

# Faces and Figures

## Rokeya Sultana's exhibit at Bengal Gallery

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Rokeya Sultana is the recipient of many international grants and awards, including a Fulbright grant. Her self-titled exhibition, "Rokeya", is currently on at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, featuring prints, drawings and paintings. Her speciality is recognised by the lush aquamarines and indigo, flaming crimson and purples. Through her experience of picking up her daughter from school, cooking, and cleaning, with the oppressive traffic jams of Dhaka, she recalled her own mother's challenges. She felt the joys of the world's mothers. Her series, "Madonna", explores the life of the artist as a young wife, mother, professor and artist.

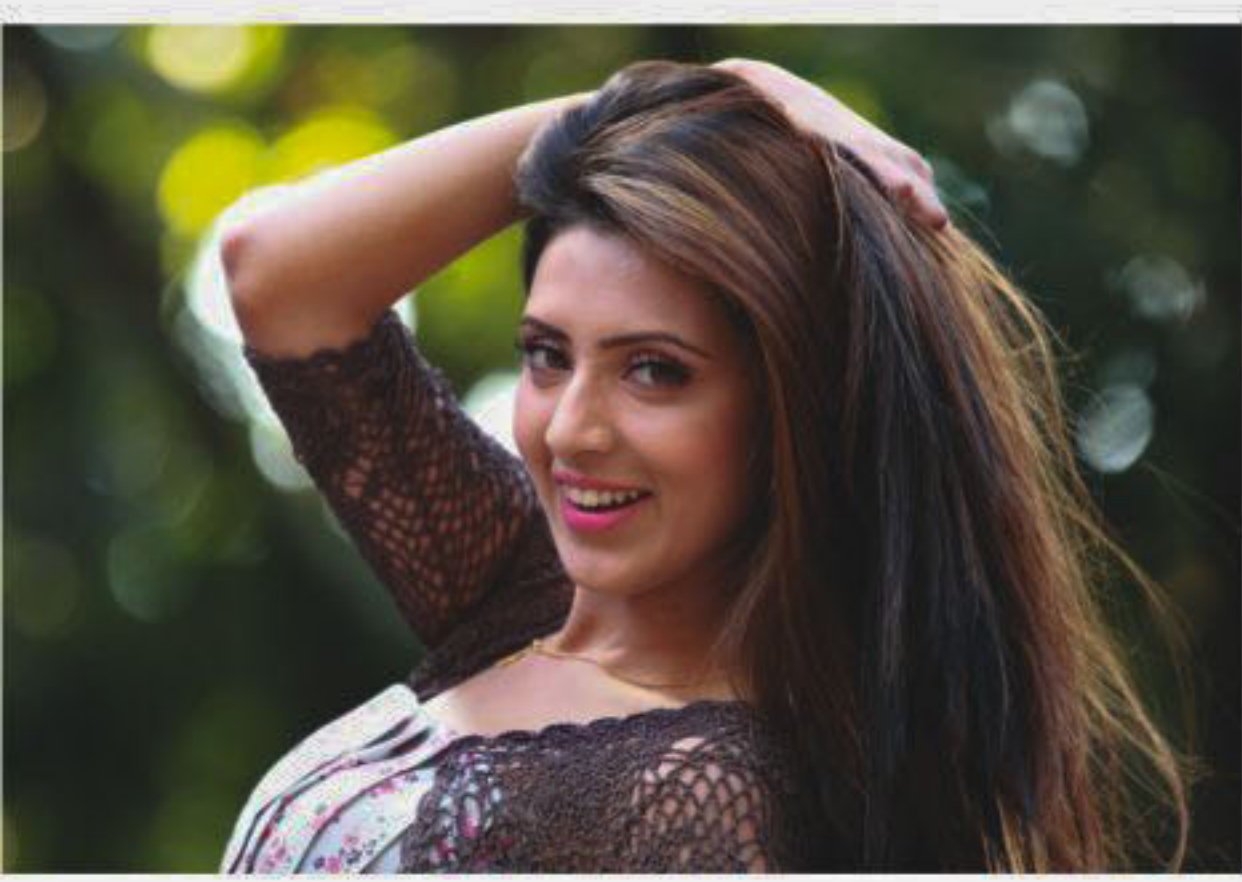
Her sufferings with her daughter are soft and sketchy. They are bereft of any emotions. Rokeya's series of Madonna and daughter look like no one, and can be any working mother and her child. The series shows some business, such as haggling



over the price of a rickshaw fare. Under a sky thick with clouds she wanders with her daughter—the tender intimate world of mother and daughter. She is shown cossetting her child at the dinner table. This is provoked by the tenderness of her past and universal experience of motherhood. She has the dual role of a saint and a goddess. She has the joy of seeing her daughter grow. We see therefore the life and career and family life in the Madonna series. We see the struggles and responsibilities.

Emotions, a common thread is visible throughout her work. There is also the nature-themed works of 2000s, themed on earth, water and air. These series are marked by tranquility. There are the floating clouds and figures of daily life, with a woman's placidity. After two decades of a woman's responsibilities, this is feasible. The artist indulges in a scene of universal empathy.

The exhibition closes tomorrow (December 5).



# Mim's Kolkata success story

## "Black" releases in Dhaka today

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Bidya Sinha Mim, a popular TV actress of our time, has also ventured into cinema, and has found success in Dhallywood. Her much-anticipated India-Bangladesh joint production "Black" will be released today around 80 theatres in Dhaka and across the country. The film was already released in India last week.

"I'm very excited and happy ahead of release of the film," Mim told The Daily Star.

Regarding co-artiste Soham, a popular actor of Kolkata, Mim said as a protagonist, he is very helpful. He is also a wonderful man.

"Black" was shot in Bangladesh, India and Bangkok this year.

Meanwhile, Mim wants to visit a number of theatres with the total unit for the film's promotion. She also plans to watch the movie at Balaka Cinema Hall in Dhaka on the first day. As part of its promotion, she also may visit outside Dhaka.

She is very hopeful about the movie's success and huge turnout of the audiences.

Recently, Mim went to Kolkata for the film's promotion where she appeared in a TV programme "Didi Number One" with Soham. Besides this, she participated in four programmes for Sangeet Bangla.

She also attended a press conference and did public show where scores of people of onlookers thronged for her autographs.

On the other hand, Mim-starrer "Good Morning London", directed by Tania Ahmed and "Sweetheart" by Wazed Ali Sumon are now awaiting release.



# JALALER GOLPO goes places

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Indian cinema audiences will get a chance to watch Abu Shahed Emon's maiden directorial venture "Jalaler Golpo" when it is screened at two important film festivals in the southern states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu later this month.

Emon himself will be travelling from Seoul to Kerala with his film for the 20th Kerala International Film Festival beginning tomorrow where it will compete with 13 other films for the 30,000-dollar top prize and a "golden chakram."

"Jalaler Golpo" will be up against challenge from films from India, Iran, Brazil, Turkey, Israel, the Philippines and a few joint

productions of Nepal, Argentina, France, Germany, Switzerland and Cuba.

There are four Indian films in the competition section—Srijit Mukherjee's "Raj Kahini" featuring Bangladeshi actress among others, Budhayan Mukherjee's "The Violin Player" and Malayalam films "The Trap" and "The Painted House."

Besides, the top prize, Emon's work will also vie for other awards at the Kerala Festival including those of best director and best debutant director.

Another Bangladeshi filmmaker Rubaiyat Hossain's "Under Construction" will be screened at the Kerala Festival, to be held in Thiruvananthapuram city, in the World Cinema section.

Emon's movie will also be screened at the 13th Chennai International Film Festival in Kerala's neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu where 183 films from 50 countries are expected to feature from December 10 to 17. But given the fact that Chennai is battered by unprecedented rains and flood, it is not immediately clear if the Festival will go ahead.

"Jalaler Golpo" will also feature in the tenth Jogja-NETPA International Film Festival in Indonesia in December this year, Dhaka International Film Festival in January and Sydney Film School Festival. Emon has done his film studies from Sydney Film School in 2009 where he first conceived the idea of the film.



**Celebrated Indian vocalist Pt. Ajoy Chakrabarty will take online music classes for Bangladeshi students. In a programme, arranged by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) at its Music and Dance Centre on November 28, the maestro said he would take online music classes for three categories -- Arohi, Asthaya and Anurag -- in any of the two Saturdays of a month. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor assisted the initiative, taken by Liaquat Ali Lucky, DG of BSA.**

# I prepare Sabbir's favourite dishes on the weekend

---Chumki

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Theatre was popular actress Farzana Chumki's stepping stone to the small screen. Though she has a very busy shooting schedule, she does manage to unwind now and then. Here Chumki shares her idea of a holiday.

How would you define a holiday?

Chumki: It means a day when there is no work stress or tension. It means a lot of fun.



How do you spend the day?

Chumki: Sometimes we get together at my home or Dipa Khandaker's house. We have great fun together. At other times, I go out with my sons and husband Mir Sabbir. But it all depends on how much free time we have.

Do you often go out to a restaurant with your kids on an off day?

Chumki: I often go with Sabbir and the children. But there is no fixed restaurant.

Do you cook up any special item on weekends?

Chumki: Usually Sabbir has no free time due to his busy shooting schedule. That's why I make his favourite dishes on weekends.

Any memorable weekends---

Chumki: Once we and actor Zahid Hasan's family jointly visited Bangkok where we had great fun along with the children. We once went to USA where we also had a great time.

Do you visit places near Dhaka on a holiday?

Chumki: As my village home is in Ashulia, I go there if I can manage time. I can feel the essence of nature very closely from there.

# New 'BATMAN V SUPERMAN' trailer released



A new trailer for "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" debuted Wednesday night, courtesy of Ben Affleck and "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

Affleck stopped by the late-night show to share the new clip, which features the duo's civilian alter egos, Bruce Wayne and Clark Kent, interacting for the first time. The trailer also features the debut of DC Comics villain Doomsday, a Kryptonian villain who, in

the comics, was responsible for killing Superman. This epic foe seems to be the catalyst that brings Superman, Batman and Gal Gadot's Wonder Woman together.

The trailer also features a good deal of Jesse Eisenberg as Lex Luthor, along with Amy Adams as Lois Lane and Jeremy Irons as Alfred Pennyworth.

A new "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" teaser trailer had debuted

Monday during Fox's "Gotham," showing a powerful confrontation between Affleck's Dark Knight and Henry Cavill's Man of Steel.

The first full "Batman v Superman" trailer debuted in April after being leaked online.

"Batman v Superman" also stars Laurence Fishburne (Perry White), Diane Lane (Martha Kent), and Holly Hunter (Senator Fisher), and will fea-

ture the big-screen debut of Gadot's Wonder Woman and Jason Momoa's Aquaman ahead of the characters' standalone films, as well as two planned "Justice League" films.

Zack Snyder directed "Batman v Superman" from Chris Terrio's script, based on a story by Snyder and David S. Goyer.

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