

WHAT'S ON

Celebrating Life Gala
 Theme: Celebrating the Heritage of Bangladesh
 Venue: BICC, Dhaka
 Date: January 10
 Time: 5pm

Solo Art Exhibition
 Alluvial Soul- Soil- Symbol
 Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
 Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattacharya Gallery, Bangladesh National Museum
 Date: Jan 3-24
 Time: 9:30am - 7pm

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

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



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

“People's love is like divine grace for me”

... Hridoy Khan

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Hridoy Khan's romantic numbers have made him a hit among the younger generation while he is also popular as a composer and music director. The Daily Star recently interviewed the noted singer.

You receive much adulation from your fans. What is that like?

Hridoy: People's love is like divine grace for me. I see it positively and enjoy it at the same time.

How do you stay connected with them?

Hridoy: I operate my Facebook page myself. Like, right now I am browsing it as we speak. I love managing my fan page; it helps me build up a connection with my audiences directly.

What's the motivation behind directing your own music videos?

Hridoy: During my childhood, photography was a hobby, which helps me to lead direction these days. I love directing my own music video because there is a story in the video what others may not treat the way I would.

Do you believe in astrology?

Hridoy: I'm a firm believer. About 80 percent of the time, it works for me.

You are also a radio jockey these days, with ABC Radio. What is that experience like?

Hridoy: It's wonderful, but it's not my first time as an RJ. Before joining ABC Radio, I worked at another radio as RJ at the beginning of my career. I emceed "The HK Show" for two years there, and won an international award for the programme. I'm now hosting at ABC Radio. It's a great way to connect to my audience.

Have you started any new project this New Year?

Hridoy: I will work on "Hridoy Mix Char", featuring some different songs. I will be very busy with this, as I am also doing a talent hunt for it.

Your favourite vacation destinations in the country?

Hridoy: Cox's Bazar. The sea really calls out to me.

What was your childhood dream?

Hridoy: I dreamt of becoming a pilot.

What do you do when you are in bad mood?

Hridoy: I leave for long drive; sometimes I sing to centre myself.

THE YEAR GONE BY

Cheerful times for young singers

“Never wanted to be an actor”
 ... Konkona Sen Sharma



She may have bagged many awards and impressed the audience with her performances, but Konkona Sen Sharma says she did not want to be an actress.

After winning praise for her acting skills on screen, the 36-year-old is now working behind the camera. She is all set to go on floors with her directorial debut "A Death in the Gunj" but insists she had no plans of turning a director either.

"Honestly, I never wanted to be an actor either and I never thought I want to be a director. But it's just that this particular story fascinated me for so long, a story that's been with me for so long...I didn't think I would write a script either. But it started getting bigger and bigger and at some point I thought 'Oh, so this is how it's going to be like, I have to write and direct it,'" she told reporters.

The actress was speaking at the launch of Honey Trehan and filmmaker Abhishek Chaubey's production company MacGuffin Pictures, which is backing the film. Apart from an ensemble cast of actors like Vikrant Massey, Kalki Koechlin, Gulshan Devaiah, Tanuja Mukherjee, Om Puri and Tillotama Shome, "A Death In The Gunj" also stars Konkona's estranged husband Ranvir Shorey. Asked if he was ready to be directed by Konkona, Ranvir joked, "I had said no (to be part of the film) but she insisted. And when someone insists you so much, especially when the director is the mother of your kid, so..."

Ranvir, however, said Konkona is a very 'tender' director, a quality which is rare in many filmmakers. "I think as an actress, and she is such a fabulous one, she understands what actors go through. She is very gentle, almost tender I would say, which is a rare quality in a director."

Source: PTI

ERRATUM

The gala night of The Daily Star- Standard Chartered Celebrating Life will take place on January 10 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) not at Mirpur Indoor Stadium as stated on the January 7 issue of the Arts and Entertainment section. We sincerely regret the error.



Habib

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Yet another year of music industry has passed with a number of events. 2015 was the cheerful year especially for young singers. Here's a look at the year's ups and down of the industry.

New generation singers passed busy hours with stage shows all year round. Close Up-1 star Beauty, Kona, Rinku, Liza and Sabbir had tight schedule this time.

Popular young singer Porshi made her film debut with "Mental". Dhallywood heartthrob Shakib Khan is her co-star in the project.

Another Close Up-1 star, Pulok, directed music for the film "Shunno" for the first time.



Liza

In 2015, singer Konal directed a TV programme titled "Ganner Khela". She emceed it too.

Habib Wahid released a music video, featuring different genres of songs.

Hridoy Khan and Suzana got divorced. On the other hand, singer Sandhi tied the knot with Urmi.

Popular band LRB celebrated its 25th anniversary in the year. Popular singer Elita released her

solo album named "Elita" after a long pause.

Bappa Mazumder acted in the TV play "Midnight Black Coffee". Another renowned singer, Samina Chowdhury, also appeared in the drama.

Apart from this, singer Jon Kabir appeared in a number of plays. Tahsan was also seen acting in several dramas.

The iconic Runa Laila completed her fifth decade in music in



Rinku

2015.

Momtaz appeared in a TVC of Grameenphone as model. It became very popular.

Probbash Projonmo Japan, an organisation of expatriates, honoured singer couple Rafiqul Alam and Abida Sultana.

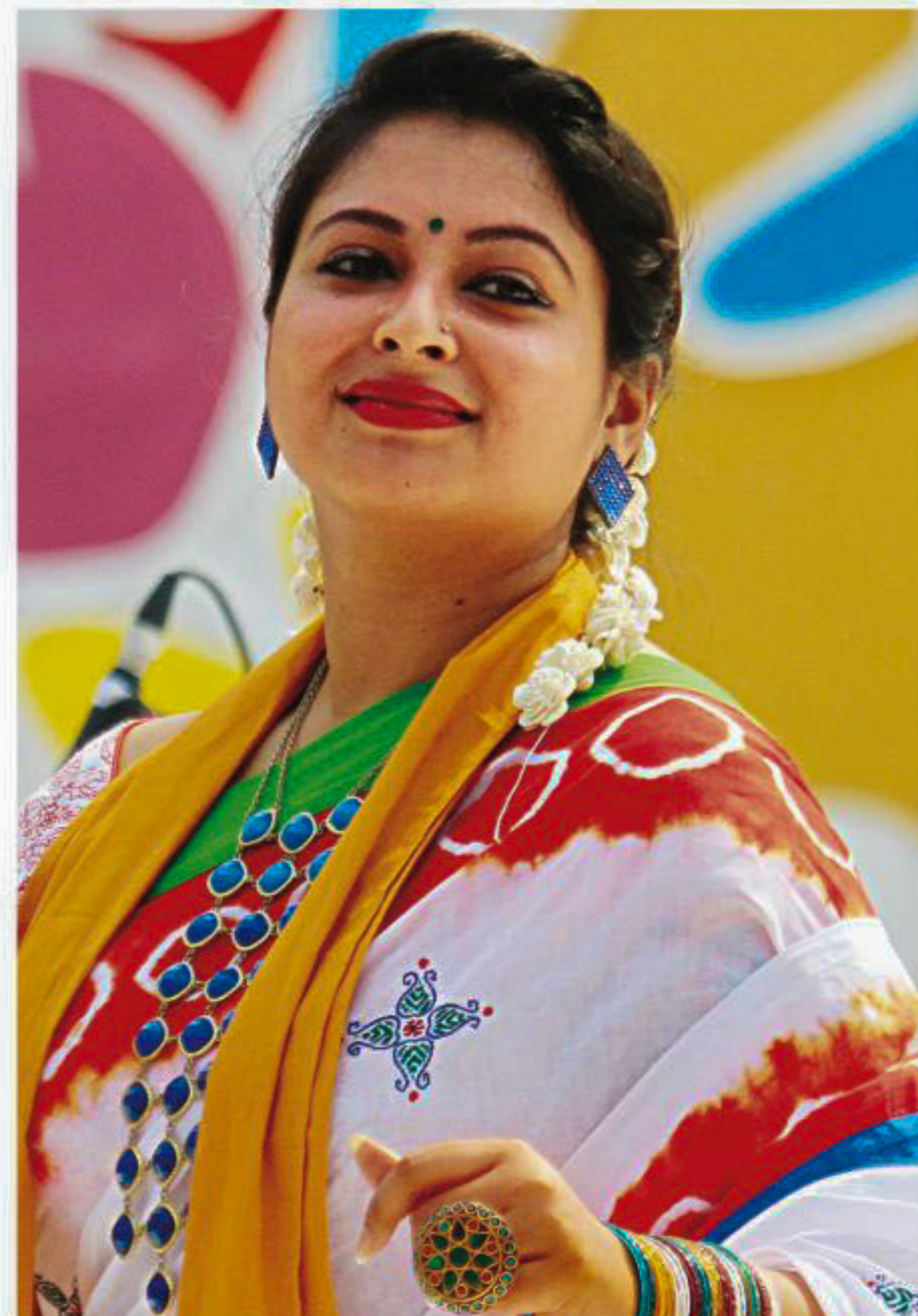
Two veteran artistes of the industry--Lucky Akhand and Alauddin Ali -- fell seriously ill in the year. Both went abroad for treatment.



Beauty



Sabbir



Konal

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