


WHAT'S ON

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



Film Screening
 Title: Happy Rain
 Director: Isabelle Antunes
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka
 Date: March 16
 Time: 6pm



Theatre Festival
 Bhanga Gora Natyotsab
 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 Française 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

Julia Roberts to star in 'Train Man'

Sixteen years after "Erin Brockovich," Julia Roberts is eyeing to star in "Train Man," a courtroom drama about a real-life New York folk hero.

Roberts would play a lawyer tasked with defending Darius McCollum, the criminal known for impersonating public transit authorities in order to drive away subway trains and Greyhound buses. McCollum, who is diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, has been arrested more than 25 times for such crimes. Roberts' character would be his most recent lawyer, and his previous heists are shown throughout the film via flashbacks. Simon Stephenson has penned the script, while a director has not been confirmed yet. Roberts could also potentially be a producer.

Roberts has two movies in 2016: "Money Monster," directed by Jodie Foster, and "Mother's Day" from Garry Marshall.

Source: **Variety**



Alia wants ticket to Hollywood

With actresses like Priyanka Chopra and Deepika Padukone going to Hollywood for work, Bollywood star Alia Bhatt has also expressed her desire to go to the West.

"In terms of offers, nothing interesting has come my way so far. But there is a want, a thought of going to the West. Right now I want to focus on my work here and make a mark for myself. Then I do have thoughts of going ahead," Alia told PTI. The actress has now become confident about her craft of acting. "I am genuinely confident, but I am not over-confident. I believe a little bit of nervousness and uncertainty surety should be there, as that is how you go a long way," she said.

Though Alia has gained popularity through her work, her family



keeps her grounded. "If you are surrounded by people who keep telling you that you are great, then you will go crazy. If my family and friends don't like anything about my work, they tell me. It is important to have honest opinion about you," she said.

But one does tend to lose earnestness after entering the world of glitz and glamour.

"I used to be very unaware... Now I know things. This can be good or bad also in some ways," she said.

"I have to take my words seriously; I can't be an irresponsible speaker. I have to see how much good role model I am. At the same time I should be able to make mistakes, feel bad and cry," she concluded.

Source: **Indian Express**

Pt. Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay's Twilight Ragas unveiled at Bengal

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Bengal Foundation honoured Sangeetacharya Pandit Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay, the legendary classical music Guru of Bishnupur Gharana, through unveiling his album "Twilight Ragas". The album features two prominent twilight ragas-- "Puria Kalyan" and "Jaijaiwanti".

Eminent music exponent Dr. Karunamoy Goswami and Pandit Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay, along with noted singers Subir Nandi, Sadya Afreen Mallick, and Luva Nahid Choudhury unveiled the album at Bengal Café, Dhanmondi on March 14.

Luva Nahid Choudhury, DG, Bengal Foundation, delivered welcome address while Karunamoy Goswami spoke highly on the Pandit. In his speech, Pandit Bandyopadhyay praised the yearly initiatives of Bengal Foundation in holding the biggest classical music conference, and shared anecdotes from his illustrious musical career.

He later performed a khayal based on Raga Jog. Iftekhar Alam Prodhan accompanied him on vilambit ektaal and teentaal while Fakir Shahidul Islam Sumon was on harmonium. Earlier, Sohini Chakrabarty, a disciple of Pandit Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay,



Pandit Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay performs at the event.

rendered a romantic Raga Behag at the event.

Born (1927) in a family of rich musical tradition dating back to one hundred and fifty years, Pandit Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay is among the best exponents of Khayal in India. Son and disciple of Sangeetacharya Satya Kinkar Bandyopadhyay, Pandit Bandyopadhyay is the scion of the Bishnupur Gharana.

Since the nineteen fifties, Pandit Bandyopadhyay has remained an established and highly esteemed artiste. He is a 'Top' grade artiste of All India Radio and Doordarshan. He has been performing at all the major music festivals and gatherings of the country and has travelled to America and Europe to

perform and give lectures on Indian Classical Music.

A disciplined yet creative elaboration of the Ragas, aesthetic and melodic voice technique, extreme clarity and unmatched precision of taankari, and underlying sense of rhythm and generally a matured synthesis of cerebration and emotive content in his music have given the form of Khayal a new dimension.

Pandit Bandyopadhyay was one of the founding fathers and Heads of the Department of Vocal Music of Rabindra Bharati University. He retired in 1992 as Professor of Music after more than thirty years of teaching. In the year 2000 he acted as a Visiting Professor of Music in Viswa Bharati University.

Asami Shiode's solo painting exhibition at Zainul Gallery

ZAHANGIR ALOM



Department of Drawing and Painting of University of Dhaka (DU) has organised a weeklong solo painting exhibition by promising Japanese artist Asami Shiode. The exhibition, titled "Phase Transition - Existence of On and Off", is a part of an exchange programme between Department of Drawing and Painting of DU and Department of Oil Painting, Tokyo University of Arts where the featured artist is currently studying MFA.

Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of DU and Pierre Mayaudon, Ambassador of the European Union to Bangladesh, jointly inaugurated the exhibition as chief guests on March 10. Art connoisseur Moshit Azam Shajal attended the event as special guest. Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean and Chairman of the Department of Drawing and Painting of FFA, and Dr. Mohammad Iqbal, Assistant Professor of the department were present among others at the ceremony.

Asami Shiode previously completed both her BFA and MFA in Painting from Onimichi City University, Japan. The artist has four solos and 15 group exhibitions in Japan to her credit. She

also bagged several awards for her artistic excellence. This is the artist's first solo exhibition outside Japan.

The artist has a good command over science especially in the fields of Mathematics and Chemistry. Earlier, she wanted to become a cartoonist but later, she shifted her creative passion to painting. A total of 55 artworks on oil and mixed media including an installation are on display at the exhibit. Asami Shiode also showcased a performance art on the opening day.

Japanese art exemplifies a distinctive taste of subtlety, incorporation of tiny scribbles and a sobriety of colours. Keeping enough space on canvases, Shiode portrayed her paintings with a mature hue of light burnt sienna and blue. She has tried to depict the transition of water in different states -- solid, liquid and vapour -- depending on various temperatures. She also used forms of other important matters like air and hard materials in her painting as well. In her paintings, she has signified the white portion as the existence of 'On' and black portion as 'Off' and vice versa to attribute the transition of phases.

The exhibition, running from 11am to 7pm daily, will end on March 16.

Aparna-Mishu-Sabila in PYACH FORON

A CORRESPONDENT

A new drama serial "Pyach Foron" will air on Channel i from tonight at 9:35pm. Written by Faruq Hossain, and directed by Himel Ashraf, the serial encircles three youths and their hilarious activities.

Popular actors Aparna, Sabila Nur and Mishu Sabbir are in the cast.

About the serial Aparna said,

"The story is very interesting, and Himel is a talented director. I would like to request the audience to watch the serial."

Mishu echoed Aparna saying, "I played an engaging role in the serial. When I watched the final product after shooting, I was fascinated."

Sabila expressed hopes that the audience would appreciate their efforts in making the serial as entertaining as possible.



'Pagla Hawar Din' on ntv tonight



A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Pagla Hawar Din" will air on ntv tonight at 9:40pm. Written by Shuvashish Sinha and directed by Humayun Farid, the serial encircles the tales of a middle class family

living in the capital. As the story unfolds, the audience comes across relationships of love, hate and betrayal.

Abul Hayat, Kumkum Hasan, SK Firoze, Saberi Alam, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Nadia, Shatabdi Wadud, Farhana Mili, Sharmimala and others are in the cast.

IT'S TRUE!



US pop singer Selena Gomez officially became the most-followed person on photo-sharing social network Instagram, following the success of her recent single "Hands to Myself". The 23-year-old former Disney star shared the good news with her fans, on another social app, SnapChat. Gomez now has 69.1 million followers on Instagram, followed by close friend Taylor Swift, who has 69 million followers. Her ex, Justin Bieber is not too far behind, with 61.3 million Instagram followers.



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2. Who is the editor of Zootopia?

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2. Tanjin Rubayet Tonni, Donia
3. Zesmita Alam, University Of Dhaka
4. Juboraj, Dhaka Cantonment
5. Mahim, Ibrahimpur
6. Navida Nizhu, Uttara
7. Arman Matubber, Mirpur
8. Imran Hossen, BUET
9. Afrinn Jamal Apurna, Banani
10. Dr. NIRO KARKI (Nepal), Hatirpool