Solo Sculpture Exhibition Title: Stones-2 Sculptor: Hamiduzzaman Khan Venue: Galleri Kaya Date: March 5-18



Film Screening Title: Happy Rain Director: Isabelle Antunès lenue: Alliance Française de Dhaka Date: March 16



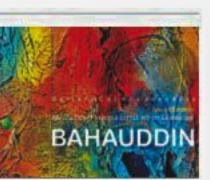
Theatre Festival Bhanga Gora Natyotshab



Title: Journey with Wreckage Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise Date: March 11-25 ime: Mon-Thurs 2:30pm-9pm; Fri-Sa



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



## 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 author-

ities 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

## Pt. Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay's

Twilight Ragas unveiled at Bengal

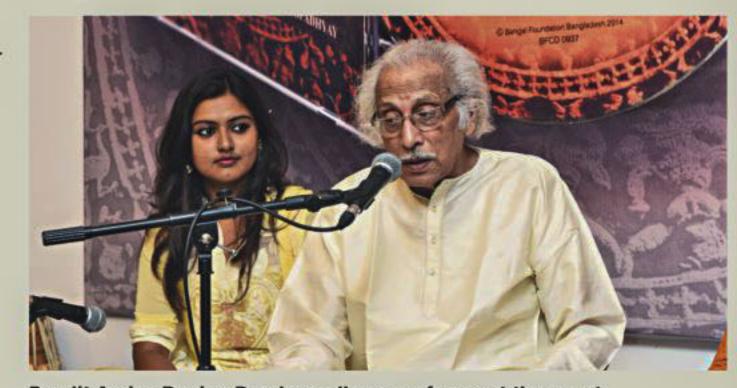
ZAHANGIR ALOM

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.

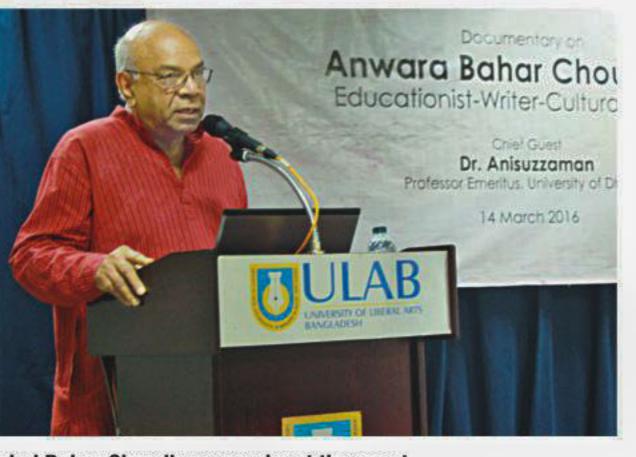
Born (1927) in a family of rich musical tradition dating back to one hundred and fifty years, Pandit Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay is among the best exponents of Khayal in India. Son and disciple of Sangeetacharya Satya Kinkar Bandyopadhyay, Pandit Bandyopadhyay is the scion of the Bishnupur Gharana.

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

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.



Iqbal Bahar Choudhury speaks at the event.

## **ULAB** screens documentary on Anwara Bahar Choudhury

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) has screened a documentary on renowned educationist, writer, and cultural activist Anwara Bahar Choudhury on March 14 at ULAB auditorium in the city. The documentary has been conceptualized, narrated, and pro-

duced by Iqbal Bahar Choudhury, while videography has been done by Samir Kushari, says a press release. Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman attended the event as chief

guest, while Professor Imran Rahman, Vice-Chancellor of ULAB, gave the welcome speech at the screening ceremony. Anwara Bahar Choudhury, a pioneer of women awakening in

Bangladesh, played a significant role behind empowerment of women. She is one of the founders of Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) in Dhaka. In the early 1960s, she worked as the deputy leader of a cultural delegation to Iran, Iraq and the former Soviet Union. During her lifetime, she penned a number of acclaimed books.

One of her numerous contributions to the nation includes establishment of a college in 1969 named after her husband, Habibullah Bahar. The luminary breathed her last on October 27, 1987.

# 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.

about you," she said.

and glamour.

"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 any-

thing about my work, they tell me. It is important to have honest opinion

But one does tend to lose earnest-

"I used to be very unaware...Now

ness after entering the world of glitz

I know things. This can be good or

bad also in some ways," she said.

"I have to take my words seri-

ously; I can't be an irresponsible

# 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 Moshiul 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.

# IT'S TRUE!

US pop singer Selena Gomez officially became the mostfollowed person on photosharing 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.

## 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

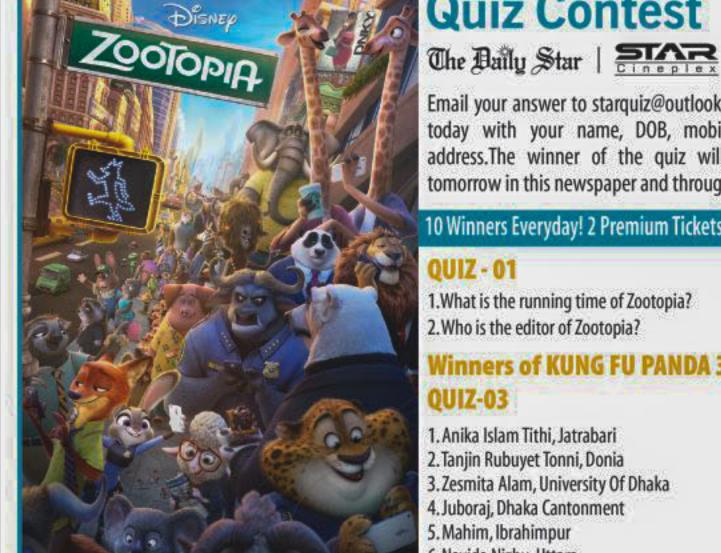


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speaker. I have to see how much good role model I am. At the same time I should be able to make mis-Drama serial "Pagla Hawar Din" will air on ntv takes, feel bad and cry," she con-Source: Indian Express

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, and others are in the cast.



## **Quiz Contest**

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1. What is the running time of Zootopia? 2. Who is the editor of Zootopia?

#### Winners of KUNG FU PANDA 3

#### QUIZ-03 1. Anika Islam Tithi, Jatrabari

2. Tanjin Rubuyet Tonni, Donia 3. Zesmita Alam, University Of Dhaka Juboraj, Dhaka Cantonment 5. Mahim, Ibrahimpur

7. Arman Matubber, Mirpur

i. Navida Nizhu, Uttara



tonight at 9:40pm. Written by Shuvashish Sinha and directed by Humayun Farid, the Shatabdi Wadud, Farhana Mili, Sharmimala serial encircles the tales of a middle class family