


**WHAT'S ON**  
**Bangladesh Cultural Festival**  
 Venue: Nandanmancha, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: Jan 1-18  
 Time: 4:30pm daily



**Solo Exhibition**  
 Manifestation of the Human  
 Artist: Md. Mainuddin  
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD  
 Date: Jan 2-18; Time: 3-9pm




**Drawing Exhibition**  
 Celebrated Violence-5: Wound  
 Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly  
 Venue: Kala Kendra  
 Date: Dec 26-Jan 20  
 Time: 2-8pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
 World Press Photo 15  
 Organiser: Drik  
 Venue: Drik Gallery  
 Date: Dec 27-Jan 8  
 Time: 3-8pm



**Theatre**  
 Play: Amrito Upakhyan  
 Troupe: Dhaka Theatre  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall  
 Date: January 7  
 Time: 6:30pm



**IT'S TRUE!**

Bollywood actor Kriti Sanon was in for a rude surprise as she boarded a flight to Delhi recently for a man sitting next to her took obvious pride in watching a pirated version of "Dilwale", which stars Kriti herself (alongside Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol and Varun Dhawan), on his phone. Despite being aware of the fact that the film's lead actress was a fellow passenger, the man continued watching the film via his iPhone projector. Infuriated by the man's act, Kriti took to Twitter to shame the man. "Someone watchin [sic] pirated version of Dilwale in front of me on phone in the flight! Annoyed!! #SayNoToPiracy", she wrote along with the image of the man. She also tweeted later that she had asked the man to watch the movie in theatres, but he paid little heed.



**CHIRKUTT TO PERFORM AT CELEBRATING LIFE GALA**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The gala night of The Daily Star- Standard Chartered Celebrating Life will take place on January 10 at Mirpur Indoor Stadium in the capital. Popular band Chirkutt will perform at the event. The band has composed a song which won the first prize in this year's competition in lyrics category. Chirkutt

will also compose top 10 songs of this year's lyrics category and bring out an album featuring those tracks. About their collaboration with Celebrating Life, Chirkutt's lead vocalist Sumi said, "It's an opportunity for us to work with some of the emerging talents of the country. They submitted some meaningful and touchy lyrics which we can easily relate to."

"We composed the song's first prize winning lyrics and will perform it at the gala. As a band, Chirkutt prefers to work on different genres and I hope our collaboration with these lyricists will be a success." Aside from a number of musicians and bands, Chirkutt have been a key part of this year's Celebrating Life performing in its major district festivals in 2015.



**Proma Abonti to perform at IGCC**

A CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre is organising an Odissi dance recital by Proma Abonti at 6pm on January 9 at the IGCC, Gulshan-1 premises. Proma Abonti is the first artiste from Bangladesh with institutional education in the Odissi dance form. She received the Best Dancer award in 2011 for her contribution in promoting Odissi dance form in Bangladesh from the prestigious Poushali Mukherjee Dance Academy in Kolkata. Abonti established the 'Odissi and Tagore Dance Movement Centre' in 2001 for teaching Odissi dance form in Bangladesh. The centre follows renowned Padma Vibhushan Shree Kelucharan Mohapatra's Odissi Dance Style. In addition, it also promotes the teaching and learning of the original Tagore dance form.



**Baywatch finds its new CJ Parker**

**Kelly Rohrbach to take on Pamela Anderson's role**

The Baywatch movie has taken another giant step forward with the announcement that Kelly Rohrbach is going to star alongside Dwayne Johnson and Zac Efron in the adaptation of the beloved 1990s television show. But what makes the news even more revelatory is that the swimsuit model has been chosen to fill Pamela Anderson's bikini, as Rohrbach has been cast as none other than CJ Parker. Those that watched "Baywatch" between 1989 and 1999 will be very much aware that Pamela Anderson portrayed the character CJ Parker for five of those years. Not only did this role turn the model into a world-renowned figure, but it boosted the show's appeal abroad, too, which is why it was such a big deal to find the perfect individual to bring the character to life again, according to The Hollywood Reporter. So why did Kelly Rohrbach win the part? Her IMDb page proves that she's rather inexperienced when it comes to acting. In fact, she's only made a handful of appearances on various television shows. But that's probably all about to change. Not only is Rohrbach now in "Baywatch", but she also has a role in the still untitled Woody Allen project alongside Kristen Stewart, Steve Carell, and Jesse Eisenberg that is due out later this year, which proves that she must be doing something right and catching the right eyes. The fact that she was named Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Rookie Of The Year for 2015 also probably gives a good idea of why she was cast in these roles. It didn't take long for Kelly Rohrbach to prove that she'll get along swimmingly with her "Baywatch" co-stars. Dwayne Johnson, who has taken a very large role in the adaptation, confirmed her arrival to the team by taking to Instagram and uploading a video of Rohrbach and himself doing the famous slow-motion run that regularly popped up in the original series.

Source: Cinemablend



**Padatik to stage "Kaal Ratri" tomorrow**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Theatre troupe Padatik Natya Sangsad will stage their new production "Kaal Ratri" at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on January 8. The play has been adapted by Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Sidney based on Lamisa Shirin Hossain's "The Lone Survivor". Wahidul Islam has directed the play. The story encircles the night of March 25, 1971 when Pakistani military killed thousands of innocent Bangladeshis. The

play unfolds as a young girl asks his grandfather, who was a teacher of Dhaka University in 1971, about the war. Through stories and her encounter with a wounded Freedom Fighter, the girl gets to know about the war and its sheer horror. "Kaal Ratri" casts Sakhawat Hossain Shimul, Sanjida Parveen, Mohammad Imran Khan, Ikramul Islam, Jinia Azad, Tasmi Chowdhury, Syeda Shamsi Ara Sayeka and Farhad Sumon among others. Premiered in November 2015, the play will see its sixth screening on Friday at 7pm.

**TV WATCH "Surprise" on Rtv**

A CORRESPONDENT

Single episode television play "Surprise" will air on Rtv tonight at 9:05pm. Written by Sohel Rana and directed by Tareque Miazi, the play encircles Amin Khan, Badhon and their story of love. Badhon goes against her family to marry Amin Khan, but she finds out that Amin is in a relationship with another woman.



**Amra Surjamukhi holds programme at National Museum**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Amra Surjamukhi organised a programme titled, "Shiter Hawar Laglo Nachon", featuring a discussion and evening of music and recitation at the Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum on January 5. The featured artistes at the event were Nazrul singer Yasmin Mushtari and elocutionist Dr. Ranjit Biswas, former cultural affairs secretary.

Coordinating secretary of Amra Surjamukhi, Shafiqul Islam Selim delivered the welcome address. Among others, noted Nazrul exponent Professor Emeritus Rafiqul Islam and renowned Nazrul singer Shaheen Samad spoke at the event. Barrister Amirul Islam presided over the programme. The featured artiste Yasmin Mushtari presented several Nazrul Sangeet, Islamic songs and DL Roy



Yasmin Mushtari performs at the soiree.

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numbers while Ranjit Biswas recited several Nazrul poems including, "Bangladesh". He also emceed the event. Yasmin Mushtari started off a rendition of "Swakkhi Theko Raat-er Akash". She later performed a Pilu genre "Sur-e O Banir Mala". Shaheen Samad requested Mushtari to perform another Pilu thumri "Poranpriyo Keno Ele

Obelaye". The artiste's repertoire included a ghazal "Eto Jol O Kajol"; "Harano Hiyar Nikunjo Poth-e", based on Raga Bageshree; a popular monsoon melody "Shawono Raat-e Jodi" and "Morey Bhalobashaye Bhulao Na". Binod on keyboard, Bidyut on octopad, Nasir on guitar and Apurba on tabla were expert accompanists for the artiste.

**Confirmed: Deepika goes to Hollywood "xXx" sequel director confirms cast of Vin-Diesel starrer**

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Deepika Padukone has been at the top of the chain in Bollywood for a good few years now, and when Hollywood bad boy Vin Diesel posted a photo on Instagram in December with Deepika, speculations were rife whether she would be joining the "Fast & Furious" franchise's upcoming project. But in a surprise move, director DJ Caruso, who is helming the third piece of Diesel's 2002 action flick "xXx" confirmed in a twitter chat with fans that Deepika will be seen instead in that project, titled "XXX: The return of Xander Cage".

Caruso first cited a Twitter post by Amit Padukone which contained the link to a site called Twitch Film confirming the film's cast, including Tony Jaa and Jet Li, along with already-announced UFC star Conor McGregor. He went on to share that although filming will begin on January 13, Deepika will join the team in February. However, this was not by any means a total out-of-the-blue shocker, as both Caruso and Deepika had earlier left hints about this. Deepika had herself posted a cryptic photo with Diesel with the "xXx" film logo in the background in December. She, however, revealed nothing when

asked by NDTV, and said about Diesel: "He's a friend and someone I'm extremely fond of. More than anything else he is an amazing person. But about everything else, which everyone wants to know, you'll know soon." Caruso had also tweeted a photo last month, possibly while scouting locations for "Return of Xander Cage", where she hashtagged Deepika's name. With Priyanka Chopra making a name for herself on the US small screen in ABC's FBI-drama "Quantico", and now Deepika trading international grounds, looks like the Indian industry has reasons to be equal parts proud and worried.

