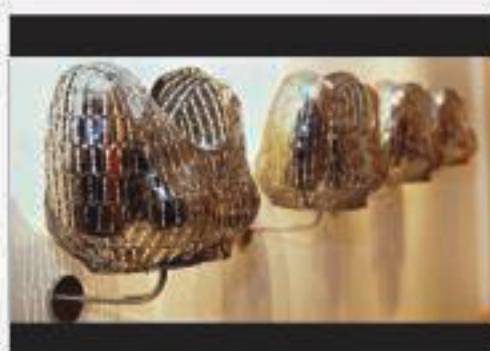
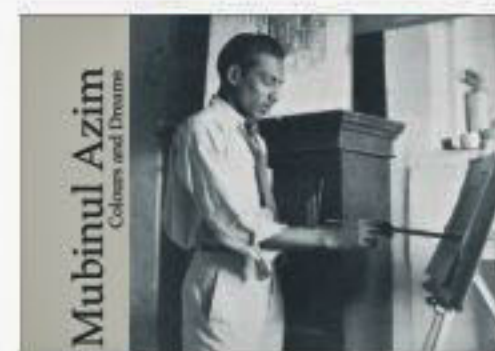


WHAT'S ON

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
No One Home  
Artist: Tabea Begum Lipi  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge  
Date: Dec 6-Jan 9  
Time: 12-8pm



**Book Launch**  
Mubinal Azim: Colors and Dreams  
Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dhanmondi  
Date: Dec 28  
Time: 6pm



**Solo Exhibition**  
Microtears  
Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly  
Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct  
Date: Dec 12-Jan 9, Time: 12-7pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
Nature  
by Simeen Hussain Rimi  
Venue: Gallery Twenty One  
Date: Dec 20-Jan 2  
Time: 12-8pm



**Theatre**  
Bondukjuddho / Gadhar Haat  
Troupe: Natyakendra  
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: January 1; Time: 7pm



# The year of big concerts for Dhaka



People flocked in thousands to enjoy music under the open sky at the festivals. PHOTO: STAR

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Music is an inseparable part of the people of this part of the world. The year 2015 marked an array of music festivals, conferences and events thanks to the magnanimous initiatives taken by Bengal Foundation, Blues communication, Sun Events, Chhayanaut, Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi, Lakshyapaar, Live Square and The Daily Star.

Apart from annual classical music festival and conference, organised by Chhayanaut, Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi and Lakshyapaar, Live Square arranged Bangladesh Music Week where prominent Bangladeshi bands and soloists performed. Along with holding its regular musical programme titled Star Melodies, The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life Festival organised several live concerts at all the division cities where noted artiste and popular music bands like Joler Gaan, Chirkutt and Arnob and Friends swayed music lovers.

Blues Communication, for the first time, arranged Sufi Music Festival at Army Museum Field in January. Renowned artistes including Rahat Fateh Ali Khan and Arko Mukherjee marveled the Dhaka music lovers.

November was the month of diverse music fiesta as Blues Communication again held the first Jazz and Blues Festival at Army Museum Field, where noted troupes and soloists swayed the audience. The Dhakaitees will remember scintillat-



ing performances by the John McLaughlin, China Moses, Shai Maestro, Soulmate and even Ayub Bachchu. Sun Events, a sister concern of Square Group, also took a big musical step with the first Dhaka International Folk Festival at Army

Stadium. The three-night long festival featured a number of music troupes and soloists from South Asia along with performers from China and Ireland. The audience enjoyed music performances by living legends like Paban Das Baul and

Abida Parveen. Popular bands Indian Ocean and Niamh Ni Charra and soloist Arko Mukherjee thoroughly mesmerised the tens of thousands of audience. Bangladeshi band Arnob and Friends and Joler Gaan earned accolades with their performances.

The five-night long (November 27-December 1) Bengal Classical Music Festival 2015, dedicated to the memory of artist Qayyum Chowdhury, was held in Bangladesh Army Stadium drawing tens of thousands of music lovers. Legendary Ustad Zakir Hussain enthralled all while Ustad Rashid Khan rendered in style. The audience will remember evocative performances by living legends like Pt. Ajoy Chakrabarty, Vidushi Shobha Mudgal, Pt. Shivkumar Sharma, Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia, Guru Karakudi Mani, Vidushi Alarmel Valli, Kuchipudi maestros Raja and Radha Reddy and a jugalbandi performance by Dr. Balamuralikrishna with Pt. Ronu Majumdar. The wait begins again for the next year that is expected to bring melodies in diversity appeasing the thirst of music lovers of varied taste.

## Last day To Ask MIM Away



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## TARIN in a new TVC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seasoned television actress Tarin has returned to modeling after three years. The actress is currently shooting a television commercial for Hatil Furniture.

Directed by Shankar Dasgupta, the TVC is currently being shot in the capital.

About her return to TVC, Tarin said, "I will be in two commercials of Hatil. And the commercials will be shot back to back."

Tarin was last seen as a model in the TVC of Fresh Premium Tea three years ago.

In addition, Tarin is also shooting the third season of BBC's serial "Ujan Ganger Naiya" where she plays a doctor. The serial is going on air on ATN Bangla.

The actress will also be seen in two single episode television plays.

# Amitabh Bachchan still hungry for fresh challenges



Amitabh plays a paralysed chess grandmaster in "Wazir".

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan has already put in 45 years in cinema but is still hungry for fresh challenges to essay roles he has not done before.

"I would love to do roles that I have not done. I will accept this as a challenge," Bachchan said at the pre-release press conference in Kolkata on Saturday for his upcoming film "Wazir".

Bachchan, clad in a light brown jacket and black trousers, said he had worked with actors of his time like Shashi Kapoor, Dharmendra and Vinod Khanna among others.

"But working with new generation actors and directors is definitely a learning experience and which I love to do," he said.

"I consider myself fortunate to act with young actors and acting with them makes me learn a lot. I am fortunate to get work and hope to get them. The industry has tolerated me a lot," he said.

The younger generation has a different way of thinking with a different viewpoint, Bachchan said.

"Wazir", produced by Vidhu Vinod Chopra and directed by Bijoy Nambiar, has a cast comprising Big B, Farhan Akhtar, Aditi Rao Hydari and Neil Nitin Mukesh.

## IT'S TRUE!



Vitamin String Quartet (VSQ) is a musical group from Los Angeles, California that is widely known for its series of tribute albums to rock and pop acts. Their discography of a staggering 261 albums primarily features just a string quartet, though other instruments have been used. Their albums honor a wide variety of genres, including pop and rock, techno, country, and rap, and a wide variety of groups, such as System of a Down, Bruce Springsteen, Led Zeppelin, Deftones, Coldplay, Adele, Lady Gaga, Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Green Day, Paramore, Muse, Linkin Park, Avenged Sevenfold and many more.



Popular satellite channel Rtv celebrated its 11th anniversary on December 26. Marking the day, a daylong programme was held at Bengal Multimedia Studio in the capital. Chairman of Rtv, Morshed Alam MP along with veteran politicians, cultural personalities, showbiz celebrities and veteran actors cut a cake at the event. Popular bands Joler Gaan, Miles, and singers Luipa, Oishee and others also performed at the programme.



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QUIZ - 02

1. In STAR WARS who played the character Han Solo?
2. What is the budget of STAR WARS?

Winners list of QUIZ-01

1. Rashequr Rahman, Narinda Road
2. M. Asadul Haque, Uttara
3. Mostafa Omar Ali, Mohakhali
4. Atiya Fairouz Mumu, Kalabagan
5. Kazi Sajid Kabir, Mirpur 10
6. Kazi Munisul Islam, Bashundhara RA
7. Moontaha Mahbub Hridi, Mohammadpur
8. Afrah Hossain, Bashundhara R/A
9. Maidul Hassan Md. Zakaria, Rampura
10. Mir Murtoza Karim, Uttara