

WHAT'S ON

**Sci-Fi Convention**  
 Organizer: Fun Factory Rides  
 Venue: Emanuelles Banquet Hall  
 Date: Sept 3-5  
 Time: 1pm-9pm



**Nupur Beje Jai**  
 Organizer: Shadhona  
 Venue: Bangladesh National Museum  
 Date: September 7  
 Time: 6:30pm



**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



**Srotar Ashor**  
 Organizer: Chhayanaut  
 Venue: Chhayanaut auditorium  
 Date: September 4  
 Time: 7pm



NEWS bytes

Obama to appear on Bear Grylls' show

US President Barack Obama will trek through the wilderness in Alaska this week with British TV adventurer Bear Grylls, the NBC channel has announced. He is due to tape an episode of "Running Wild with Bear Grylls" to observe the effects of climate change on the area, it said.

He is the first president to appear on the show, to be aired later this year.

President Obama is on a three-day tour of Alaska aimed at highlighting the pace of climate change. It is part of his administration's efforts to build support for new legislation significantly capping carbon

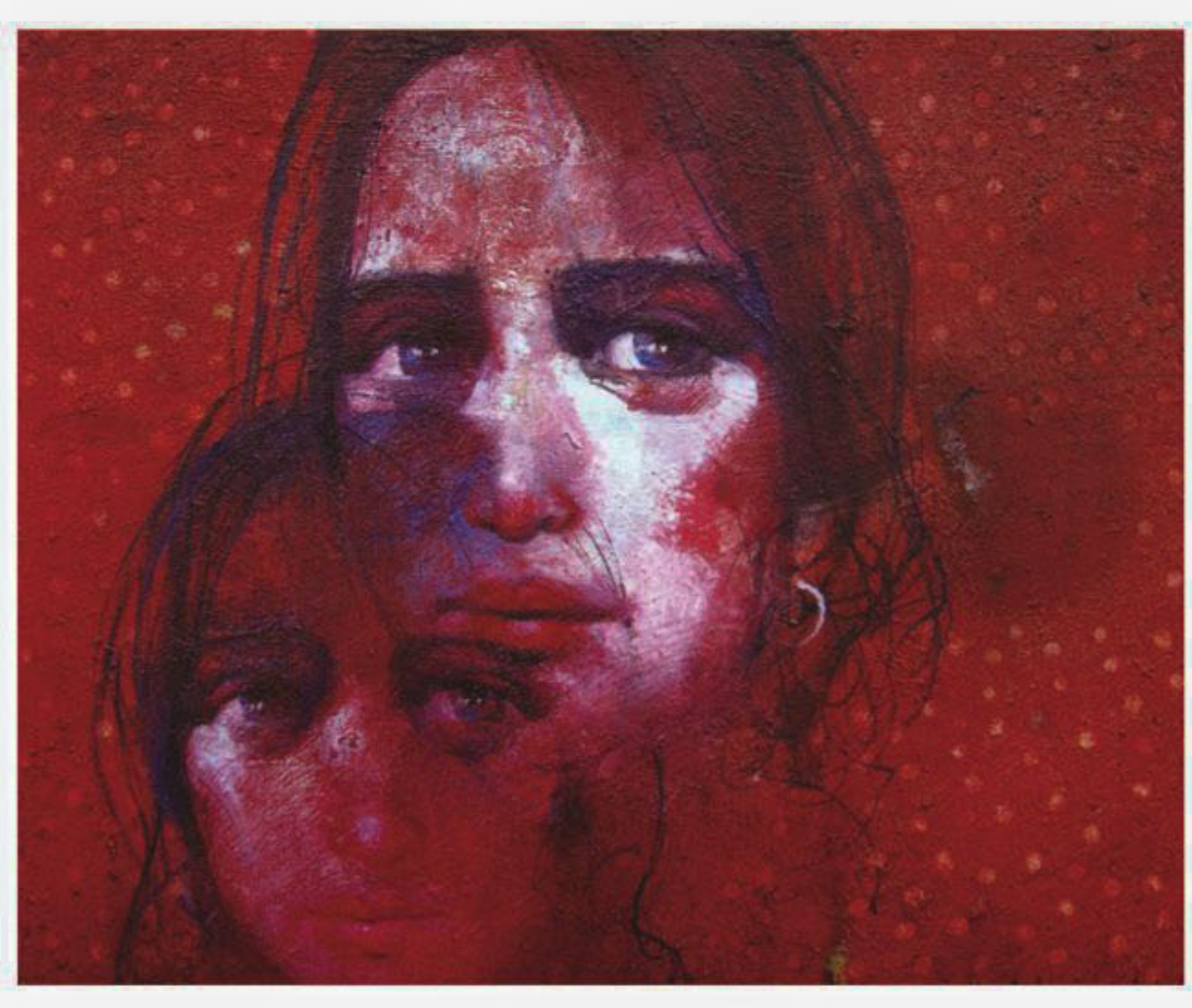
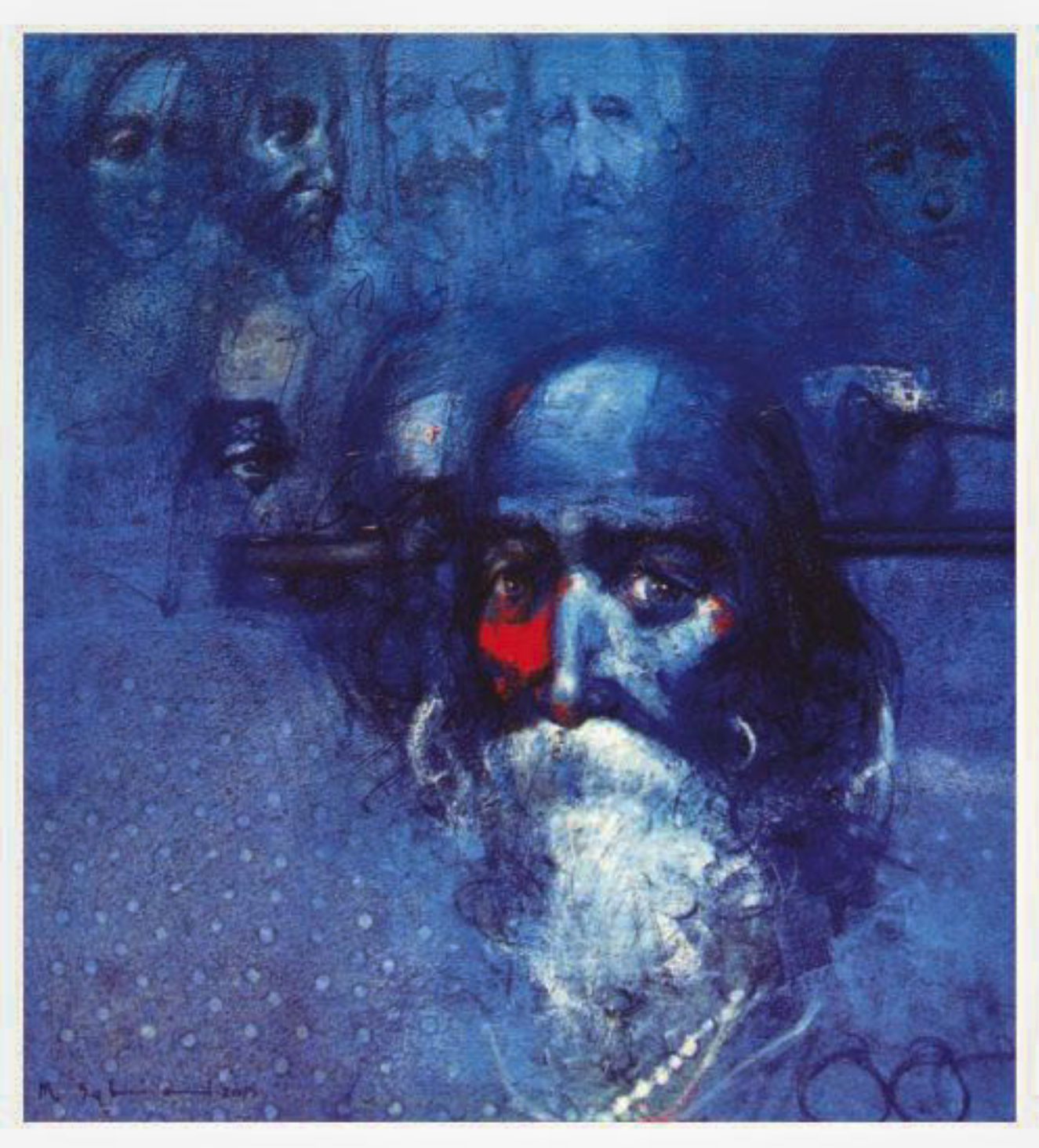


dioxide emissions from power plants in the US, as well as raise attention to the ways climate change has damaged Alaska's natural landscape.

Obama follows several other high-profile figures, including actresses Kate Winslet and Kate Hudson, who have tested their survival skills on the show.

Bear Grylls - a former British special forces soldier - puts celebrities through their paces in remote forests and mountains across the world, "pushing their minds and bodies to the limit to complete their journeys."

Source: BBC



Voice for the unvoiced  
 Mohammad Iqbal's solo show at Galleri Kaya

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It is easy to swim towards downstream, but swimming upstream can be quite a task. Those who don't follow conventional norms and values of the society are generally treated as outcast, but who are we to label them that? They too pursue their own norms and values and maintain their own way of lives. Those who welcome the celebration of heterogeneity and prevalence of multitude expressions of beauty, life and conscience are more than an average human being. They are artists with an outlook of postmodern approach.

Renowned artist Mohammad Iqbal is such an artist who closely observes the society and human beings and magnificently depicts the marginalised sects of the society on his canvases. His solo exhibition, titled "Outside of the Social Bondage" is now on at Galleri Kaya, Uttara in the capital.

Asaduzzaman Noor, Cultural Affairs Minister, inaugurated the exhibition on August 22. Eminent artist Professor Rafiqun Nabi and Masato Watanabe, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh, graced the inaugural ceremony.



The artist's recent works zoom in on the simple yet sagacious lives of Bauls and mystic sages. Iqbal is fascinated by the philosophy, cult and the way of Baulism as he comes across spirituality, sanctity and peace in them. Themes like mystic bards attired in red and white clothing, beards, horns of buffaloes, animals, talisman and trident criss-cross his canvases.

"Faces" are two series by Iqbal where he hints the legacy of spiritual quest and joyful journey of nomad people of the past. The artist envisages the charm of their lives and mingles his own artistic imaginations with the affluent nature and vast beauty and magnanimity of the universe. His canvas represents mystic bards and ancient edifices along with distant romance of the skies and hills.

Shattered dreams and desires together with the deprivation of children, especially girls, are conspicuously noticeable in some of his works. The eyes of the children, portrayed by Iqbal, speak of the pain, sufferings, deprivation and our society's maltreatments and unjust attitudes towards the angels. At the backdrop of one of his paintings, there gleams a red gate, signifying the symbolic yet the desired destination of the lost and the downtrodden while a gazed female visage dreams of the better days to come.

The exhibition, showcasing a total of 34 recent artworks done on oil on canvas and mixed media on paper, is open every day from 11am to 8pm till September 5. AND Group is sponsoring the exhibition.



MAD on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

ATN Bangla has brought Indian television channel Pogo's popular children's show "MAD" to Bangladesh.

"MAD" will air on ATN Bangla every Wednesday at 6:15pm. The show has been dubbed in Bangla for Bangladesh. "MAD" is hosted by Rob, a tremendously popular name among children.

In the show, Rob demonstrates to children how to make use of ordinary things to create pieces of art or toys. The show will aim at unleashing the creative imaginations of children.



Rain Forest on SATV

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Rain Forest" goes on air on SATV every Wednesday and Thursday at 8pm. Written by Habib Zakaria Ullash and directed by Ananno Emon, the drama encircles a popular series story featuring everyday life of city dwellers.

The play casts popular faces of television and film, including Sajal, Shahed Ali, Amin Khan, Kushum Sikder, Nayeem, Kallyan, Farhana Mili and Ishana.



US actress Olivia Munn, who will be appearing next in the "X-Men Apocalypse" film as the Marvel Comics character Psylocke, has been a fan of pop culture and active practitioner of cosplaying for a long time. She has cosplayed characters ranging from Princess Leia in Star Wars, Chun-Li from the arcade video game Street Fighter, a character from the Japanese Manga series Sailor Moon and even Marvel's very own Wonder Woman. She has even written a book titled "Suck It, Wonder Woman: The Misadventures of a Hollywood Geek".

"Spectre" may be Craig's final Bond movie!

In the last nine years, Daniel Craig has truly established himself as one of the greatest actors to take on the role of James Bond, but if recent comments from the actor are to be believed, then we may soon see the end of his terrific run.

In recent months, there has been a great deal of speculation regarding whether or not the upcoming "Spectre" will be the last time that Daniel Craig wears the codename 007, and during a recent interview with Esquire, the star revealed that the next Bond adventure will indeed likely be his last. Asked if he would be game to make another movie in the legendary series, he kept the door partially open, but explained, "At this moment, no. I have a life and I've got to get on with it a bit. But we'll see."

It was all the way back in October 2005 that Craig first landed the James Bond role, following Pierce Brosnan in the lineage and landing front and center of big plans to revamp the brilliant spy series. Martin Campbell's "Casino Royale" turned out to be an absolutely brilliant move for the franchise, and by the time people

were done watching Craig's performance there were comparisons being made between his version of the character and Sean Connery's. The actor's would-be legacy as Bond hit a rough patch when he starred in Marc Forster's "Quantum of Solace", but helped earned respect back with the thrilling and awesome "Skyfall". If "Spectre" does wind up being the last Daniel Craig Bond performance, it will be



interesting to see whether or not it winds up balancing the scales, or firmly establishes the star as one of the best actors to ever take on the part.

Should Craig get his wish and

wind up leaving James Bond behind, there are a number of actors who are being actively considered by fans as his replacement in the franchise. This summer we saw the news about odd-makers predicting who would wind up playing 007 next - and it's a pretty fascinating list. According to the numbers, Damien Lewis is a good bet, but that Idris Elba, Tom Hardy, Henry Cavill, and Michael



Fassbender were in the running as well. Of course, it may be years before we hear who will be the seventh actor to take the part.

Source: Cinemablend

"Gariwala" travels to 18 countries



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ashraf Shishi'r film "Gariwala", has travelled to 48 cities in 18 countries so far. The film has travelled to festivals in the USA, UK, Canada, UAE, Greece, Portugal, Russia, Cambodia, India, Pakistan, Italy, Chili, Venezuela, Kosovo, Kenya and Mexico.

Moreover, the film has bagged eight international awards at different festivals.

Recently, the film was screened at Fifth Slum Film Festival in Kenya. The fest was held in Nairobi from August 25-29. It was a rare achievement for a Bangladeshi film to be screened in Africa.

The plot of the film revolves around two orphaned brothers and their mother. The struggle of the family and how they cope up with poverty is at the heart of "Gariwala".

Aside from Rokeya Prachi and Raisul Islam Asad, the film casts Masum Aziz, Imran, Sansi Faruq, Abdur Rahman, Rajib and others.

Lily and Dilu perform at IGCC

A CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Culture Centre (IGCC) organised an evening of Rabindra Sangeet by singer Lily Islam on August 29 at IGCC, Gulshan-1 in the capital. Elocutionist Mozibur Rahman Dilu also performed at the



event. Lily Islam began her performance with "Dinguli Mor Sonar Khachai" followed by "Krishnokoli" and "Tomare Koriachi Jiboner Drubotara". One by one she rendered "Ami Tomar Songe Bedhechi Amar Pran", "Mor Bhabonare Ki Haoai

Matalo", "Tumi Sondhyaro Meghomala" and more. Ruptanu Dassharma accompanied her on keyboard, while Shakil Mohammad Dipan, Swarup Hossain, Partha Pratim Guha and Asit Biswas accompanied her on guitar, tabla, octopad and esraj respectively.

Shahid Kapoor's comeback with AK vs SK

On August 4, 2015, Mumbai Mirror had reported that Shahid Kapoor has signed his first film after tying the knot with Mira Rajput. The report stated that the film is an urban thriller to be filmed in Mumbai and directed by Vikramaditya Motwane. According to the latest report, the film has been titled "AK vs SK", which are the initials of the central characters in the film. "The story revolves around a boy and girl who are adversaries. It's as yet unclear who is AK and who is SK but one of them is definitely the initials of Shahid's character in the film. The hunt for the leading lady is on," said a source close to the development.

Source: TOI

