

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Brave Heart  
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos, 101, Gulshan Avenue  
 Date: August 14-31  
 Time: 11am-10pm



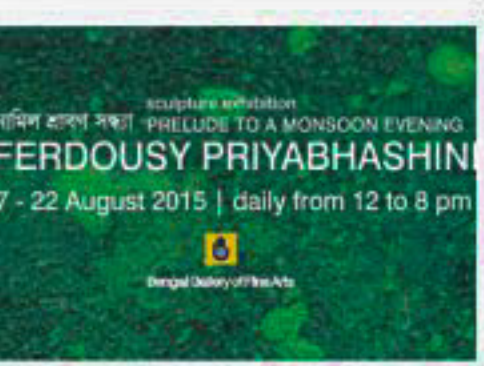
**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Reminiscence  
 Artist: Proshanta Karmakar  
 Buddha  
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery  
 Date: August 7-18  
 Time: 12-8pm



**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



## Theatre organisation observes August 15

**AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR**  
 TOPU, Pabna

Pabna Drama Circle, a leading theatre organisation of the district, observed death anniversary of the founder of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman. A discussion featured on the occasion in the organisation premises on Friday.

President of the organization Faruk Hossain Chowdhury chaired the discussion while the administrator of Pabna Zila Parisahd Md. Saidul Haque Chunnun spoke as the chief guest on the occasion.

Among others, freedom fighter Rabiul Islam Rabi, journalist Habibur Rahman Shapon, author Sayed Hossain Dara, members of the organization Hafiz Ratan, Vashkor Chokrabarti spoke on the occasion.

The speakers stressed to keep the spirit of Bangabandhu for building a secular Bangladesh. "Bangabandhu not only brought the independence but also ran for established country at the early of the independence. He fought for secular Bangladesh. Secular spirit of Bangabandhu should be kept." The speakers said.

Later, artistes of Pabna drama circle recited poems paying homage to Bangabandhu on the occasion.



## FIRST LOOK OF JAYA-STARRER "RAJKAHINI" REVEALED

Srijit Mukherji promises epic historical drama

**FAHMIM FERDOUS**

Srijit Mukherji has made a big name for himself in a rather short time, with films like "Autograph", "Baishe Srabon", "Hemlock Society", "Mishawr Rowhoshyo", "Chotushkone", "Jaatishwar", "Chotushkone" and "Nirbaak" all receiving high critical acclaim and popularity among tasteful cinemagoers. Anticipation has been high among Bangladeshi film buffs about his upcoming film "Rajkahini", set to be released over this year's Puja holidays (October 16), predominantly because Jaya Ahsan stars in it. A brilliant first trailer of the film was released on YouTube on Friday night that has his fans excited all over.

The trailer for the historical drama set against the backdrop of the Partition looks power-packed and quite edge-of-the-seat, opening dramatically with the text patches "August 1947; The British drew two lines (along Rajshahi and Nadia, as stated in a dialogue); The lines divided a 5,000 year old civilization; Its religions, languages and humanity" along with visuals from scores of people crossing borders on foot amid chaos and riots. The storyline is then revealed, of that line going through a brothel, and the defiance and fight-back from the girls there, in what is described as "Where freedom will fight independence". Jaya, along with other girls, is seen engaged in close-range full-on battle with soldiers, interspersed with quick cuts from

sinister top brass, explosions and gun-battles, love, hate and deceit, among other things. The background score is also very neatly done, adding to the desired effect.

The film's superb overall cast also adds to the trailer. Rituporna Sengupta possibly getting the most limelight (including a bone-chilling dialogue right at the end), but Jishu Sengupta, Saswata Chatterjee, Sayani Ghosh, Kaushik Sen, Abir Chatterjee and a lot of other familiar faces of various degrees are also visible. All in all, the film has every tell-tale of another Srijit Mukherji classic, and Bangladeshi film-goers will have a special eye for this one. If that was Srijit's plan all along behind casting Jaya as Rubina, it may turn out to prove a masterstroke.

## BNM marks National Mourning Day

Bangladesh National Museum (BNM) has arranged month-long programmes marking National Mourning Day 2015, says a press release. The programmes feature screening of documentary films on Bangabandhu, storytelling on the Father of the Nation, extempore speech competition among students, rare photographs and books on Bangabandhu on display and memorial stamps exhibition -- in association with Philatelist Association of Bangladesh.

Dr. Mashur Rahman and Barrister Amir-Ul Islam narrated stories about Bangabandhu while Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor hosted the event yesterday.

Books and rare photographs are on display at the lobby of the main auditorium. Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon inaugurated a memorial stamps exhibition on Bangabandhu at gallery no. 26 of BNM. He also distributed certificates among the speech competitors.



## Children sketch Bangabandhu

**AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh**

The children of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) drew sketches of Bangabandhu at the art gallery premises in the town yesterday.

The art gallery organised the painting competition for children, marking National Mourning Day commemorating the 40th anniversary of martyrdom of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Some 139 children from different educational institutions of the town participated in the competition, in four groups.

The judges of the competition were Siddhartha Dey, assistant professor of Fine Arts Department at Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Trishal and Badal Chakraborty, trainer of Zainul Shishu Charupath.

Earlier, deputy keeper of the art gallery Dr Bijoy Krishna Banik inaugurated the competition. Advocate ABM Nuruzzaman Khokon the chief guest at the prize giving ceremony distributed prizes among 12 winners. Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy and Shishu Academy also undertook programmes including a painting competition and discussions marking the occasion.



## Sajal and Hasin tag-team for new drama



**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Sajal and Hasin, two popular faces of the small screen, have worked together in the past for TV, and are teaming up again for a drama-filled tele-film. "Amar Buuk Bhenge Jaye", written by Syed Muhibur Rahman and directed by Ruman Runy. The tele-film was shot at different venues in and around Uttara recently.

The story revolves around Maruf and Raisa, two university students, whose lives take a dramatic turn after a murder. Raisul Islam Asad also appears in the tele-film, which will air soon on Channel i.

Sajal said a surprise awaits the audience in terms of his character, adding that they have not seen him in such a role before. Hasin, meanwhile, stressed on the twists and turns of the story and said viewers will be compelled to watch it till the end.

Ruman Rony said he has tried to keep the mystery of the murder intact till the very end, and hoped that the audience will be thoroughly entertained by "Amar Buuk Bhenge Jaye".

## IT'S TRUE!

English actress Kate Winslet set the mark as the youngest actor to receive five Oscar nominations, at age 31, for "Little Children" (2006), surpassing Bette Davis. Winslet also received Academy Award nominations as the younger versions of the characters played by fellow nominees Gloria Stuart, as Rose, in "Titanic", and Judi Dench, as Iris Murdoch in "Iris". These are the only instances of the younger and older versions of a character in the same film both yielding Academy Award nominations, thus making Winslet the only actor to twice share an Oscar nomination with another for portraying the same character.



## SHAKIRA walks into Disney animation "Zootopia"

Pumping out hit after hit, ranging from "Wreck-It Ralph" to "Frozen" - Walt Disney Animation seems primed to continue their success with the upcoming "Zootopia". Already boasting a star-studded cast - including Ginnifer Goodwin and Jason Bateman - Disney has just announced a new, exotic addition to the anthropomorphic ensemble.

Attendees of the D23 Expo in Anaheim, California were treated to a video announcement from Grammy winner Shakira announcing that she would not only lend her voice to the cast, but her vocal talents to the soundtrack of the film. Shakira's "Zootopia" character seems incredibly fitting; she will portray a gazelle named... Gazelle: a larger than life pop star and icon adored by the anthropomorphic animals of Zootopia. Known for her hit pop songs such as "Whenever, Wherever", and "She Wolf", Shakira has made appearances on television before -- but "Zootopia" marks Shakira's first foray into the realm of animated features.

Zootopia's story revolves around a law-abiding rabbit named Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Goodwin) as

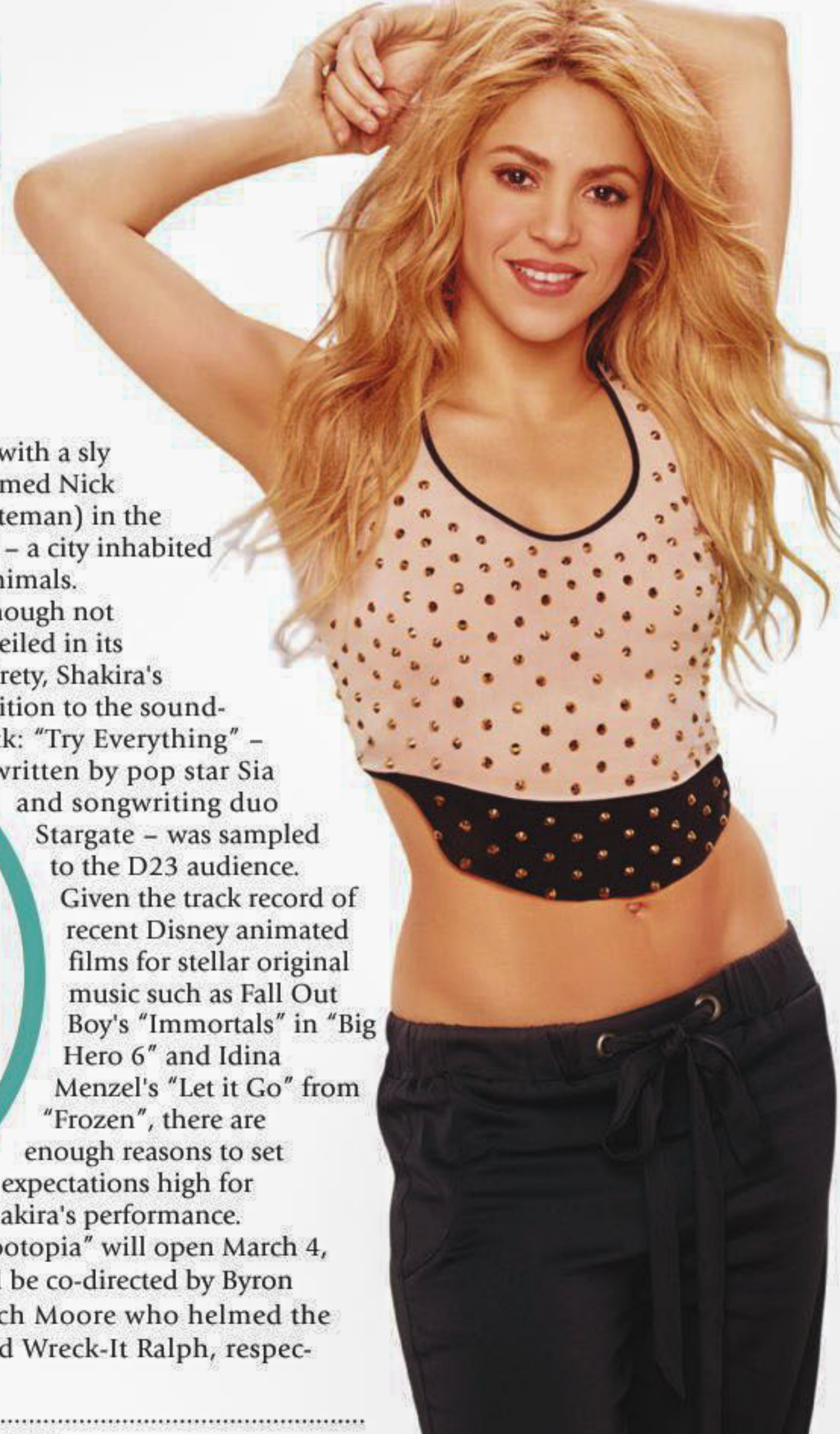


she butts heads with a sly fox con artist named Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman) in the city of Zootopia - a city inhabited exclusively by animals.

Although not unveiled in its entirety, Shakira's addition to the soundtrack: "Try Everything" - written by pop star Sia and songwriting duo Stargate - was sampled to the D23 audience. Given the track record of recent Disney animated films for stellar original music such as Fall Out Boy's "Immortals" in "Big Hero 6" and Idina Menzel's "Let it Go" from "Frozen", there are enough reasons to set expectations high for Shakira's performance.

"Zootopia" will open March 4, 2016 and will be co-directed by Byron Howard and Rich Moore who helmed the hits Tangled and Wreck-It Ralph, respectively.

Source: **Cinemablend**



## Lakshyapar's monsoon session held

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Lakshyapar continues their efforts in popularising classical music by not just taking the high art-form to the masses, but also taking the masses to it. They believe that by nature and by the influence of popular music, people will have the essence of raga music in their subconscious minds.

This is why Lakshyapar intends to bring out the latent potential to a growing state of consciousness. The monsoon session of Lakshyapar Classical Music Conference-2015 was arranged with the same objective. The topic was "The Influence of Monsoon Ragas in Film Songs".

Rezwana Ali, a Chhayanaut guru and Jagannath University teacher, delivered the demonstration lecture among seven of his disciples. The programme was structured on six clusters based on several ragas -- Megh, Mian Ki Malhar, Gaur Malhar, Sur Malhar, Desh, and Jaijivanti. The raga improvisations, rendering of bandish and singing the film songs were jointly performed by Layka Bashir, Shrabanti Dhar, Sanjiban Sanyal, Abhipriya Chakrabarti, Beli Das, Sanchita Trisha and Talha-bin Ali.

Broadcast live via Radio Lakshyapar, Radio Narayananj and Radio Nree, the programme was sponsored by FB Fashion.



Artistes perform at the event.