

WHAT'S ON

**Amar Kushey Book Fair 2016**  
 Organiser: Bangla Academy  
 Venue: Bangla Academy premises & Suhrawardi Udyan  
 Date: February 1-29  
 Time: 3-8pm & 11am-8pm (Fri & Sat)



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Censored Image  
 Artist: Wakilur Rahman  
 Venue: Kalakendra  
 Date: Feb 3-23  
 Time: 12-8pm



**Solo Watercolour Exhibition**  
 Title: Koto Ojanare  
 Artist: Saeeda Kamal  
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi  
 Date: Feb 6-18; Time: 9am-8pm



**Duet Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Fragments of the Anthropocene  
 Artists: Zihan Karim & Shimul Saha  
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60, Gulshan-1  
 Date: Jan 30- Feb 27; Time: 12-8pm



**Songs and Poetry**  
 Being in Love with King of the World  
 Artists: Armeen Musa  
 Venue: Red Shift, Gulshan  
 Date: Feb 12; Time 7-9pm



NEWS bytes

**Johnny Depp to become "Invisible Man"**

Johnny Depp is set to star in Universal's reboot of "The Invisible Man". The film is currently without a director or writer but is part of the studio's new classic monster universe initiative spearheaded by Alex Kurtzman and Chris Morgan. Based on the classic HG Wells novel, the original 1933 film starred Claude Rains as the scientist who finds a way to become invisible for devious purposes. The first film in this rebooted monster universe is "The Mummy", which stars Tom Cruise and bows in June 2017. Morgan and Kurtzman will now look to tap a writer to pen the reboot; no timetable has been set for production. Exec VP Jon Mone and VP Jay Polidoro will oversee production for Universal. Depp can be seen next in "Alice Through the Looking Glass" and also has "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" set to bow in summer 2017. He is also being courted to star in Paramount's crime thriller "Triple Frontier".

Source: Variety



**Tickets out for JOSS STONE'S Dhaka gig**  
 Top local musicians to share stage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Grammy and Brit Award-winning English soul musician Joss Stone will perform at Pop Republic Concert in Dhaka on February 20. Alongside Joss Stone, Bangladeshi music sensations Arnob, Jon Kabir, Rafa, Elita Karim, Armeen Musa, and Minar will give performances. Tickets for the event are out now on Pop Republic's website, and a number of

outlets including Platter, Nawab Chatga, Chittagong Bull, Café Guhaa, Cilantro, Dhaka Republic, Yellow Submarine Café, Veni Vidi Vici, Café Thirty3, and Hakka Dhaka: Auckland Centre. LiveSquare Entertainment is arranging the programme at Nabaratra Hall of the International Convention City, Bashundhara in the capital. Known for her illustrious solo career as a virtuoso singer and multi-instrumentalist, Stone has sold over 12

million albums worldwide, and collaborated with many leading global artistes including Ringo Starr, Mick Jagger, Dave Stewart, Damian Marley, AR Rahman and James Brown. Gold tickets are priced at 3000 taka, while silver ticket will cost 1000 taka. Further updates on the event are available on [www.thepoprepublic.com](http://www.thepoprepublic.com). The Daily Star is a partner of the event.



**James and Sanam to perform in Dhaka today**



Entertainment events organisation Entourage Entertainment are organising a concert featuring 'Nagar Baul' James and popular Indian pop band Sanam today, marking Valentine's Day. The concert, to be held at the Nabaratra Hall of International Convention City Bashundhara, aims to raise funds for underprivileged children of QRA School who educate children in the Karail slum in the capital, says a press release. James' popularity as a musician, especially as a live performer, is unparalleled. One of the biggest names of the country's music scene of the 90s and early 2000s, he has found equal success with bands Feelings, Nagar Baul and as a solo artiste. His voice has transcended beyond borders, with success in Bollywood playback as well. Sanam, a group of young musicians led by vocal Sanam Puri, has found immense success in India in recent years. They shot to stardom when their band, then called the SQS Project, won a nationwide pop band hunt in 2010, and has grown strength to strength.



**VIDYA to return in "Kahaani" sequel**

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bollywood actress Vidya Balan is all set to star in a sequel to director Sujoy Ghosh's acclaimed 2012 mystery movie "Kahaani". Ghosh, who is currently busy with its pre-production work, said the film will go on the floors soon and will be mainly shot in the city. "Yes, 'Kahaani 2' is happening. It is in pre-production stage. Vidya Balan will star in the film. Major parts of the film will be shot in Kolkata," the director said. Sujoy has produced Vidya's upcoming film "T3EN", directed by Ribhu Dasgupta. The film also stars Amitabh Bachchan and Nawazuddin Siddiqui. During a discussion on "Byomkesh Through The Ages" at the 40th International Kolkata Book Fair last night, the director said he personally liked writer Saradindu Bandopadhyay's creation Byomkesh Bakshi but was not sure if it would be fit enough for today's pan-Indian film goers. "I still like Byomkesh novels at a personal level but I am not much sure from the director's point of view. I am not sure if it will be liked by the film audiences of today," said Sujoy, who essayed the role of fictional detective Byomkesh Bakshi in "Satyanweshi". He said he took up the challenge to play Byomkesh Bakshi only at the behest of its late director Rituparno Ghosh. "Rituda had ordered me one day: 'You have to do the lead role in my Satyanweshi'. It was not possible for me to say no to Rituparno Ghosh. It was an altogether good experience. Except Byomkesh and his assistant Ajit, all other characters were created by Rituda."



**Idol makers get busy as Saraswati Puja gets near**

MINTU DESHWARA, Sylhet

Sculptors are busy making idols in Sylhet district as Saraswati Puja comes up on February 13. They look forward to the occasion as they hope to earn a good sum after a lull the rest of the year. While talking to this correspondent, a sculptor said that they had taken on the ancestral profession. They would be busy fashioning idols of Durga, Katyani, Kali and Basanti over the rest of the year. Currently they are making Saraswati idols at Mirzajangal puja mandop in Sylhet. They have made

50 such statues at this location. The production cost of each statue is Taka 160-180, while they sell them at Taka 300-600 each. The larger size statues go at Taka 600 per piece. Some sculptors demand a smaller sum to gain more orders. They make idols hurriedly without maintaining quality and aesthetic standards, and in the bargain depriving committed sculptors of what they really deserve, alleged sculptors Dulal Paul and Ratan Paul. They complained of financial insolvency in their profession. The love and respect of devotees encourages them to continue their profession, they added.

**IT'S TRUE!**

Bollywood star Govinda this week offered unconditional apology and five lakh rupees as compensation to a fan who he slapped seven years ago for a film in Mumbai. However, the Supreme Court insisted the actor must personally apologise to the complainant who wants to prosecute him for criminal intimidation and assault, that may land the star in jail for two years. The case has been going on for eight years, and Govinda sending an apology through his secretary was not accepted by complainant Santosh Bateshwar Ray.



**OSHOMAPTO SCRIPT on Maasranga**

A CORRESPONDENT

Single-episode television play "Oshomapto Script" will air on Maasranga Television tonight at 7:50pm. Written by Ivanho Mukit and directed Moykh Bari, the play encir-

cles university student Akash who dreams of writing a script for a film. Akash and Neela love each other, but at times Neela feels her love is one-sided as Akash remains immersed in his script. Nayeem and Prosun Azad play the lead roles.



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**QUIZ-05**  
 1. Who did the screenplay in THE REVENANT?  
 2. Which company distributes THE REVENANT?  
**Winners of QUIZ-04**  
 1. Shams Sayuz, West Dhanmondi  
 2. Mashrur Mozahed, Mirpur-02  
 3. Nafisa Bari, Mohammadpur  
 4. Nadira Tasnim, Mohammadpur  
 5. Shanzar Parvin, Uttara 11  
 6. Zesmita Alam, University of Dhaka  
 7. Mashad Rahman, University of Professionals  
 8. Awlad Hossain, Katabon  
 9. Rizwana Fayeziya, Paltan Line  
 10. Taseefa Samaira, Bashundhara R/A

