

WHAT'S ON

Solo Sculpture Exhibition
 Title: Stones-2
 Sculptor: Hamiduzzaman Khan
 Venue: Galleri Kaya
 Date: March 5-18
 Time: 11am-7:30pm



Boshonto Utshab
 Organiser: Dhaka University Cultural Society
 Venue: Mal Chatter, Dhaka University
 Date: March 15
 Time: 10am-9pm



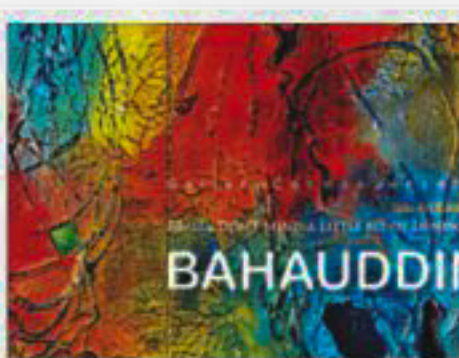
Theatre Festival
 Bhangra Gora Natyotshab
 Organiser: BGTF
 Venue: Mohila Samiti Auditorium, Baily Road
 Date: Feb 28-Mar 28
 Time: 7pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Journey with Wreckage 2
 Artist: Bipul Shah
 Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise Dhaka
 Date: March 11-25
 Time: Mon-Thurs 2:30pm-9pm; Fri-Sat 9am-12pm, and 5p-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Really Don't Mind A Little Bit of Lonesome
 Artist: Bahauddin
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos
 Date: March 4-22
 Time: 12pm-8pm



NEWS bytes

Harry Styles to star in 'Dunkirk'

One Direction singer Harry Styles and Fionn Whitehead will star in Christopher Nolan's World War II action-thriller "Dunkirk." They will join Tom Hardy, Mark Rylance and Kenneth Branagh in the film, which centers on the British military evacuation of the French city of Dunkirk in 1940. "Dunkirk" will mark their feature film debuts. British actors Jack Lowden and



Aneurin Barnard have also joined the cast of "Dunkirk." "Dunkirk" will be shot on a combination of Imax 65mm and 65mm large format film. Shooting will begin in May at many of the locations where the true-life events actually took place. The film hits theaters on July 21, 2017.

Source: Variety



IT'S TRUE!

US pop star Kesha may be known for her hip-hop leaning EDM-pop hybrid, but she has a rock and roll side to her. Not many people know that she wrote for rock great Alice Cooper on his 2011 album "Welcome 2 My Nightmare". Cooper met Kesha at the Grammys, and recalled telling a friend "This girl is not a pop diva. She's a rock singer. She would much rather be the female Robert Plant than the next Britney Spears." Kesha eventually went on to work with rock stars of note - Black Keys' Patrick Carney, the Flaming Lips and even Iggy Pop, on her 2012 album "Warrior".



FILM REVIEW: KRISHNOPOKKHO



Mahi and Riaz in a scene from 'Krishnoppokkho'.

A fitting tribute to Humayun Ahmed's storytelling genius

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Humayun Ahmed reached unmatched heights as a storyteller in his lifetime, not just with his books but his film adaptations as well. And while his films were taken to the big screen by other directors (starting with "Shongkhoneel Karagar", "Nondityo Noroke" to this year's "Anil Bagchi'r Ekdin"), they have never been quite at the level of those Humayun directed himself. So when his widow Meher Afroz Shaon took on the challenge of putting "Krishnoppokkho", one of Ahmed's better works, to film, many were curious. The casting choice of Mahiya Mahi in the lead was another decision that turned heads. But the film, released February 26, lives up to Humayun Ahmed's name, despite a sluggish start.

The film revolves around Muhib (Riaz) - the orphaned younger brother of Zeba (Tania Ahmed) who grows up in his sister's house, alongside her cold-hearted husband

Shafiq (Azad Abul Kalam) - and Oru (Mahi), the sweet younger daughter of retired police officer who runs a disciplinarian family. Their romance blooms despite the family obstacles and there is a brief moment of conjugal bliss before an accident turns their lives on its head. The tragedy brings out another side of the ever-oppressed Zeba and gives Shafiq a reality check, while Oru goes through the roller-coaster of an arranged marriage proposal, right after secretly marrying her lover.

The film expertly establishes the central characters and the plot quickly, but then the story sort of meanders for a little while, before deep humane emotions take centre-stage in a passage of magnificent visual storytelling, building up to an unforgettable closing shot. A number of Humayun Ahmed's go-to actors feature in a formidable supporting cast - including Ferdous, Faruk Ahmed, Moutushi Biswas, Kayes Chowdhury, Wahida Mollick Jolly, Arfan Ahmed, Rafiqullah Salim, Shadhin Khosru,

Tariq Swapan and Joyita Mahalanabish. Of them, Arfan stands out in the role of Muhib's best friend Bozlu, while Ferdous also shines in his cameo. But it is the central cast that makes the movie what it is: Azad Abul Kalam is consistently impeccable; Tania pulls out all the stops in one award-worthy intense exchange; Riaz just sits into his simpleton character, but perhaps the biggest revelation is Mahi. In a role polar opposite to her loud, glamorous ones in commercial films, she makes an incredible effort to tune herself up to the nuances of the quintessential Humayun Ahmed heroine.

Shaon (and her technical team) does a commendable job in terms of achieving a de-glamourised storytelling format with relatable characters and intricate dynamics of human relationships. The cinematography, sound and dialogues are done with care, and the final product turns out to be a heartfelt tribute to Humayun Ahmed's storytelling genius.

SHAKIB KHAN to produce 'Piya Re'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shakib Khan is undoubtedly the busiest and highest paid film star of the present time in the country. Besides acting, Shakib is also a producer. He forayed into production with "Hero Number 1" under the banner of his production house SK Films. Shakib has announced that he will produce his new film "Piya Re". Written by Abdullah Zahir Babu, Shamim Ahmed Rony will direct the film. Shakib Khan will play the male lead in the film. However, the lead female has not been decided yet. Asked who will play the role Shakib said, "The



story requires a new face. We are looking for a heroine for the film. As soon as we find Piya, we will make an announcement." Meanwhile, Shakib will start shooting his new film "Shikari" from today. Ace Tollywood actress Srabonti will play the female lead alongside Shakib Khan. Shakib has travelled to Kolkata where the first phase of the film will be shot. After that shooting will take place in Dhaka and the UK. The film is jointly produced being by Jaaz Multimedia and Kolkata's Eskay Movies.

'JYOTI SANGHITA' to tour three districts



A scene from the play.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Habiganj-based theatre troupe Jiban Sanket Natyagoshthi, with assistance from Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will tour three districts with their play "Jyoti Sanghita". The troupe will stage the much-acclaimed production in Chittagong this evening at the Shilpakala Academy in the port city. On March 16, the play will be staged at Cox's Bazar Sangskritik Kendra in Cox's Bazar. And the next day, Jibansanket Natyogoshthi will travel

to Comilla where the play will be staged at the Town Hall. Set against the backdrop of the Liberation War, the play reflects on freedom fighter of Bhati-Bangla, Jagatjyoti Das and his Dash Party through depicting a conversation between the youths of 1971 and the present time. Written by Ruma Modak, the play has been designed and directed by Sudip Chakroborthy. Iqbal Chowdhury, Ruma Modak, Shantanu, Murad Ahmed and Sourav Deb are in the cast among others.

Dia Mirza signs Indo- Iranian film

Bollywood Actress Dia Mirza, who will soon be seen in an Indo-Iranian film titled "Salaam Mumbai!" directed by Ghorban Mohammadpour, said that that she has been receiving a lot of love from the people of Iran.

"It is the first time that India and Iran together have made a film. I feel very fortunate because the person with whom I'm working is the biggest superstar (Mohammad Reza Golzar) in Iran. People love him tremendously and hence Iranian people are also showering love on me via my social networking sites," said Dia. The actress said that as an artiste, it is a wonderful opportunity for her to work on projects like this. "This opportunity will certainly help in reaching the maximum number of people and in return we get their love," said Dia at the screening of the film "Taj Mahal". "This is an interesting phase for films, there have been numerous international collaborations happening. Our Indian artistes are getting numerous opportunities on the international level to showcase their performance. Even editors, cinematographers and directors are also working on international films," she said.



Source: NDTV Movies

Kirsten Dunst joins math drama "Hidden Figures"

Kirsten Dunst has joined the cast of Fox 2000's "Hidden Figures" opposite Taraji P Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae and Kevin Costner. Ted Melfi is directing "Hidden Figures", the true story of the African-American female mathematicians at NASA who provided the calculations for the space program during the early 1960s. It was reported last month that "Empire" star Henson would play mathematics genius Katherine Johnson in the film. The studio has been developing the adaptation of the Margot Lee Shetterly book "Hidden Figures: The Story of the African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race".

The story centers on Johnson, a brilliant African-American mathematician who, along with her colleagues Dorothy Vaughn and Mary Jackson, served as the brains behind the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and his safe return. The three women crossed all gender, race and professional lines while embarking on the mission. Glenn flew the Friendship 7 mission in 1962 and became the first American to orbit the Earth. Costner will play the head of the space program. Dunst next stars in Jeff Nichols' "Midnight Special" for Warner Bros., which opens March 18.

Source: Variety



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 - Who did the music of KUNG FU PANDA 3?
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 - Sajid Karim, BISS
 - Wafiq Rahman, Green Road
 - Imran Ashab, Khilgaon
 - Mysha Erina, Gulshan
 - Priyanka Zaman, Shahjadpur
 - Farhana Sultana Karim, West Rampura
 - Reina Ashfin Khan, Uttara
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