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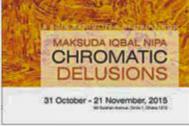
**Group Exhibition**  
 Title: ERA  
 Venue: Gallery 21, Dhanmondi  
 Date: Oct 30-Nov 09  
 Time: 12-8pm



**Art Exhibition**  
 Artist: Farzana Rahman Bobby & Palash Biswas  
 Venue: Kalakendra: 1/11, Iqbal Road (3rd floor)  
 Date: October 13 – November 8  
 Time: 5-9pm



**Solo Exhibition**  
 Chromatic Delusions  
 Artist: Maksuda Iqbal Nipa  
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge  
 Date: Oct 31-Nov 21  
 Time: 12-8pm



**Jazz & Blues Fest Dhaka**  
 Organizer: Blues Communications  
 Venue: Army Museum Field  
 Date: Nov 5-7  
 Time: 6pm-midnight



**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Three Generations  
 Venue: Athena Gallery, Uttara Badda  
 Date: October 17 – Nov 7  
 Time: 5:30pm



**NEWS bytes**

**Bieber Releases 'I'll Show You'**

Justin Bieber's album release showdown with One Direction is heating up with the Canadian pop singer dropping another new track.

Bieber's "I'll Show You" arrived yesterday, produced by Skrillex. It's lifted from Bieber's upcoming album release "Purpose", and follows the previously-released singles "What Do You Mean" and "Sorry".

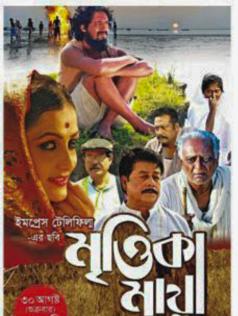
The singer has been teasing the new release throughout Sunday, dropping artwork and a snippet of the "I'll Show You" video. In the clip, the lyric "There's one thing that I know for sure -- I'll show you" can be heard as Bieber steps out in the wilderness, staring at waterfalls and landscapes... and skateboarding.

"Purpose", Bieber's fourth album is due November 13 -- the same date as 1D's "Made In the AM".

Source: **Billboard**

**IT'S TRUE!**

Gazi Rakayet's 2013 film "Mrittika Maya" did not look like a head-turner at all, with a relatively inexperienced lead cast and a low-key release, but at the National Film Awards, it crushed a 35-year record of



most awards by a single film, held until then by "Golapi Ekhon Train-e" (1978). It won best film, best director, best actor and actress (for the virtually-unknown Titash Zia and Shormimala), both best supporting roles (Raisul Islam Asad and Aparna Ghosh), best actor in a negative role (Mamunur Rashid), as well as best story, best dialogue and best screenplay (all to Rakayet).

**"I want to show the world you can do Blues in Bangla" ...Ayub Bachchu**

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Ayub Bachchu, one of the most prominent guitarists of the country, has been an avid practitioner of blues music for a long time. A few years ago, he started his project AB Blues Club on the sidelines of his band LRB. At this year's Jazz & Blues Festival -- to be held from November 5-7 at the Army Museum field -- AB Blues Club is the biggest name from Bangladesh. The veteran spoke to The Daily Star on the festival yesterday.

**Tell us a little about AB Blues Club.**

AB: We started AB Blues club about eight years back, and have done niche shows whenever we could. Most recently, we paid tributes to BB King after his demise, at Red Shift in Gulshan. But yes, this is the first time such a big festival of this kind is happening, and we're excited to perform.

**What are your thoughts on the festival, and what will you be performing?**

AB: It's a proud occasion for



the country's music scene. A legend like John McLaughlin is coming with his group 4th Dimension; China Moses and Soulmate are also great groups. We will be doing a number of Bangla songs that are, in

essence, blues. I want to show the world that blues can be done in Bangla music, if you can do it right. A number of our songs are in blues scale, but we usually perform them in a more rock flavor. For this festival, we

are turning them into blues arrangements, and I hope the audience will love it. We will also do a few cover songs, maybe from BB King and Stevie Ray Vaughan. But we will be representing Bangladesh, so our target will be to fly Bangladesh's flag high.

**Do you think there's a substantial listenership of jazz and blues in Bangladesh?**

AB: So far, we have not seen a big crowd of blues listeners, but I'm looking forward to the festival bringing them all out at one place. I believe there are many discerning listeners of blues and jazz music, and this festival will bring them together. I hope it also generates interest about blues music here.

**What's the lineup of AB Blues Club?**

AB: It's my usual lineup (of LRB): Swapan, Masud, Romel and me, and a friend of mine, Sasha, will play saxophone. Wherever I play, I play with the same lineup, because I think it's difficult to work with different sets of musicians.



**Apurbo and Tania in "Lake Drive Lane"**

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular television actors Apurbo and Tania Hossain were first seen together in Gazi Rakayet's drama serial "Ghor Chhara" which was an instant hit. Later, the duo worked together in many single episode plays and drama serials.

Now Apurbo and Tania are doing a drama serial "Lake Drive Lane", where they play a married couple. Written by Mesbah Uddin Shumon and directed by Nazrul Islam Raju, the serial is running on ntv.

About the serial, Apurbo said, "I don't act in any play unless I like the story. This serial has a good plot. Also, Tania is an outstanding actress to work with."

Tania said, "Apurbo was there when I began my career in acting. We have worked together many times. As a co-actor Apurbo is excellent, and it always feels good to pair up with him."



**Swagota turns film director**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Multi-talented actress Swagota is famed as a popular singer as well. Aside from doing a number of films, Swagota regularly hosts television shows and does television commercials.

The actress recently ventured into direction for her university thesis.

Swagota finished shooting her first film "Durotto". The film has been made as part of her university thesis. She is studying film and media at Stamford University.

The film casts Dilara Zaman, Laila Hasan, Hasan Imam, Shyamol and others. However, Swagota is not yet sure about the release of this film.

About her direction, the actress said, "Initially I didn't want to be an actress, as I was more interested in direction. Eventually I ended up becoming an actress."

On the other hand, she has a busy shooting schedule. A number of Swagota-starrer drama serials are on air on different satellite channels.

Deepika looks to explore into **HOLLYWOOD**

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, *New Delhi*

Bollywood star Deepika Padukone is keen on doing Hollywood films and wants to explore to work in the West.

"I am interested in doing Hollywood films. I am ready to explore ...working in the West. I couldn't do 'Fast and Furious'... but I am glad I chose to do 'Ram Leela' promotions," Deepika said.

She was speaking about her journey in Bollywood at the ongoing Mumbai Association of Moving Images film festival here.

"If something interesting comes up I will take up. Here, we are subject to shelf life. There it

is not like that," the 29-year-old actress said.

The "Chennai Express" star is happy with the way her career has shaped up and insists success has not changed her as a person. "I have not changed... My family would speak about it. I wash dishes at home... I did it last night," Deepika said.

"They have not stopped their lifestyle... They continue doing work they do, knowing I am going to work," she said.



**'Spectre' scorches int'l Box Office records**

"Spectre" has scorched box office records, taking in \$80.4 million in its opening week and enjoying the biggest UK debut in history.

With 24 films to its credit, the James Bond franchise shows no signs of slowing down. The super spy took advantage of a launch in his native Great Britain. "Spectre" earned a massive \$63.8 million in its first seven days of release in the UK, surpassing the previous record held by "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban".

It opens in the United States on November 6, where it is expected to top the box office, earning as much as \$80 million. The film is rumored to be Daniel Craig's last stint as the martini-swilling secret agent. Craig has been praised for injecting a sense of danger into the series after Pierce Brosnan gave up the part and his more quip-

oriented approach to the role.

In the Netherlands, "Spectre" left audiences shaken and stirred, picking up \$3.9 million. The film added a further \$12.7 million to its haul across the Nordic region, while setting new opening records in Finland and Norway, and estab-



lishing a new high-water mark in Denmark for the biggest three-day opening of all time with \$4.2 million. In Sweden, the film generated nearly \$3 million.

The picture also established a new Imax record, nabbing the highest per-location average in company history with \$105,000 in

47 theaters. It made \$5 million from Imax locations.

Filmed at a cost of \$250 million with millions more spent on marketing, "Spectre" needs to be a box office juggernaut if it wants to be profitable. It also has big shoes to fill. "Skyfall", the previous film in the series, was the highest-grossing 007 chapter in history, nearly doubling the \$599 million worldwide haul of "Casino Royale". It was also the first film in franchise history to cross \$1 billion.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer produced the picture and is distributing the film with Sony. Sam Mendes, who previously guided "Skyfall", directs a cast that includes Christoph Waltz, Monica Bellucci, Ben Whishaw and Léa Seydoux.

Source: **Variety**

**Manna Dey-Kishore Kumar remembered in Mymensingh**



Artists render a chorus at the programme.

PHOTO: STAR

AMINUL ISLAM, *Mymensingh*

Sandipon Sangskritik Sangtha, a leading cultural group of the town, paid rich tributes to legendary singers Manna Dey and Kishore Kumar through a gripping performance of the songs of the two artistes on Friday evening.

The artistes rendered 24 songs of Manna Dey and Kishore Kumar to a capacity audience.

The songs included -- "Nayan Shorashi Keno", "Jibone Ki Pabona", "Cholo Jai Chole Jai", "Shey Jeno Amar Pashe", "Adho Alo Chhayate" and more.

The artistes were Priyanka Karmaker, Anjana Sarker, Shawkat Ali Manik, Samir

Sarker, Peu Dey, Atiqur Rahman Bablu, Shaiduzzaman, Yasmin Sultana and Ashish Kumar Sarker.

Earlier, a discussion was held, addressed by Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Mustakim Billah Faruqui and Mahub Hossain Sharif, director of Sandipon, among others.

Paying tributes to the legends, the speakers said both Manna Dey and Kishore Kumar are among those who made immense contributions to Bangla songs.

They urged artistes of this generation to follow in the footsteps of great musicians of this sub-continent to make the storehouse of Bengali music popular once more so that the dying embers ignite again.

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