



Priti Ali's solo exhibit at IGCC

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Indira Gandhi Culture Centre is to organise a solo art exhibition of Priti Ali, titled "Power of Pain & Pathos". The inaugural ceremony will be today at 6.30 pm at the IGCC, Gulshan-1 premises.



Dr. Gowher Rizvi, International Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister; Harsh Vardhan Shringla, High Commissioner of India; Wanja Campos da Nobrega, Ambassador of Brazil and eminent artist Monirul Islam will grace the occasion and jointly inaugurate the exhibition.

Priti Ali focuses on love, hate, joy, melancholy, dream, sorrow, solitude and suffering in her works. These have no visual forms, figures or shapes in particular but inherent subdued perceptions to be felt by the heart. Priti has expressed these formless conjectures in other ways with the help of geometric patterns, seven colors of the visible spectrum, tones and textures. In this exhibition, Priti has skillfully shown the profound human subjective expressions through her brilliant artistic creations.

Priti is an Art Teacher at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), High Commission of India in Dhaka. The exhibition will remain open till March 31.

RUNA LAILA ON CLOUD NINE

Grandsons of the diva record a song



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Divya Runa Laila is on cloud nine. Her gift for song seems to have passed on to a new generation in her family. Her grandsons, eight-year-old Aaron and 12-year-old Zain who live in the UK recently recorded a patriotic Bangla song, "I Love My Bangladesh", along with two other Bangladeshi

expatriate children Najwa and Zayna. "I am very happy that my grandsons are so talented and I hope that music will continue to be a part of their lives," said Runa Laila.

The song has been written by Sudip Kumar Dip, and composed and arranged by Raja Kaasheff. Minhaj Kibriya has shot and directed the video for the song, which is expected to air on Bangladeshi TV channels soon.

New "NYSM2" trailer finds magicians on the run



A new trailer for "Now You See Me 2" has landed online in the form of an international trailer for the magician-centric follow-up. Director Jon M Chu takes the helm this time around, taking over for the first movie's Louis Leterrier, and this new trailer shows a much more fun-loving, much less serious sequel.

The follow-up finds the Four Horsemen—minus Ilsa Fisher's underwritten character, substituted with a new addition played by Lizzy Caplan—trotting the globe with their Robin Hood-style spectacles a year after the events of the first movie, but they're soon put in peril as the son of

Michael Caine's character, played by Daniel Radcliffe, forces them into pulling off their most treacherous heist yet.

This trailer is confusing from a plot standpoint—how is Morgan Freeman's character pulling strings, and where do Radcliffe's allegiances lie?—but in terms of entertainment, the film appears to deliver.

The film also stars Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Dave Franco, Woody Harrelson, Jay Chou, and Sanaa Lathan, and opens in cinemas on June 10th.

Source: Collider

NOSTALGIA

Amin Khan's school days

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Hero of many hit movies, Dhallywood heartthrob of his era Amin Khan has performed in around 200 films. He is now seen regularly on the small screen for the last few years. In a chit-chat with The Daily Star, the actor talked about his childhood days and friends. Excerpts:

I was born in Khulna and grew up there. My first school was Khulna Fathima School where I studied till fourth grade. Later, I got admitted to Khulna Collegiate School from where I passed the SSC examinations. I was very restless as a student at Fathima School. Many memorable incidents of my schooldays still cheer me up.

Roadside food was available in front of the school those days. We eagerly waited for our break and as soon as the bell rang, we ran to have a taste of the mouthwatering foods. There used to be a popular ice-cream named Roni Ice-cream during my schooldays, which some of us used to have every day.

There was a kadam (flower) tree on the school pre-



mises. Senior students of our school plucked flowers from the tree during monsoon but I never got around to it. Every time I see a kadam flower even today, that tree comes to mind.

I also had the experience of bunking school. I had a math phobia, so I ran away, twice, at the times of my math examinations. On one incident, I went to Khulna New Market, and the other time I hid under the water tank at our home. One day, my math teacher (Tapan Sir) began teaching me the subject and it became easier for me. Interestingly, I achieved distinction marks in math in my SSC examination.

During my school days, we often picnicked. I used to cook a great 'khichuri' those days. My close school friends were Saman, Rana, Raju, Tarek, Zaman and Apu. Recently, I met Apu in Dhaka after 30 to 35 years. We became quite emotional at meeting each other.

I have a special relationship with my school friends. I'm lucky that many of my close friends live in Uttara where I live. We visit each other often.

I have vivid memories of my wonderful school days.

NEWS bytes

Nolan stands against Screening Room



Christopher Nolan has come out against Screening Room, the controversial start-up trying to release movies in the home on the same day they hit theaters.

A divide appears to be forming within the filmmaking community, as Nolan aligns himself with James Cameron and Jon Landau in opposition to the proposal.

On the other side, Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, Brian Grazer, Ron Howard, JJ Abrams and Peter Jackson support the technology and have become stakeholders in the company.

Sean Parker and his partner Prem Akkaraju had developed a plan to offer new film releases for \$50 per 48-hour view. Customers would also pay \$150 for access to the technology, which is said to be piracy-proof.

Source: Variety

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