

WHAT'S ON

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



Concert & Musical Adda
 Megh-er Bhelaye Joler Gaan
 Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
 Date: August 22
 Time: 6:30pm


Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: "Chitrapat-e-Bangabandhu"
 Artist: Kiriti Ranjan Biswas
 Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: Aug 23-31
 Time: 11pm-8pm

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

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

NEWS bytes

Marvel's Mockingbird lands ABC pilot

Despite putting a halt on the "Marvel's Agents of SHIELD" spinoff, which was proposed earlier this year, ABC is closing in on a deal to order a pilot for a project centered around "Mockingbird", entertainment web site Variety reports.

Titled "Marvel's Most Wanted," the drama will focus on popular "SHIELD" characters Adrianne Palicki's Bobbi Morse (also known as Mockingbird) and Nick Blood's Lance Hunter. The two actors will top-line the pilot and prospective series. "SHIELD" producers Jeffrey Bell and Paul



Zbyszewski co-created the project for Marvel and ABC Studios, co-writing the pilot. They will serve as show-runners and exec producers together with Marvel's head of television Jeph Loeb also exec producing.

Insiders say the series is not a spinoff, per se, but rather an entirely new project solely focused on the two characters to continue their story. At this time, ABC has not made any decisions regarding premiere date or a path of introduction, such as introducing the new show as a planted episode during "SHIELD."

Source: Variety

IT'S TRUE!

US rock musician-singer-songwriter Jon Bon Jovi is a credited actor in the movies "Moonlight and Valentino", "The Leading Man", "Destination Anywhere", "Homegrown", "Little City", "No Looking Back", "Row Your Boat", "Vampires Los Muertos", "U-571", "Cry Wolf", "National Lampoon's Pucked", and "New Year's Eve". His TV series appearances include "Sex and the City", "30 Rock", "Las Vegas", "The West Wing" and an extended stint on "Ally McBeal". He also had a brief, uncredited role in the 1990 film "Young Guns II".



"Acting is a selfish business"

Having spent over two decades in the Hindi film industry, Saif Ali Khan says he now has a far better understanding of the kind of films he enjoys doing. Ahead of the release of his next film "Phantom" directed by Kabir Khan and co-starring Katrina Kaif, the Bollywood actor spoke to the Hindustan Times on various issues:

The image of a chocolate boy was attached to you for the longest time. Is it easy to get typecast in Bollywood?

Saif: I think, yes. Most stars have a special image. The audience has so much variety to choose from that they decide which way they want to see you. As an actor, you can control that to a certain extent by the choices you make. For instance, an actor like Al Pacino resisted being slotted in the superstar, angry cop category. Or even Johnny Depp. Your choices define you. But given the way the audience would like to see you in a certain way, if that's what being typecast is, then we are all victims of it.

Do you think working with co-

stars with whom you share a personal rapport, makes things easier?

Saif: No, I don't think so. In fact, I believe comfort is the enemy of cinema. Tension is what trans-



lates well. I feel when two actors, who are acting together, don't know each other much, and aren't really concerned about one another -- they will only concen-

trate on their jobs. Acting is a selfish business. I think if you're only concerned about your own character, you'll do a good job. Often strangers, who don't really like each other, can look like long-lost

lovers. Off-screen comfort is not a plus... it's irrelevant actually.

What kinds of roles are you most comfortable playing?

Saif: I like grey areas. I'm not

...Saif Ali Khan

particularly attracted to or will be able to pull off characters that either showcase snow-white purity or are purely evil. I'm somewhere in the middle. I've always chosen the best of what I've been offered over the years. I feel people don't come to me with heroic parts; the characters usually offered to me tend to be flawed. I would like to play more heroic characters, I guess.

You have previously worked with Katrina Kaif in "Race" (2008). How much has she grown as an actor since then?

Saif: She was quite new when we were working on "Race", and even then, she did well. There was always a certain dedication. I remember she had bought a dress, which she wore in a song because she felt that there was something about it that worked well. So, that kind of interest was rather different. She's had some great scripts [over the years], and has pretty much become the darling of the nation.

Source: Hindustan Times

EMON

returns to the small screen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Emon, who started his journey in the world of entertainment through television, has not been seen regularly on the small screen. The actor is now returning to TV plays after a five-year hiatus, with a special drama for Eid titled "Uchchotora Byaboharik Shikkha". Written by Rumman Rashid Khan and directed by Moinul Wajed Rajib, it pairs Emon with Mehzebien for the first

time.

Emon's last shooting for TV was also with Khan and Rajib, for "Bhasha Pelo Bhalobasha". He said although some TV plays starring him had aired since, they were all shot before. Terming films his primary focus right now, Emon said he's not opposed to doing work for TV occasionally, if the scripts work for him. He also said he enjoyed working with Mehzebien for "Uchchotora Byaboharik Shikkha",

and added that there are some teachable moments in the play.

Mehzebien, who has worked with Emon on stage shows and award functions, said working with Emon on camera was smooth experience. She also informed that she plays Emon's wife in the drama, and hoped that the audience will receive it well.

"Uchchotora Byaboharik Shikkha" will air on a private channel this Eid-ul Adha.



Nationwide dance competition at Shilpakala Academy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangstha (BNSS) and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) have jointly organised a nationwide solo and group dance competition.

Beginning last year, the competition initiated a renaissance among dancers of the country. Veteran dance guru Rahiza Khanam Jhunu inaugurated the competition at the rehearsal room of National Music and Dance Centre of BSA on August 18.

Renowned dancer-choreographer Laila Hasan, Amanul Haque, Golam Mostafa Khan, Belayet Hossain, along with Minu Haque and Mahfuzur Rahman, president and general secretary of BNSS were present among others at the inaugural ceremony.

The final competition will start on August 23 with the participation of contestants emerged out from the nationwide primary selection process. The best 10 dance artistes, declared as "Shera Dosh", will be awarded on September 3.

Founded in 1978, BNSS is an organisation dedicated to overall benefit nourishment of dancers and artistes in general.

JENNIFER LAWRENCE

tops highest-paid actresses' list

Jennifer Lawrence may have been made famous by The Hunger Games, but she's certainly not short of bread: The 25-year-old banked \$52 million pre-tax over 12 months to be the best paid actress in the last year – \$16.5 million more than second-ranked Scarlett Johansson, who earned \$35.5 million.

For the first time, the ranking examined the world's highest-paid leading ladies to create a global list of actress earnings. Despite the broader valuations, only one non-American made



Scarlett Johansson



Bingbing Fan

the list: Chinese actress Bingbing Fan, who ranked No. 4 with a \$21 million haul. Fan, who joins the ranking thanks to roles in movies such as "The White-Haired Witch of Lunar Kingdom" and endorsements

with Chopard and L'Oreal, is likely best-known to US cinema-goers for her role as Blink in "X-Men: Days of Future Past".

Melissa McCarthy, ranked third with \$23 million, is the only other actress to bank over \$20 million in the scoring period. The "Bridesmaids" star has proven her ability to carry movies solo – "Spy" and "Tammy" grossed a combined \$335 million worldwide.

Last year's top-earning actress, Sandra Bullock, saw her payday drop to \$8 million from \$51 million after a quiet year. Other big stars, such as Emma Stone (tied at No. 16 with Mila Kunis) and Kristen Stewart (No. 9), this year received critical acclaim for indie films over major box office successes.

Many of the names on the list are mainstays who make fewer



Jennifer Lawrence

movies but still earn from endorsements. Fifth-placed Jennifer Aniston (\$16.5 million) had two films in the scoring period which grossed just \$108.6 million, but she makes bank shilling for Aveeno, SmartWater and Living Proof. Julia Roberts also returns to the ranking just behind Aniston

with a \$16 million haul, thanks largely to deals with Lancome, Givenchy and Calzedonia. Other actresses in the top 10 are Angelina Jolie and Reese Witherspoon (tied at no.7 spot) and Anne Hathaway and Kristen Stewart (at no. 9).

Source: Forbes

"Droho" staged in Bogra

A tribute to Selim Al Deen

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

The 63rd staging of drama "Droho" was held by Bogra Theatre, one of the leading cultural organisations of Bogra district, in association with college theatre and Bangladesh Gram Theatre at Shaheed Titu Millenayatan in Bogra town this week. It depicted the struggle of the people living on the banks of river Jamuna in Shariakandi upazila of the district. The event marked the 66th birth anniversary of eminent thespian Selim Al Deen.

The programmes were arranged by Selim Al Deen Pathshala of the town.

The drama followed a painting competition and free discussion of the thought,

activities of the great personality.

"Droho" was written and directed by Toufique Hasan Moyna. In the drama, the inhabitants of the char area have to fight against the harshness of the nature, natural disasters and sometimes against the clutches of the social dominators and religious fundamentalists of the area. It also highlighted the struggle of freedom fighting of the country and sacrifice of the brave souls of the soil.

Tonmoy, Ovi, Shajal, Faruque, Alok, Sabuj, Papri, Zinia, Nishu, Raka, Shovon, Tapon, Millat, Osman, Bidhan Roy, Bidhan and Bappa played various roles in the play.

Hundreds of drama lovers of all ages enjoyed the drama.



PHOTO: STAR

TV WATCH

Rom-com "Settle Marriage" on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

Single-episode romantic comedy TV play "Settle Marriage" will air tonight at 8:45pm on ATN Bangla. Written by Maruf Rehman and directed by Mahfuz Ahmed, it casts Fazlur Rahman Babu, Prosun Azad, Shahidul Alam, Yusuf Akhter and others.

The plot revolves around Abul Basher, a well-off service-holder at a private company. His personal life is in disarray, because he can't find a girl to get married to. After his family fails to find a suitable girl, his family members force him to try and have an affair, and Basher finds himself in new troubles in that endeavour.

