

**WHAT'S ON**

**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



# IT'S TRUE!

A cartoon featuring the first Disney character, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, is to be screened next

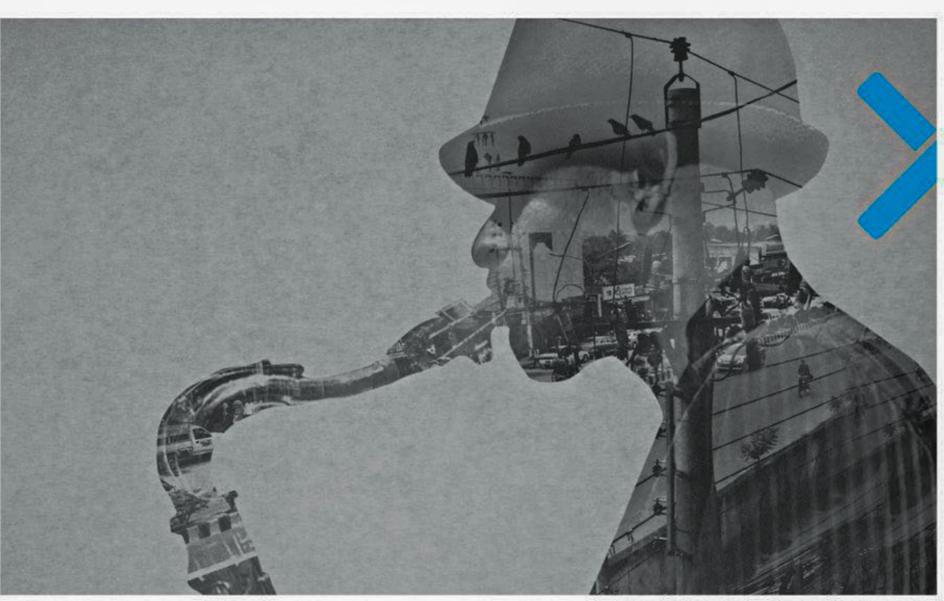


month for the first time in 87 years. A restored print of "Sleigh Bells" (1928) will have its world premiere at the BFI in London. The BFI says the re-discovery of the "long-lost" six-minute film in its archive is a "joyful treat". Oswald the Lucky Rabbit was invented by Walt Disney and Ub Iwerks for Universal in 1927 before they went on to create Mickey Mouse. The only surviving print of Sleigh Bells was preserved in the BFI National Archive and was "re-discovered" by a researcher browsing its online catalogue.

# JAZZ & BLUES FEST BEGINS TODAY

## Imran Ahmed Quintet to open the concert

The Jazz & Blues Festival Dhaka 2015, organised by Blues Communications, begins today at the Army Museum ground in the capital, bringing together musicians from around the world to perform one of the oldest genres of world music.



The opening night will see the biggest name of the festival, legendary guitarist John McLaughlin perform at the Dhaka stage with his band 4th Dimension, preceded by Vasundhara Vidalur (India), Shai Maestro Trio (USA) and the Imran Ahmed Quintet (Bangladesh). The performances are set to begin at 7pm and will continue till midnight.

Imran Ahmed Quintet, a group of five talented musicians, will open the festival this year. There lineup consists of Rahin Haider (Saxophone), Robert Russell (Piano and synthesizer) Taufiq Arefin Turjo (Drums), Muhaimin Karim (Bass) and Imran Ahmed (Guitar). They will be performing mostly their own songs, influenced by modern jazz and fusion. In a conversation with The Daily Star, Imran expressed his optimism: "The jazz scene in Dhaka didn't really exist until the last one and a half years, and within this time we have artists like John McLaughlin, China Moses and Shai Maestro performing here. I like to believe there will be jazz and blues festivals regularly here from now on. This is the ultimate kickstart."

Asked about his inspiration to pursue jazz music, Imran said "It began when I wanted to study music and I went to the Swarnabhumi Academy of Music in Chennai (India), I came across teachers who were practicing and teaching jazz. Just seeing them and talking to them was inspiration enough. Because once you get it, you don't want to get out, because it has so much to offer. You can listen to one song for a year and still discover something new the next day."

Asked about his experience of playing jazz music in front of a Dhaka audience, Imran said "So far we haven't performed to a very big crowd, but even with 500-600 people in attendance, whenever we played jazz we got pin-drop silence during our set. It's something I haven't seen when performing other genres. Whenever we have played jazz, it was a special experience."

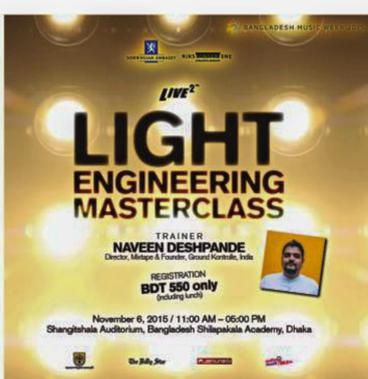
# LIGHT engineering masterclass at BMW

As part of Bangladesh Music Week, LivSquare will hold a Light Engineering Masterclass at the Sangeetshala Auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on November 6. The workshop will take place from 11am to 5pm, says a press release.

Renowned Indian light engineer Naveen Deshpande, who is passionate about anything to do with live lights, will conduct the workshop. Naveen will share his expertise of live lighting with the participants at the masterclass.

The session will cover broad areas of lighting including type of lighting, functions of each light, operating boards, patching, programming and lighting as innovative illumination.

Enthusiasts can register for the masterclass at imdhaka.com.



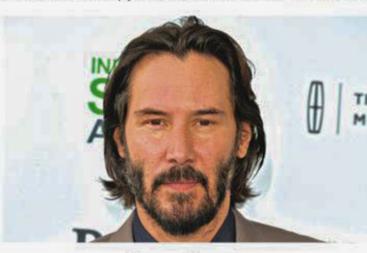
# Hathaway, Reeves and Radcliffe in "The Modern Ocean"

Emerging filmmaker Shane Carruth has assembled an impressive cast for his latest movie project, "The Modern Ocean".

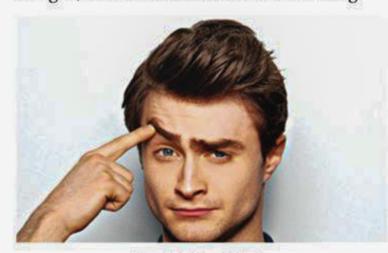
Anne Hathaway, Keanu Reeves, Daniel Radcliffe, Chloe Grace Moretz, Tom Holland, Asa Butterfield, Jeff Goldblum and "Beasts of

and the fierce competition for valuable shipping routes and priceless materials that converge in a spectacular battle on the rolling decks of behemoth cargo ships.

"This epic tale, fraught with danger and intrigue, takes us from the ancient trading



**Keanu Reeves**  
No Nation" breakout Abraham Attah will star in the ensemble adventure drama, based on Carruth's 200-page script, which is described as being filled with pictures and diagrams. The storyline revolves around vengeance



**Daniel Radcliffe**  
houses of Algeria to the darkest depths of the ocean floor," said FilmNation in describing the project, which it will introduce to foreign buyers converging this week in Santa Monica for the American Film Market.

Carruth is a software engineer-turned indie filmmaker. He made his debut with the low-budget sci-fi movie "Primer", which won the Grand Jury Prize and the Alfred P Sloan Feature Film Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. His follow-up was the 2013 movie "Upstream Color".

Carruth also will act in the upcoming movie and is producing via his banner erbp. The producers are promising a movie that will be "enormously inventive, but grounded in arcane reality" and "will draw audiences into a secretive world filled with mysterious technologies and bitter rivalries."

However, character details for the actors' roles were not revealed.

Source: **Hollywood Reporter**



**Anne Hathaway**

# NEWS bytes AGE OF ULTRON leads People's Choice nods

"Avengers: Age of Ultron" leads the nominations for next year's People's Choice Awards. The sequel picked up seven nods for prizes voted for by fans, including nominations for stars Robert Downey Jr, Chris Hemsworth and Scarlett Johansson. The superhero film is nominated for favourite movie alongside "Fast and Furious 7", "Inside Out", "Jurassic World" and "Pitch Perfect 2".

Downey Jr is up against co-star Chris Hemsworth for favourite movie actor, as well as favourite action movie actor. Scarlett Johansson's nominated for favourite movie actress, alongside Anne Hathaway, Meryl Streep, Melissa McCarthy and Sandra Bullock. She is also nominated for favourite action movie actress for playing Black Widow.

Ed Sheeran is also up for favourite pop artiste, but is the only male singer nominated in that category. He'll



compete against Demi Lovato, Kelly Clarkson, Selena Gomez and Taylor Swift. Madonna is nominated for both favourite music icon - against Paul McCartney, Prince, Steven Tyler, and Stevie Wonder - and favourite female artiste against Demi Lovato, Lana Del Rey, Selena Gomez and Taylor Swift.

Long-running series "Grey's Anatomy" picked up six nominations including favourite TV show and favourite network TV drama. The winners of the People's Choice Awards will be announced at the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles on January 7.

Source: **BBC**

# Nirmol Jatra Utsab begins in Mymensingh today

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

An 11-day Jatra festival begins at Mymensingh Gymnasium from today.

The festival, titled Nirmol Jatra Utsab, is being organised by Nirmol Jatra Utsab Udjapon Parshad, a local organisation to promote tasteful jatra pala, a very old entertainment form of the country.

Marking the festival, a press conference was held at Mymensingh Press Club auditorium.

The speakers said due to lack of proper patronage and assistance, jatra is now in its dying state. Jatra pala has contained the traditional and cultural history of this country for centuries and this art form must be revived making it free from all sorts of vulgarity, the speakers added.

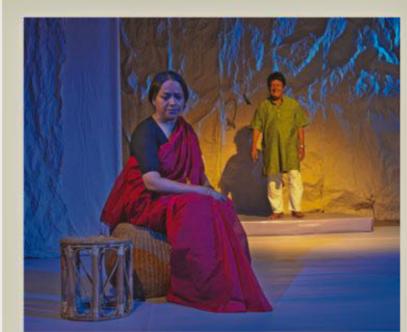
State minister for Social Welfare, Advocate Promod Mankin, is expected to inaugurate the festival.

Prominent jatra artistes from different parts of the country will perform at the festival, sources said.

The jatra palas include - "Nichu Tolar Manush", "Jibon Nodir Teere", "Meghe Dhaka Tara", "Jail Theke Bolchhi", "Premer Samadhi Tire", "Goli Theke Rajpath", "Ekli Golaper Mrittu" and "Nabab Siraj-Ud-Doula".

A jatra pala will be dedicated to financially assist the distressed artistes of this sector, sources said.

On the concluding day on November 15, ten veteran jatra artistes will be honoured with crests and citation, sources added.



Bangla theatre will present their play "Omanush" today evening at 6:30pm at the Studio Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. In addition, the play will also be staged on Friday and Saturday at the same venue. Written and directed by veteran thespian Mamunur Rashid, the play is the sixth production of the troupe. "Omanush" casts Mita Chowdhury alongside Mamunur Rashid.

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