


WHAT'S ON

Star Melodies
Special Programme Marking Nazrul Death Anniversary
Title: Poojali Poboney Banshi Bajey
Venue: AS Mahmud Hall, The Daily Star Centre
Date: August 31; 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 Art Exhibition
My Golden Country
Artist: Sohag Parvez
Venue: Athena Gallery
Date: August 22-Sept 11
Time: 12pm-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-Sept 5
Time: 11am-8pm



Group Print Exhibition
Title: Moitree: The Bondage
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 26-31
Time: 12pm-8pm



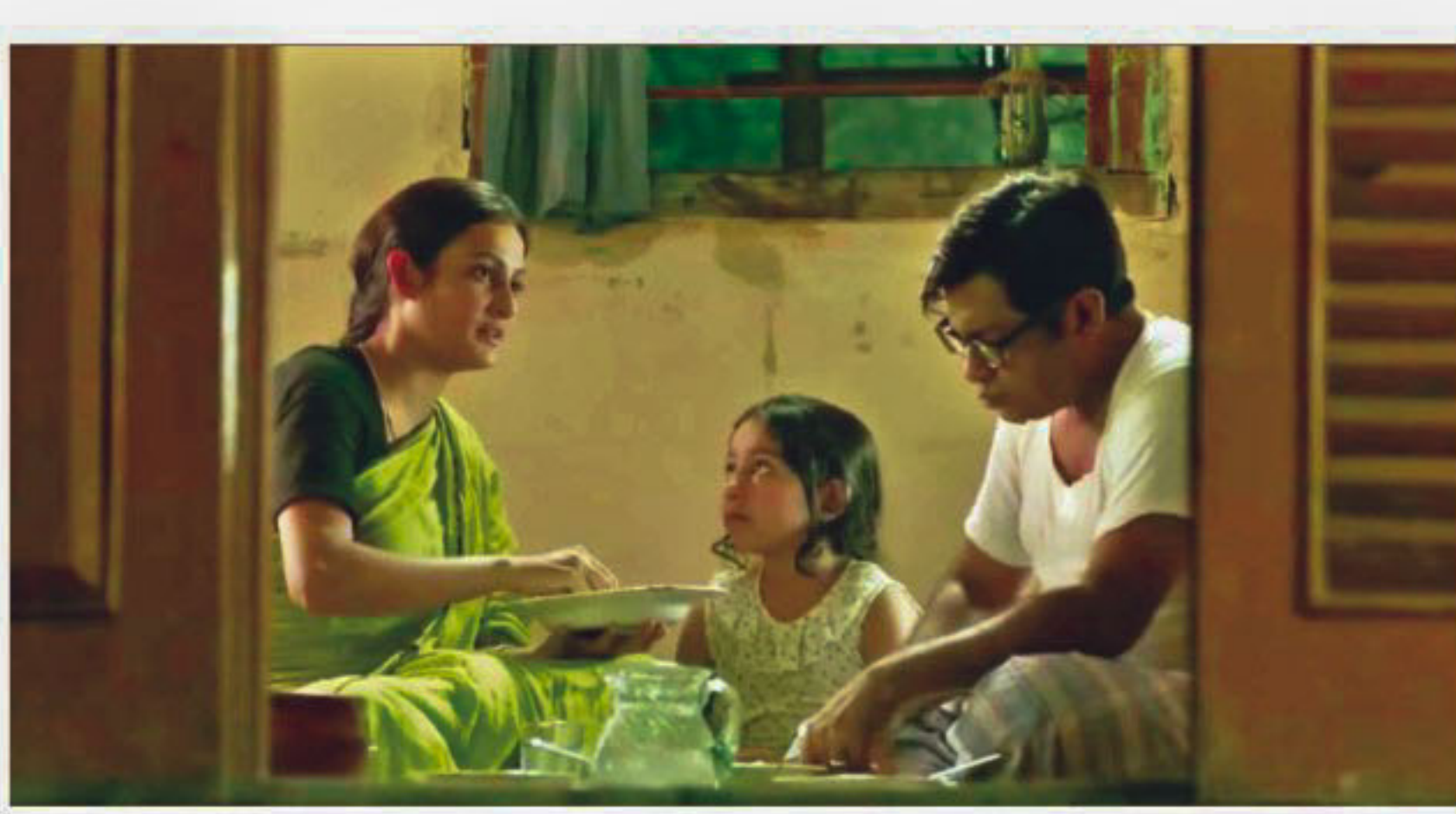
NEWS bytes

Jess Glynne tops UK album chart on debut

Jess Glynne has topped the UK album chart with her debut "1 Cry When I Laugh", calling it an "insane dream."
The singer already has five number one singles to her name, including Rather Be with Clean Bandit and her Tinie Tempah collaboration Not Letting Go.
"It's the most insane feeling to have your whole album accepted by the British public," said Glynne.
"Fight Song" singer Rachel Platten said she was "excited and proud" to top



the UK singles chart. After a close race she sold almost 3,000 more copies than this week's number two, Felix Jaehn's "Ain't Nobody (Loves Me Better)" ft Jasmine Thompson. "Fight Song" has made the top 10 in the US, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Belgium so far.
Calvin Harris & Disciples' "How Deep Is Your Love" was number four, while also being the UK's most-streamed track for a third week running with 2.44m listens.
Source: BBC



"Meghmallar" at Toronto International Film Fest

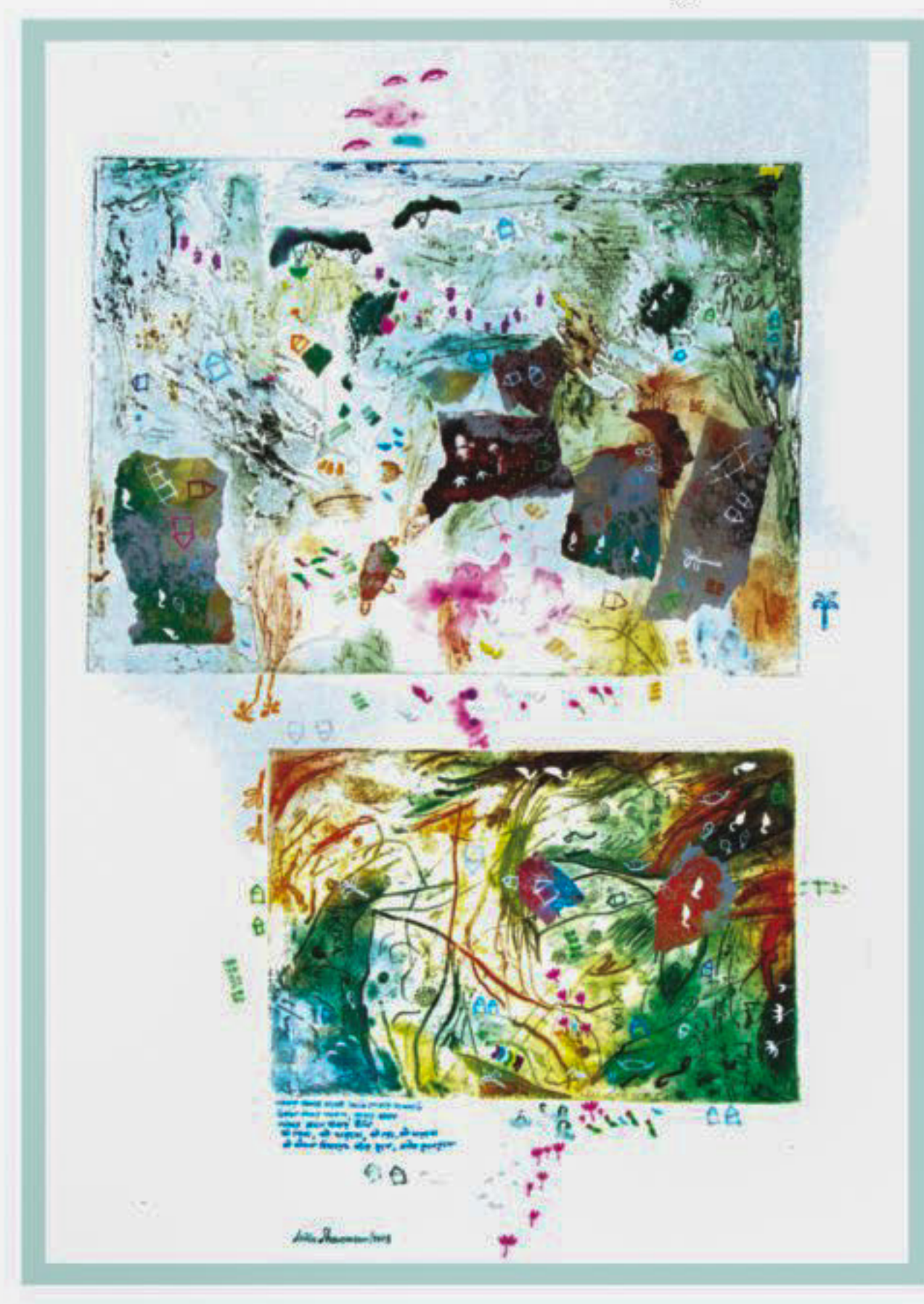
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
"Meghmallar", the feature film by Zahidur Rahim Anjan based on Akhtaruzzaman Elias' short story "Raincoat", will be screened at the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), to be held in Toronto, Canada from September 10-20.
Producer Abul Khair (Chairman, Bengal Foundation) and director Anjan will travel to Canada on an invitation from the festival authority to participate in one of the biggest film festivals in the world.
"Meghmallar" is the maiden production

of Bengal Entertainment Limited and received a National Filmmaking Grant in 2013. The film will see five screenings at the festival - three public shows under the 'Discovery' category of the festival on September 15, 17 and 20, and two press and industry screenings on September 12 and 16.
The film encircles a chemistry teacher whose mistaken identity throws him and his family into the maelstrom of the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War. Set during the monsoon of 1971, "Maghmallar" depicts the interplay between fear and courage, hope and despair.
The film stars Shahiduzzaman Selim,

Aparna, Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Mosharraf Karim, Aditi and child artiste Zara.
"Meghmallar" boasts beautiful landscapes captured by cinematographer Shudhir Palsane. Silence serves the purpose of words in the film and incessant rain, idylls, solitary railroad, uninhabited forests and use of imagery are aptly fitted to classical ragas used in the background score. Abhijit Basu has done the music.
"Meghmallar" is rather unconventional as a tale of war and instead of portraying violence it depicts the close, personal story of a middle-class family that makes a difference.

Laila Sharmeen's works in Netherlands and Italy

Bangladeshi artist Laila Sharmeen will showcase her recent mixed media on paper series "Datta Dayadvam Damyata: Shantih Shantih Shantih" at the Amsterdam International Art Fair and Biennale of Chianciano, in the historic city of Tuscany (Italy), says a press release.
Her current series is deeply influenced by the ancient philosophical text Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, containing Hindu and Buddhist concepts, particularly those about the three duties of each individual: Datta, Dayadvam, Damyata, meaning give, compassion and control.
The two-day Amsterdam International Art Fair opened on August 28 at Amsterdam's architectural landmark Beurs van Berlage. The nine-day Biennale of Chianciano opens on September 5 in the picturesque city of Tuscany, also regarded as the birthplace of the Renaissance.
Laila's works shows both a modernist preoccupation with time, flux, the loss of a center and disappearance of faith and a concern for beauty and truth, imagination and solitude. Deeply perturbed by the materialistic greed and alienation of modern man, the hollowness of modern civilization, the clash of civilization, apartheid, religious bigotry, she seeks solace in the beauty and harmony of nature.



IT'S TRUE!



US rock band 3 Doors Down started The Better Life Foundation (TBLF) in 2003, with a goal in mind to give as many children as possible a better life. Since its inception TBLF has supported numerous charities nationwide. In addition to a concert from 3 Doors Down and friends, there is also an auction, which includes numerous items from musical friends, sports icons, and other various supporters of the band and the charity.

STAR MELODIES' MUSICAL EVENING CELEBRATING NAZRUL ON AUGUST 31



STAR ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DESK
Marking the 39th death anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Star Melodies of The Daily Star is organising a musical event "Pubali Poboney Banshi Bajey" at 6:30pm on August 31 at its AS Mahmud Hall. Nazrul Sangeet singers Salahuddin Ahmed, Sharmin Sathi Islam, Anindita Chowdhury and Nishat Ahmed Zishan are the featured artistes of the event.
Eminent Nazrul Exponent Sadya Afreen Mallick will host and direct the programme. Eastern Bank Limited and Simantic Creative Concern are assisting in the programme.
Those interested to attend the programme may collect invitation passes from The Daily Star Centre, 64-64 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, until the day of the event. Seats are limited.

TV WATCH "Ekjon Mayaboti" on Channel i



A CORRESPONDENT
Drama serial "Ekjon Mayaboti" will air tonight at 9:35pm on Channel i. Based on Humayun Ahmed's novel of the same title, the serial has been adapted and directed by Arun Chowdhury and Mazharul Islam respectively.
Mahfuz Ahmed, Sumaiya Shimu, Anisur Rahman Milon, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Hasan Imam, Rosy Siddique, Mamunur Rashid, Sohel Khan, Farhana Mili and others are in the cast.



Theatre troupe Nandimukh staged their production "Urrnajaal" at the Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on August 28. The play was staged as part of the Nandimukh Rongomela theatre fest which the troupe arranged to mark their 25th anniversary. "Urrnajaal", written by Bakar Bokul, has been directed by Foyez Zahir. The play casts Bappa Chowdhury, Sujit Das, Quamrul Islam, Saiful Islam, Avijit Sengupta, Bitu Bhowmick, Kongkon Das, Shahinoor Sarwar, Bikiron Barua and others.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Blessed to be doing ROCK ON 2 ... Shradha Kapoor

Bollywood actress Shradha Kapoor said she is blessed to be doing "Rock On 2" as her childhood dreams are coming true via Bollywood.
In a recent interview, Shradha said, "Ever since I started loving to sing, I got opportunities and now 'Rock On 2' has happened. It's not like I am sitting and planning, but I truly feel blessed that I'm doing this film."
"I wanted to do film where I play a singer who sings her songs and I am blessed to be doing 'Rock On 2' now. I just wish that more dreams keep coming true," she added.
Asked how she manages so much, Shradha said, "It's a lot of fun working on so many films. It gets exhausting sometimes, but yes, when you are living your childhood dream, it's all worth it."
"To be able to sing for my own films, to do films which are so special, to stay connected with audience more than anything," she concluded.

Source: Indian Express



NICOLE SCHERZINGER joins NPH's "Best Time Ever"

Nicole Scherzinger, a singer who is a staple of British TV including a regular gig on "The X Factor UK", has signed on to NBC's "Best Time Ever With Neil Patrick Harris".
Harris tweeted a picture of the two on Friday and described Scherzinger as "the newest member of the team" and used the hashtag #sidekick.
"Best Time Ever" is an hourlong live comedy-variety series based on a British format, "Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway." It's set to premiere Sept. 15.

Source: Variety

Hasin turns bride for "Corporate Prem"

A CORRESPONDENT
Model-actress Hasin Rowshan will be seen as a bride in single-episode television play "Corporate Prem". Written by Iftexhar Roza and directed by Rashed Shamim, the play is themed on a bride who elopes from the altar.
About the play, Hasin said, "The play has a very interesting storyline and I gave my best to do justice to the role. I hope that the audience will like it."
Shooting for the play recently wrapped up in the capital's Uttara. "Corporate Prem" will go on air on a satellite channel during Eid.

