

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Ganga Jamuna Theatre and Cultural Festival Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: 4-12 September Time: 5pm everyday</p> 	<p>Selective Artworks Exhibition Title: Figuration Collector: Abul Khair Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi Date: Sep 4-20, Time: 12-8pm</p> 	<p>Solo Art Exhibition My Golden Country Artist: Sohag Parvez Venue: Athena Gallery Date: August 22-Sept 11; Time: 12pm-8pm</p> 	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Artist: Sultan Ishtiaque Venue: La Galerie, AFD, Dhanmondi Date: Sep 4-18 Time: 3-8pm</p> 	<p>International Art Biennale Cox's Bazar 2015 Venue: Cox's Bazar Institute & Public Library Date: September 10-13 Time: 11am-8pm daily</p> 
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NEWSbytes

Kate Hudson joins 'Kung Fu Panda 3'

Kate Hudson is replacing Rebel Wilson to voice one of the new characters in "Kung Fu Panda 3". Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Seth Rogen and Dustin Hoffman are among those reprising their roles in DWA's hit franchise telling the tales of Po, the noodle-peddling panda who is also a fabled Dragon Warrior. J.K. Simmons and Bryan Cranston are among the new additions to the cast. Wilson was due to voice Mei Mei, a crazy ribbon-dancing



panda who is romantically obsessed with Po. Insiders say the production schedule became extended, forcing Wilson to bow out. Hudson will now voice Mei Mei, and the previously completed scenes will be re-animated to reflect Hudson's take on the character. Jennifer Yuh Nelson and Alessandro Carloni are directing the movie, which has a release date of January 29, 2016.

Source: THR



Curtains rise on Ganga-Jamuna Fest
Soumitra Chattopadhyay takes centre stage

SAURAV DEY

The Ganga-Jamuna Theatre and Cultural Festival, one of the major theatre festivals of the country, opened at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on September 4 evening to a warm reception. Two thespians of Indian and Bangladeshi theatre, Soumitra Chattopadhyay and Ferdousi Majumdar, inaugurated the festival by lighting candles at the National Theatre Hall auditorium in the presence of a houseful audience. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor attended the ceremony as chief guest, while Finance Minister AMA Muhiit, Indian High Commissioner Pankaj Saran, BSA director general Liaquat Ali Lucky, BGTF president and secretary Jhuna Chowdhury and Hasan Arif were present at the ceremony as special guests. At the inauguration ceremony, Soumitra Chattopadhyay said, "It always feels great to come to Bangladesh. I have never seen such a hospitable people as the Bangladeshis; whenever I came here, they welcomed me cordially. When I came to Bangladesh for the first time, I was astonished to see their similarity with the people of West Bengal; we speak the same language, eat similar food and share the same culture. I still cannot accept that despite so many similarities, we are divided by a border."



Following the inauguration ceremony, theatre troupe Sangstab from India staged their much-acclaimed play "Chharigonga" at the National Theatre Hall, while Prachyanat staged "Tragedy Palashbari" at the Experimental Hall. The National Theatre Hall brimmed over with an eager audience who had a rare opportunity to see a performance by Soumitra.

"Chharigonga", jointly written by Amitranjan Biswas and Soumitra Chattopadhyay, casts Soumitra along with another noted Indian actor Dwijen Bandopadhyay. Today theatre troupe Uttaradhikar from Chittagong will stage "Sampan Naiya" while Shobdo Natyacharcha Kendra will stage "Informor" at the National Theatre Hall and Experimental Theatre Hall respectively.

In remembrance
Salman Shah – the megastar who could be

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With Sohanur Rahman Sohan's 1993 film "Keyamat Theke Keyamat", (a remake of the 1988 Bollywood flick "Qayamat se Qayamat Tak" starring Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla), Bangladeshi film got a new lease of life. Two stars were born: Salman Shah and Moushumi. Shahriar Chowdhury Imon, who went by the screen name Salman Shah, changed the typical image of a Bangladeshi film actor. In the early 1990s when the country's film industry remained stagnant, Salman Shah took it by storm with his spirited performance and irresistible charm. The ailing film industry witnessed a real romantic hero and welcomed a new era in the romantic film genre with his appearance. It wasn't long till he turned into a heartthrob of the youth. In his short span of film career, he acted in 18 hit films. "Keyamat Theke Keyamat" was followed by films such as "Shopner Thikana", "Denmohor", "Tumi Amar", "Tomakey Chai", "Anjuman", "Priyjon", "Konyadan", "Swapner Nayok", "Swapner Purush", "Ananda Ashru", "Ei Ghar Ei Shongshar", "Sujan Sokhi", "Prem Juddha", "Buker Bhetor Agun", "Swapner Prithibi" and several other smash hits that exceeded the expectations of the audiences. Movie theatres that ran his films buzzed with youngsters. But tragedy struck before he could take his career to the heights he so convincingly promised. On this day in 1996 (September 6), he was found hanging from the ceiling of his bedroom, at the mere age of 25. Not too many incidents had stirred Bangladesh's entertainment industry quite the way Salman Shah's demise did at the time, with even incidents reported of his fans killing themselves, unable to bear the loss of their hero. Apart from acting in film, Salman Shah acted in several TV plays including "Akash Chhoya", "Doyel", "Shob Pakhi Ghar-e Phere", "Saikat Sarosh", "Anjuman" and "Nayon". He also acted in two TV serials titled "Etikatha" and "Pathor Somoy".



Bollywood composer Aadesh Shrivastava passes away

Bollywood singer-composer Aadesh Shrivastava died in Mumbai in the wee hours of September 5 after a long, hard battle with cancer. He had turned 51, just a day earlier on September 4. During his over two decade-long career, the composer worked with all the major singers of the industry including Lata Mangeshkar, Udit Narayan, Sunidhi Chauhan, Alka Yagnik and Kumar Sanu. He scored the music for over 100 Bollywood films including "Chalte Chalte", "Baabul", "Baghban", "Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham" and "Rajneeti". Aadesh Shrivastava was born on September 4, 1965 in Jabalpur. He gained a foothold in wood by playing the drum for leading music directors such as OP Nayyar, Shankar Jaikishan and Salil Choudhary and assisted Laxmikant Pyarelal for almost a decade before becoming a professional composer in his own right. Aadesh Shrivastava was the only Indian performer to have collaborated with international artists like T-Pain, Soulja Boy, Wyclef Jean, Norah Jones, Queen Latifa and Shakira. His bonding with American R&B superstar Akon, with whom he recorded the track One For the World, was well-known.



Source: NDTV



Purnima, Mosharraf and Iresh join forces for Eid play

A CORRESPONDENT

This Eid television audience will see popular actors Purnima, Mosharraf Karim and Iresh Zaker together in single-episode television play "Prem Othoba Duhshopner Raat Din". Written by Nur Siddique and directed by Tuhin Hossain, shooting for the play wrapped up recently at a shooting house in the capital's Uttara. About working with Mosharraf and Iresh

for the first time, Purnima said, "I went into the shoot with great enthusiasm. The storyline is different and I really enjoyed the company of Mosharraf and Iresh." Mosharraf Karim said, "It was a refreshing experience to work with Purnima. She is such a pleasant co-actor who makes the work smooth. It is a good production which will entertain the audience." "Prem Othoba Duhshopner Raat Din" will go on air on ntv during Eid.

"We are in a transitional state in music"

... Akhi Almagir

A CORRESPONDENT

Akhi Almagir, a popular adhunik singer, is recognised for her stage performances both within and outside our country. She has been singing for over a decade and her mesmerising voice has carried her to the peak of her career. Apart from her musical talent she was a TV host, a model and won the National Film Award as a child artiste. Recently, in a chat with The Daily Star, she told us about how modern songs are hitting a new high. "We are all in a transitional state, and music is changing all the time. Modern music has emerged because the audience likes to hear new kinds of music. No one wants to hear dated music, our generation always wants change." "We should not sing for the sake of singing. We need to feel the vibes of the target audience and what they would like to hear and with that in mind, we should keep our folk songs alive by making a fusion of them with modern songs," she concludes.



IT'S TRUE!

Selena Gomez joins 'Neighbors 2'

Selena Gomez has joined the cast of Universal and Good Universe's "Neighbors 2." She will star alongside Seth Rogen and Zac Efron in the "Neighbors" sequel, along with Chloe Moretz. "Neighbors" was a surprise hit with \$269 million in worldwide grosses. Rose Byrne is set to reprise her role, with Nicholas Stoller returning as director. The original revolved around a couple whose lives are turned upside-down after declaring war on the fraternity that moved in next door. The sequel's plot is unknown, though sources say a sorority could be the couple's problem this time. Gomez's involvement in the film broke when fan photos revealed that she was on set. While details surrounding her role are unknown, her sorority girl-esque costume suggests her character's involvement with the Greek system. "Neighbors 2" bows in theaters in May, 2016.

Source: Variety



Robert DeNiro was originally offered the role of Frank Costello in Martin Scorsese's "The Departed" but he turned it down, and so the part was given to Jack Nicholson. Also, Ray Liotta was offered the part of Dignam, but he had to pull out due to scheduling conflicts, and so the part went to Mark Wahlberg. Brad Pitt, whose production company Plan B made the movie, was set to play Colin but dropped out to work on another movie, so Matt Damon was brought in as his replacement. The 2006 film boasted an enviable cast of A-list actors many filmmakers would shamelessly campaign to work with. As a result fifty percent of the film's budget was spent on the actors' salaries.



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