

Bengal Classical Music Festival
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Army Stadium, Dhaka
Date: Nov 27-Dec 1
Time: 7pm-8pm



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 Chitrak and Athena Gallery
Date: Nov 13-30, Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Exhibition
Title: Rokeya
Artist: Rokeya Sultan
Venue: Bengal Shilpala, Dharmundi
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 ABDI 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 Sangeetaly, 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, Vilayet Khan, Ajoy Chakrabarty, Kushuki 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 Banglavision, 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, "Ulti-srot" and "Shanti Adhidoptor", which will 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 Nayeeem.

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 Abdul Barq Alvi. Both noted and promising artists -- Abdul



Artists at the art camp.

Mannan, Nasim A Nadi, Nasima Khanam Queenie, Laila Sharmin, Shamim Subrana, Ashraful Hasan, Uttam Kumar Roy, Azmeen 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.

Captain America'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 Captain America, 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.



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