

WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition

Title: Brave Heart

Venue: Gallery Cosmos, 101, Gulshan Avenue

Date: August 14-31

Time: 11am-10pm



Solo Art Exhibition

My Golden Country

Artist: Sohag Parvez

Venue: Athena Gallery

Date: August 22-Sept 11

Time: 12pm-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Title: "Chitrapat-e-Bangabandhu"

Artist: Kirti Ranjan Biswas

Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy

Date: Aug 23-31

Time: 11pm-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Mohammad Iqbal

Title: Outside of the Social Bondage

Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara

Date: Aug 22-Sep5

Time: 11am-8pm



Print Exhibition

Title: Moitree: The Bondage

Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: August 26-28

Time: 5pm



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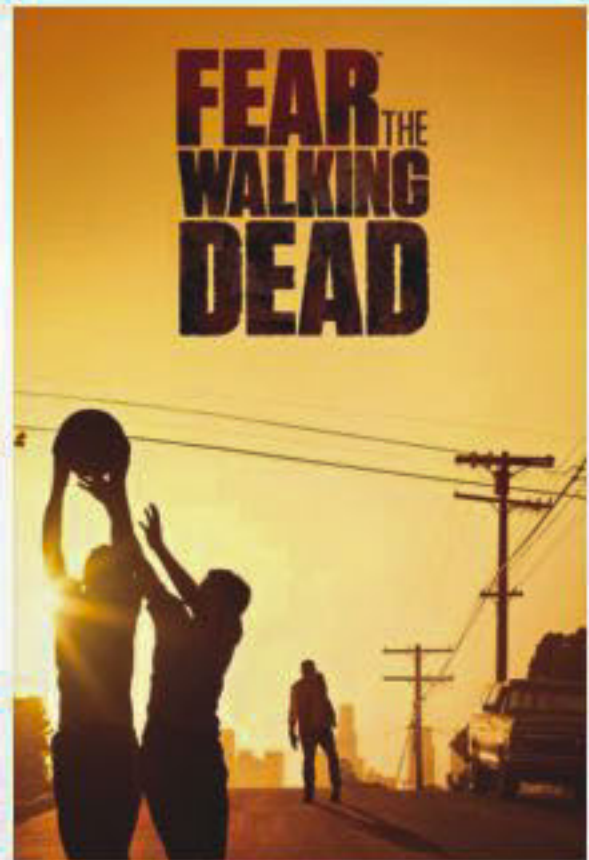
Fear the Walking Dead sees record premiere

TV WATCH

Various programmes on Nazrul on Channel i

Cable network AMC's "Fear the Walking Dead," the much-anticipated companion series to megahit zombie drama "The Walking Dead," opened to record-setting ratings of its own on Sunday night.

Nielsen estimates that the 90-minute debut of "Fear the Walking Dead" became the No. 1-rated



cable series launch on record with 10.1 million viewers. In total viewers, "Fear" surpasses TNT's "Raising the Bar" (7.7 million in 2008) as top dog among cable premieres. AMC now has three of the top five cable launches of all time, with "Walking Dead" ranking fifth.

In both the 18-49 age demographic and total viewers, Sunday's premiere out-rated all 22 episodes from the first two seasons of "The Walking Dead". The original's third-season premiere did a 5.8 demo rating and 10.87 million total viewers.

"Fear the Walking Dead," created by Robert Kirkman and Dave Erickson, differentiates itself from the original by being set both in a different place (Los Angeles) and time (at the very beginning of the apocalyptic outbreak). Its cast includes Kim Dickens, Cliff Curtis, Frank Dillane and Ruben Blades.

Source: Variety



AFZAL-SUBORNA-MAHFUZ-PURNIMA IN "AMAR BELA JE JAYE"

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular television director Arif Khan is all set to surprise the audience with his Eid special tele-film "Amar Bela Je Jaye", as it will unite Afzal Hossain, Suborna Mostafa, Mahfuz Ahmed and Purnima on screen.

Written by Badrul Anam Saud, the tele-film is currently being shot in the capital's Uttara. The story encircles Haider, his sister Mira

and brother-in-law Juboraj. Haider and Juboraj have a bitter relationship and they cannot tolerate each other. However, one day Mira along with Juboraj comes to her brother's house creating trouble. Meanwhile, a woman named Runa also arrives at Haider's house much to the dismay of him.

"Afzal Hossain is my inspiration as he has been inspiring me since the beginning of my career. I feel really good to work with him

after so many days. Also, Juboraj is an unusual character for me and I hope the audience will see something new this Eid," said Mahfuz about the tele-film.

Purnima said, "The storyline is very interesting and I am really enjoying the work. Moreover, it is matter of luck to work together with Afzal Hossain and Suborna Mostafa."

"Amar Bela Je Jaye" will air on ntv during Eid.

Vin Diesel is bringing back xXx Shooting to begin in December

Vin Diesel has apparently figured out that sequels to established films are where it's at. His "Fast & Furious" franchise has yet another installment, "Furious 8" due in Spring 2017; Diesel has said in the past that Universal wants to make "Riddick 4" at some point; and Sony has asked the actor to keep room in his upcoming schedule for a "Last Witch Hunter" sequel, assuming the first movie is a hit this fall.

Diesel is without question one of the biggest action movie stars in the world today, and fans are always waiting to see what his next project will be. However, it looks like he will next be filming another franchise movie altogether.

"xXx 3" (rumored to be titled "xXx: The Return of Xander Cage") has reportedly been in development for many years. In January 2014, Vin Diesel announced that the script for a third film of the series was nearly complete. Fans of the film franchise that he birthed (and killed by his absence in "xXx: State of the Union") should be happy to hear that Xander



Cage will apparently ride again after all, as Diesel announced through his Instagram that filming starts in 2015/

The sequel, "xXx: State of the Union" starred Ice Cube as Lt. Darius Stone, the character who took over the xXx agent title after Xander Cage was described as having been assassinated. It's not difficult to imagine that the new script -reportedly penned by John D. Brancato and Michael Ferris ("Terminator Salvation", "Surrogates") - will quickly resolve the matter of how Cage faked his death (or something to similar effect), to explain why

Diesel is back for a proper sequel that has real earning potential.

No details on any returning or new cast members have yet been announced and a director is still not officially attached. Hopefully, once everything is settled and more official news is revealed, this project will start sounding more promising. After all, the first xXx is regarded by many as a fun escapist action film that we don't get much of these days, so a return to that world could be refreshing.

Source: Screen Rant

Badhon and Shaju Khadem in HA SHOW

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular television actors Shaju Khadem and Badhon are spending busy time shooting television plays ahead of Eid. However, soon they will be seen together in a television reality show, titled "Ha Show".

The third season of the comedy show, which airs on ntv, is currently being shot

in FDC. The show has been produced by Yousuf Khan.

Badhon will be a regular face in the show as a member of the jury, while Shaju Khadem will host it.

About the show, Shaju Khadem said, "In the show, the audience will see me in a new avatar. I am enjoying the job of anchoring."

Badhon echoed Shaju, saying that she



"BANNER OF VICTORY" opens at AFD



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Banner of Victory", a solo painting exhibition by artist Leeton Bhuiya, opened at the La Galerie of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD) on August 25.

Leeton Bhuiya, a freelance visual artist, got his bachelor's degree in Fine Arts (BFA) in 1983. "Banner of Victory" is his fourth solo painting exhibition where he exhibits 25 artworks in acrylic and mixed media.

Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, attended Tuesday's

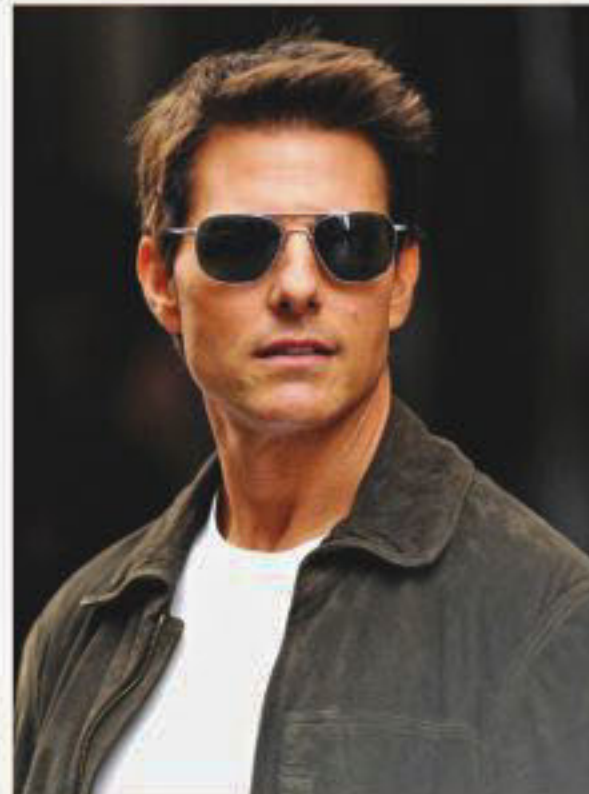
inaugural ceremony as chief guest while Dr. Tahmeena, Associate Professor at Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College and Hospital was the guest of honour.

Leeton Bhuiya said, "Painting is an expression of remembrance of our golden past which reminds us of how we achieved the 'Banner of Victory' through sacrifices."

In most of Bhuiya's paintings, emancipation and inner strength appear as the central subjects.

The exhibition will remain open till August 31.

IT'S TRUE!



When he was 14, Tom Cruise attended the St. Francis Seminary School in Cincinnati, where he was considering becoming a Catholic priest. According to a former classmate, he was kicked out for stealing liquor from the priests. However, to help his mother and three sisters after his father walked out on them, Cruise cut grass, raked leaves and sold Easter and Christmas cards door-to-door. The actor took up acting after losing out a place in his high school wrestling team due to a knee injury. Since 2006, October 10 has been recognised as Tom Cruise Day in Japan, honoring the fact that he's visited the country more than any other Western actor.

Aishwarya's intense return to Bollywood

First trailer of Sanjay Gupta's "Jazbaa" released

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan is returning to Bollywood after five years, and if the first look is any indication, she is coming back with a bang. The first trailer of Sanjay Gupta's thriller "Jazbaa" has just been released on Youtube, and Aishwarya looks super intense in her role of Anuradha Verma, a lawyer racing against time, forced to save a murder victim from conviction.

Also starring in the film are Irrfan Khan as Yohan, a suspended police officer going beyond the call of duty, Shabana Azmi as the mother of a victim seeking justice, and Jacky Shroff in what appears to be a powerful figure. The trailer shows a mysterious man setting

Anuradha four days to save a murder and rape case defendant from conviction, as ransom for her kidnapped daughter. She must team up with the headstrong police officer Yohan to fight a case in court where the odds are stacked against her, and simultaneously find and rescue her daughter. The fast-paced cuts, greenish-tinted wide cityscape shots and face close-ups give the trailer the suspenseful edge that Sanjay Gupta has made a name for himself with (in films like "Kaante", "Zinda" and "Shootout at Wadala"), while Aishwarya herself looks rock solid in a character quite unlike the usual ones she has performed in her career.

"Jazbaa", a remake of the South Korean film "Seven Days" (2007), drops in theatres October 9.



Bangladesh at dance festival in Japan

A CORRESPONDENT

A sixteen-member Bangladeshi dance team participated in the Awa Odori Festival on August 13 and 14 in Tokushima, Japan. The festival, featuring a dance form dating back to 1587, is the seasonal delight of Tokushima when the entire city resounds with music and dance. The Bangladesh team was led by the noted cultural personality Ramendu Majumdar and the choreography was done by Kabirul Islam Ratan.

The team, invited by the festival committee in association with the Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh, was sponsored by Maruhisa Pacific Company Limited, a reputed Japanese garment manufacturer operating in Japan, Thailand and Bangladesh.

Bangladesh team gave four performances -- the first one being at the welcome party hosted by Kiminobu Hiraishi, Chairman of Maruhisa Pacific Company (that sponsored the



The dancers perform at the festival.

delegation). Masud Bin Momen, Bangladesh Ambassador in Japan and Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan in Thailand and former Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, were present.

The second performance was at the NHK special stage in collabora-

tion with Heiwa-ren dancers which was telecast live. This was followed by another performance at Awa-Kanko hotel. The final performance (in two phases) was at the festival's main venue where five thousand spectators highly lauded the Bangladesh dancers.