

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Cultural Festival 2015 Organiser: Kendriya Khelaghar Ashor Venue: Music & Dance Centre auditorium, Shilpakala Academy Date: Dec 24-26 Time: 4pm</p>	<p>Kathak Dance Festival Organiser: Kathak Nritya Sampradaye Venue: Chhayanaut, Dhanmondi Date: Dec 24-26 Time: 6:05pm</p>	<p>Solo Exhibition Microtears Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct Date: Dec 12-Jan 9; Time: 12-7pm</p>	<p>Bangladesh Film Festival 2015 Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Venue: National Art Gallery Auditorium, BSA Date: Dec 10-24; Time: 6pm</p>	<p>Book Launch on Altaf Mahmud Organiser: Altaf Mahmud Foundation Venue: Liberation War Museum Date: December 23 Time: 5pm</p>
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King Arthur film delayed until 2017



Warner Bros. has pushed back Guy Ritchie's untitled King Arthur movie, starring Charlie Hunnam, from next July 22 to February 17, 2017.

The King Arthur movie, which also stars Astrid Bergès-Frisbey as Guinevere, Jude Law, Djimon Hounsou and Katie McGrath, will open against Sony's "Bad Boys 3" and 20th Century Fox's "Maze Runner: The Death Cure."

Warner Bros. will also move an untitled New Line horror film — also known as "Lights Out" — into the July 22 slot from its September 9 slot.

The King Arthur movie is produced by Akiva Goldsman, Guy Ritchie, Joby Harold, Tory Tunnell and Charlie Hunnam.

"Lights Out," produced by James Wan, follows a woman who's terrorized when the lights go out.

Source: Variety

Preservation and promotion of Abdul Alim's songs

Concluding programme at Shilpakala Today



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To preserve and promote the songs of legendary folk singer Abdul Alim, Abdul Alim Foundation has undertaken an initiative where Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO provides overall assistance. The organisations are working on the theme "Preservation and Promotion of the Songs of Abdul Alim." Under the UNESCO Participation Programme 2014-2015, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy is giving strategic assistance to the noble cause.

A talent hunt programme for folk artistes was launched across Bangladesh earlier this year. The programmes were held in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet and Rangpur divisions under the artistes' selection programme. Today selected artistes and researchers from all the divisions will take part in a programme at the National Music and Dance Centre auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at 6pm.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid will attend the programme as chief guest while Information Secretary Mortuza Ahmed and Education Secretary Sohrab Hossain will be present as special guests. Bangladesh UNESCO National Commission Secretary M. Monzur Hossain will preside over the programme.

A book on Abdul Alim along with a high-quality DVD will be launched at the programme. The guests will hand over awards among the folk researchers and singers. A documentary will also be screened at the opening of the event.



Popular band Joler Gaan performed at The Daily Star-Standard Chartered "Celebrating Life" festival, held on December 21 at the open stage of Government BM College, Barisal.

Celebrating Life festival in Rajshahi

Team up of The Daily Star and Standard Chartered

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The "Celebrating Life" festival in Rajshahi was held at the open precincts of Rajshahi University Shaheed Minar on December 19, drawing hundreds of people.

A photography exhibition and musical show by the country's noted folk singer Chandana Majumder marked the festival. The festival was organised jointly by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank. RU Teachers Students Cultural Center (TSCC) assisted the programme.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof M Mizan Uddin inaugurated the festival at a function held at the RU Martyrs Memorial Archives stage in the morning.

Professor Mizan opened the photography exhibition. Chandana Majumder performed Lalon songs including, "Dhonno Dhonno Boli", "Khachar Bhor".



Achin Pakhi, "Milon Hobe Koto Din-e", other folk songs and songs from the film "Monpura".

Emon and Shahtaj in a new TVC

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular actor Emon has paired up with emerging talent Shahtaj Monira Hashem for a television commercial of Star Bags. This is the first time they will be seen together onscreen.

Directed by Roummo Khan, shooting for the TVC is currently on in the capital's Uttara.

About the TVC Emon said, "I have earlier worked with Roummo Khan, but it was my first project with Shahtaj. We have tried to give of our best."

Shahtaj said, "I love doing television commercials and modeling is my forte. I feel lucky to have worked with Emon."

The TVC will air on different channels from January.



Nirob Breaking stereotypes

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular film actor Nirob is busy with his new film "Meye Kar". Shooting for the film began at FDC on Saturday morning.

Tahmina Jahan Himika is directing the film and the script has been written by Anwar Siraji.

Nirob co-stars with newcomer Abrin Bushra.

About his film, Nirob said, "I agreed to act in the film after reading the story. My character is unusual and I tried to break stereotypes by playing a new role. I hope the audience will watch the film."

The film will be shot at a stretch till January 10, informed Nirob.



SONAKSHI SINHA set for singing debut



Following her counterparts Priyanka Chopra and Alia Bhatt, Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha will soon make her singing debut with "Aaj Mood Ishqolic Hai."

Talking about her singing debut, Sonakshi said, "The song is about being high on love. Love makes the world go round and it's something that gives you a heady feeling that nothing else can. I wanted a very bohemian look for the video and best place to be in that particular style is Goa because of its hippie vibe."

"I am really excited for the release of my debut single. For me it is the realisation of a long standing dream. I hope everyone enjoys it as much as I enjoyed making it," Sonakshi said.

Composed by Meet Bros and penned down by Kumar, the song is being produced by T Series. The video has been shot against the backdrop of Goa's sun-kissed beaches and choreographed by Salman Yusuff Khan. Sonakshi Sinha will be seen enjoying romantic escapades in Goa with her partner.

The teaser of the song has been exclusively released on UC Browser and the complete song will be released on December 23.



SHILPAGURU ABANINDRANATH TAGORE REMEMBERED

ART EXHIBITION AT JKKNIU

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking the 64th death anniversary of Shilpaguru Abanindranath Tagore, the forerunner of modern Indian painting style, the Department of Fine Art of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) arranged a group art exhibition titled "Chhobishala Bottola 2015" at JKKNIU campus yesterday, says a press release.

Professor Mohit-ul-Alam, Vice Chancellor of JKKNIU, inaugurated the exhibition. Fine Art Department head Tapan Kumar Sarkar; Assistant Professor of the same department Safin Omar; director (Planning and Development) Md. Hafizur Rahman; examination controller Dr. Bimal Chandra Saha along with teachers and students of the university were present at the inaugural ceremony.

Thanking the organisers of the show, the Vice Chancellor said, "Many people are unfamiliar with the contribution of Shilpaguru Abanindranath Tagore to the world of art. This exhibition will not only provide information about the master artist but inspire the new generation of artists."

A total of 50 paintings are on display at the show. The participating artists are students from all the sessions of the Department of Fine Art of JKKNIU.

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