

WHAT'S ON

Bengal Classical Music Festival

Organiser: Bengal Foundation

Venue: Army Stadium, Dhaka

Date: Nov 27-Dec 1

Time: 7pm-5am

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: How Do I Rent a Planet

Artist: Razib Datta

Venue: Kalakendra

Date: Nov 20- Dec 10

Time: 5-9pm

1st International Indigenous Theatre Fest

Organiser: Sampreeti Natyotsab Parshad

Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Date: Nov 19-26, Time: 4:30pm

5th Tone Int'l Art Biennale 2015

Organiser: Tone Art Society of Bangladesh

Venues: Galley Chittrak and Athena Gallery of Fine Arts

Date: Nov 13-30, Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Exhibition

Title: Rokeya

Artist: Rokeya Sultana

Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi.

Date: Nov 17-Dec 5

Time: 12-8pm

## NEWS bytes

### First GoT Season 6 poster shows Jon Snow

After being presumed dead in the season 5 finale of HBO's hit show, "Game of Thrones", Jon Snow's appearance on the teaser poster of the upcoming season six, is making GoT fans go wild with excitement. The popular character was stabbed mercilessly multiple times



by his fellow Night Watch members in the season 5 finale. However, it seems clear that it's not the last of Snow and he will be back in the next season, which will go on air in April 2016. The poster depicts a bloody Snow, played by Kit Harington. While Jon Snow definitely didn't crawl under a dumpster after his now-famous stabbing at the end of Season 5 to survive, the poster confirms that Snow might be back, surviving in some other capacity. There's no way that HBO would just straight-up put Jon Snow on a Season 6 poster just to confirm that he is dead in the first episode. Beyond this, set photos and leaked information have confirmed Kit Harington has been in Belfast filming in recent months, and it is speculated that his character will at least be in one scene with Sansa Stark.

Source: Internet



PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

## TAKING CLASSICAL MUSIC TO NEW HEIGHTS

### In conversation with Abul Khair

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Chairman of Bengal Foundation, Abul Khair is a man of art and culture. He initiated the Bengal Classical Music Festival in 2012. The much awaited event has since gone from strength to strength to be known as the biggest festival of its kind in the world. Aside from the festival, he also started the Bengal Parampara Sangeetalya, to nurture the practice of classical music in the country.

He dreams big for good reasons. As he says, "Internationally renowned music legends like Allauddin Khan, Ali Akbar Khan, Ravi Shankar, Nikhil Banerjee, Vilayat Khan, Ajoy Chakrabarty, Kshuduki Chakrabarty are from Bangladesh. So, Bangladesh inherently

carries the legacy of classical music. I personally want to revive the lost pride and heritage of our country."

"Bengal Foundation works on diverse scales and dimensions. A person can become a great scientist, a bureaucrat, politician or teacher; but nobody can become a complete human being without a sensitive, cultured, artistic and humanistic soul. To be a thoughtful person, one needs to study with appreciation art, music, theatre, film and more. One cannot become a great person without reviving their inner self. For bringing about social change we need to engage more people with good things."

"For example, when I thought of holding the first Bengal Classical Music Festival, many people suggested that I organise it on

a smaller scale. Now it has turned out to be the largest festival of its kind. I believe creating apt ambience is the prerequisite to achieve the goal. Bangladesh Army, the government, media and everyone supported the good cause. This is the only platform where ministers, ambassadors, bureaucrats, army officials, students and overall music lovers spend five nights together."

"The festival has augmented our country's image, as people all over the world talk about it. About 3,200 people have written to us that they have rescheduled their yearly visit to Bangladesh keeping the festival timing in mind, as they don't want to miss the grandest classical music festival in November."

## Ishana busy with eight new serials



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular television actress Ishana has a full calendar this winter. The model-actress is now busy with eight television serials; of which six are being telecast on different TV channels.

Ishana-starrer serial "Shohojatri" is televised on Banglavisión, while ntv is airing "Samrat". "Yes Madam, No Sir" is running successfully on Asian TV, and "Daag" goes on air on ATN Bangla.

Ishana plays a lawyer in "Daag", while in "Ferrari", she plays a CID officer. About her role she said, "This is the first time I am playing a lawyer."

"I have played diverse roles in these serials. And the story of each play is different from another," the actress added.

Ishana has also done two new drama serials, "Ulto-srot" and "Shanti Adhidaptor", which will so go on air on two satellite channels.

Meanwhile, Ishana is doing a number of single-episode television plays. She will be seen as a struggling girl in "Bhromor".

Another single-episode play "Debu" casts her alongside Zahid Hasan, and in "Shesh Prapti" Ishana plays the lead role alongside Nayeem.

## BENGAL CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

### PERFORMER'S PROFILE

#### Shubha Mudgal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shubha Mudgal is a renowned Indian vocalist of Hindustani classical music, Khayal, Thumri, Dadra, and Indian Pop music. She attended St. Mary's Convent Inter College and began training in Kathak. Mudgal's first traditional training was under the guidance of Pandit Ramashreya Jha and she continued her musical education from Pandit Vinaya Chandra Mudgalya and Pandit Vasant Thakar. She also informally trained under other established singers such as Pandit Jitendra Abhisheki, Naina Devi and Pandit Kumar Gandharva.

Mudgal began performing as a Hindustani classical singer in the 1980s but eventually began experimenting with other genres of music, including pop and fusion. She was awarded the Padma Shri, National Film Award for Best Non-Feature Film Music Direction, and Gold Plaque Award for Special Achievement in Music at the 34th Chicago International Film Festival.



## Art camp "Banglar Mati, Banglar Jol" concludes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day art camp titled "Banglar Mati, Banglar Jol" recently concluded at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro, Dhaka. Sponsored by Queenies Art, noted artist Nasima Khanam Queenie organised the art camp that had 19 participating artists. Artists depicted the bucolic beauty, the charming grace of six seasons, marvelous landscapes incorporating hills, rivers and cityscape of Bangladesh in keeping with the title of the art camp.

The art camp was inaugurated by renowned artist Syed Abul Barq Alvi. Both noted and promising artists -- Abdul



Artists at the art camp.

Mannan, Nasim A Nadvi, Nasima Khanam Queenie, Laila Sharmeen, Shamim Subrana, Ashraf Hasan, Uttam Kumar Roy, Azmeer Hossain, Anis Mamun, Reza K Chowdhury, Istiaque Talukder, Abdullah Al Bashir, Shohag Parvez, Shahnoor Mamun, Md. Mehedi Hasan, Zahangir Alom, Sultan Istiaque, Sourav Chowdhury and Fahmida Khatun took part in the art camp.

Every artist completed two beautiful artworks at the invigorating art camp.

Queenies Art has previously organised three group art exhibitions and two art camps. Queenies Art has also established an art gallery where solo and group exhibitions have been held.

## QUOTES

The timbre of sound that the santoor can produce is unique, and in terms of ornamentation of notes and composition, my father has revolutionised it. If you talk about the santoor's relevance or popularity, the reason we have 'Santoor Pan Masala', 'Santoor Soap' and 'Santoor Talcum Powder' in the market today, is all credits to him.



Santoor player **Rahul Sharma**, about the legacy of his father -- the legendary Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma

## A "Civil War" is brewing

### Captain America's conflict of friendships

FAHMIM FERDOUS

"I'm sorry, Tony, you know I wouldn't do this if I had any other choice. But he's my friend."

"So was I."

"Captain America: Civil War" was summarized in one brief exchange between Captain America and Iron Man, the two biggest stars of Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), as the first teaser trailer of the massively-anticipated film was launched on Jimmy Kimmel Live yesterday morning (Tuesday night in USA time). Robert Downey Jr. (Tony Stark/Iron Man) and Chris Evans (Steve Rogers/Captain America) launched the teaser on the late night talk show. A one-sheet poster was also unveiled.

Cap's long-lost and turbulently-reunited best friend Bucky Barnes aka the Winter Soldier (from Captain America 2, played by Sebastian Stan) is at the epicenter of the conflict, which divides the Avengers and the Marvel Universe in two. As General Thaddeus 'Thunderbolt' Ross (William Hurt) wants to bring him and his

super-powered allies to accountability, Iron Man and his allegiance -- War Machine (Don Cheadle), Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman debuting the character in the franchise), The Vision (Paul Bettany), and Natasha Romanoff/Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) -- is pitted against Cap, Bucky, Falcon (Anthony Mackie), Clint Barton/Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), Scott Lang/Ant-Man (Paul Rudd), and Sharon Carter (Emily VanCamp).

Action, conflict, drama and thrill are in abundance in the two-and-a-half minute teaser, although a number of characters are missing in action: Sharon Carter, Vision, Ant-Man, Marvel baddies Crossbones (Frank Grillo) and Baron Helmut Zemo (Daniel Brühl), and most notably Tom Holland's rebooted version of Spider-Man, who will make his debut in the superhero sequel.

With the film another six months to go (May 6, 2016), the first clip is surely going to keep fans talking for a while, and knowing Marvel's marketing think-tank, they will keep pushing materials for the fandom to build the anticipation.

