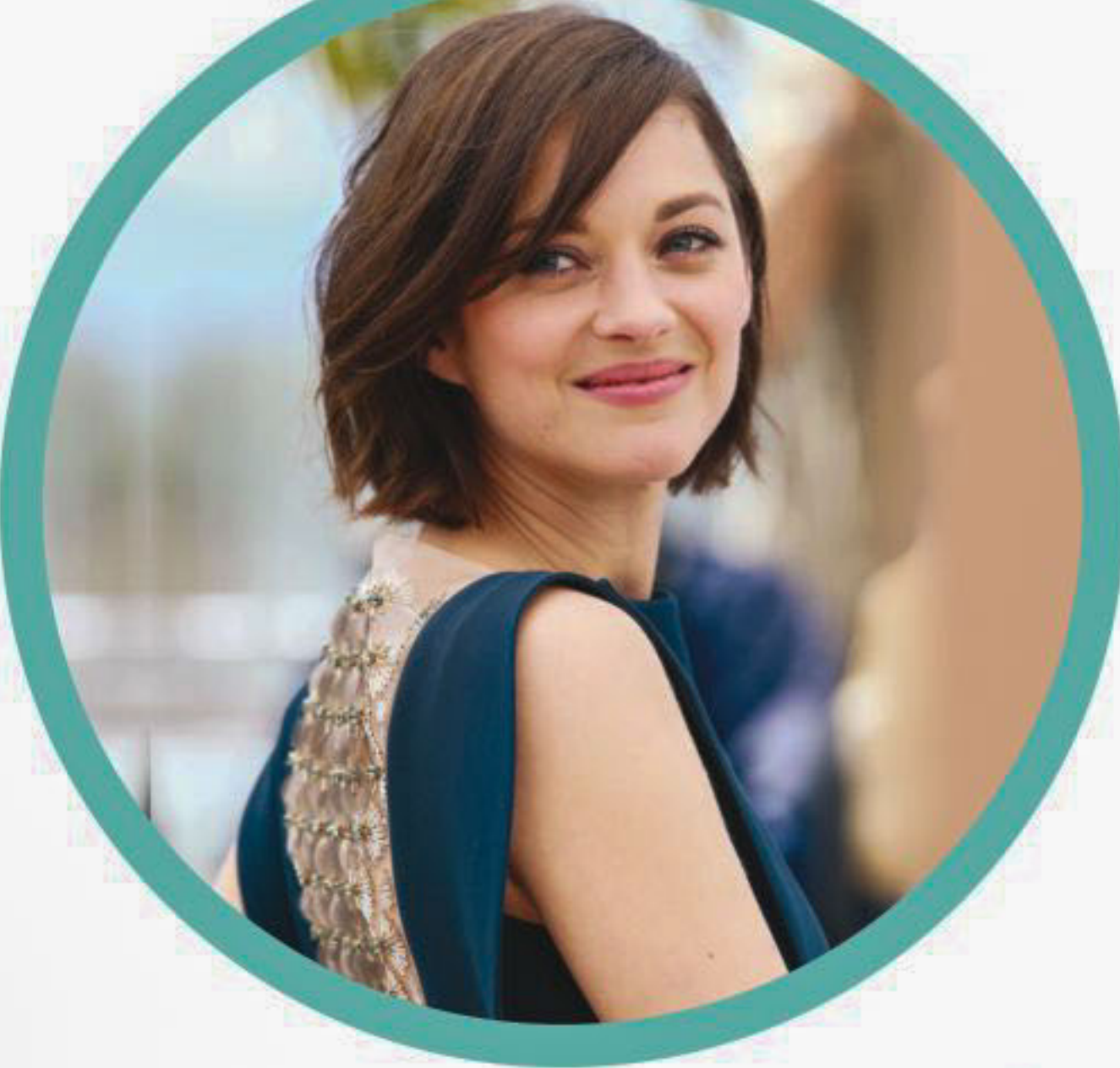
Billy Ray, whose credits include "Captain Phillips" and "The Hunger Games," will write the script.

DiCaprio will play one of the most prolific serial killers in history, the 19th century equivalent of Hannibal Lecter. In the film, he will be seen as Dr. HH Holmes, a cunning serial killer believed to have murdered anywhere from 27 to 200 people at a time when the city of Chicago was enthralled with hosting the World's Fair of 1893.

It's a departure for DiCaprio to play an unrepentant bad guy, but it goes well into a career full of risk taking that includes "The Wolf of Wall Street" and upcoming film "The Revenant".

Besides "The Wolf of Wall Street," DiCaprio and Scorsese have made "Gangs of New York," "The Aviator," "The Departed" and "Shutter Island" together.

Source: Deadline



IT'S TRUE!

Marion Cotillard is also a talented singer and often sings under the name "Simone" with musician Yodelice. As a matter of fact, she performed at the Olympia with the rock band Yodelice. Marion always believed that she would be a singer and that she became an actress by fluke. However, she is the second French woman to bag the Best Actress Oscar. Simone Signoret was the first. She won it in 1960.

Genelia returning to the big screen

Genelia Deshmukh -- formerly Genelia D'Souza -- is excited to be back in front of the cameras after taking a break from acting, post her marriage to Riteish Deshmukh. Her husband, meanwhile, is equally excited about her comeback, and says Genelia was "born for this."

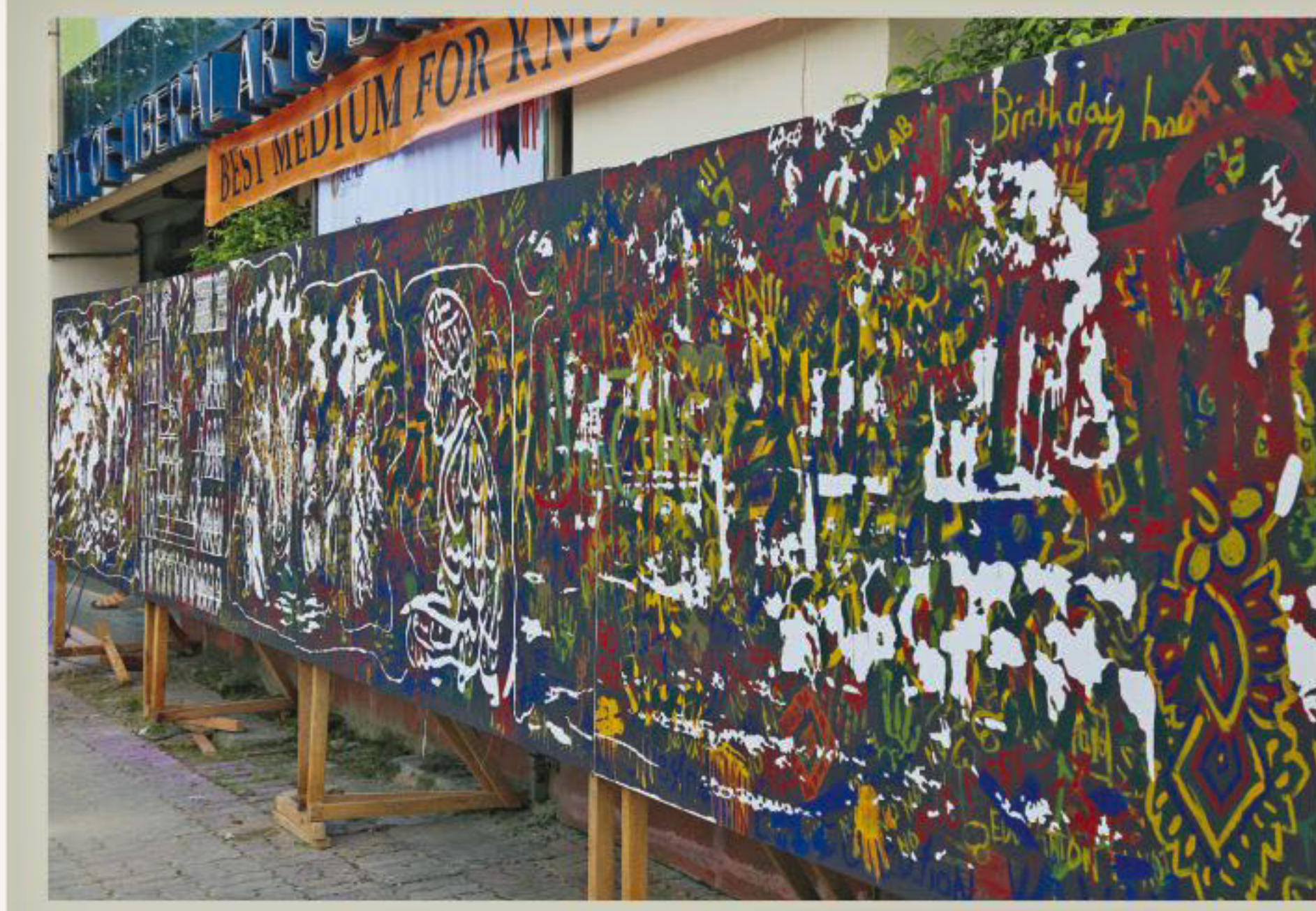
"On my way to shoot...excited as hell.. Been 3 yrs since I last shot but I have a feeling it's going to be a Good Good Day," the actress, who has starred in movies like "Jaane Tu... Ya Jaane Na" and "Tere Naal Love Ho Gaya" in the past, tweeted.

Riteish shared his wife's tweet, and added: "It's going to be a Great Day - you were born for this."

Genelia's upcoming film is supposedly "Rock The Shaadi" opposite Abhay Deol -- which is a comedy featuring zombies at a Punjabi wedding. Preeti Desai -- Abhay's girlfriend -- also features in a cameo cast.

Genelia has a 'Limca World Record' in her bag -- of having four major hit films in four languages in one calendar year (2008).

Source: IANS



A 30-foot-long canvas, placed in front of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh campus in the capital, was splashed with colour as part of an open interactive graffiti project. The interactive graffiti project, titled "The Best Medium for Knowledge Sharing" welcomed everyone to draw and write their thought on a given theme on the canvas on August 9.