

WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition
 Title: The Invisibles
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: March 19- April 9
 Time: 12-8pm



Photo Exhibition
 1971: Emergence of a Nation
 Venue: Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: March 19-26
 Time: 2pm-8pm



Film Screening
 Anil Bagchi's Ekidin
 Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library
 Date: Mar 20-24
 Time: 3pm, 5pm, 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 Loneliness
 Artist: Bahauddin
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos
 Date: March 4-22
 Time: 12pm-8pm



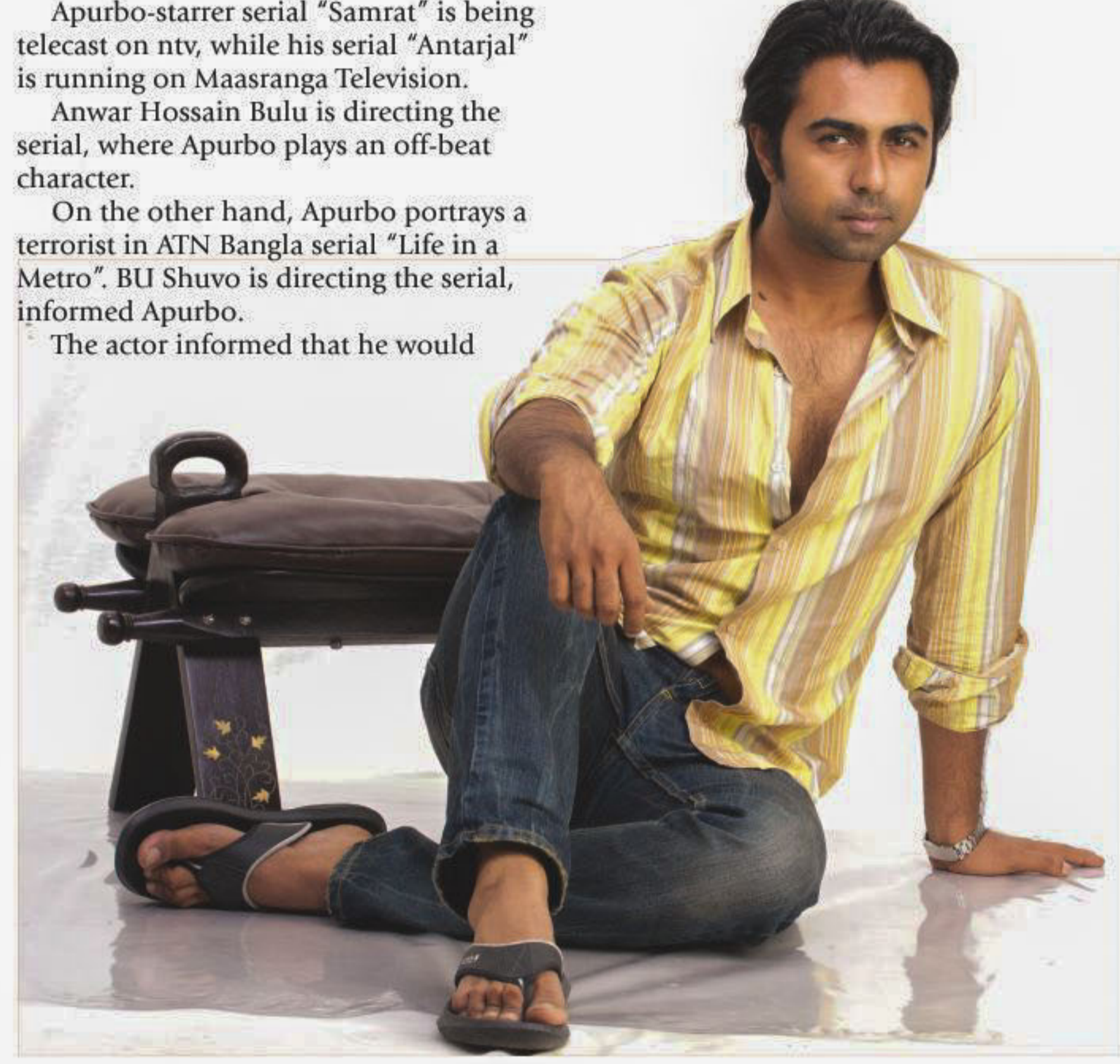

Guests at the press conference.

APURBO busy with four serials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After a one-month break from shooting, popular television actor Apurbo is back on the track. He signed up for four television serials, and has a full calendar ahead. Apurbo-starrer serial "Samrat" is being telecast on ntv, while his serial "Antarjal" is running on Maasranga Television. Anwar Hossain Bulu is directing the serial, where Apurbo plays an off-beat character. On the other hand, Apurbo portrays a terrorist in ATN Bangla serial "Life in a Metro". BU Shuvo is directing the serial, informed Apurbo. The actor informed that he would

travel to Bangkok to shoot his next serial "Time". Aniruddha Russel is set to direct the serial. Talking to this correspondent, Apurbo said, "I am currently only focusing on television serials."



'A Different Romeo and Juliet' to premiere on March 28

A CORRESPONDENT

Marking the 400th death anniversary of William Shakespeare, the British Council, in collaboration with Dhaka Theatre and Graeae Theatre Company (UK), is to recreate Shakespeare's iconic play "Romeo and Juliet" with the title "A Different Romeo and Juliet". The 75-minute production, featuring 14 differently-abled artists, will premiere at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

on March 28. Jenny Sealey, artistic director of Graeae Theatre Company and renowned thespian Nasiruddin Yousuff of Dhaka Theatre have led the production. The announcement was made yesterday at a press conference held at the British High Commissioner's residence in Dhaka. Alison Blake, British High Commissioner to Dhaka; Matt Pusey, deputy director of British Council; Jenny Sealey, creative director of Graeae Theatre

Company; Nasiruddin Yousuff, head of Dhaka Theatre; and Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general of Shilpakala Academy attended the press meet. "In this special year of an 'Inclusive Commonwealth', the performance by disabled Bangladeshi actors is an example of inclusivity and demonstrates that no-one should be left behind regardless of their ability. I hope this production inspires others to take part not only in the arts but other disciplines," said Alison Blake in his speech.

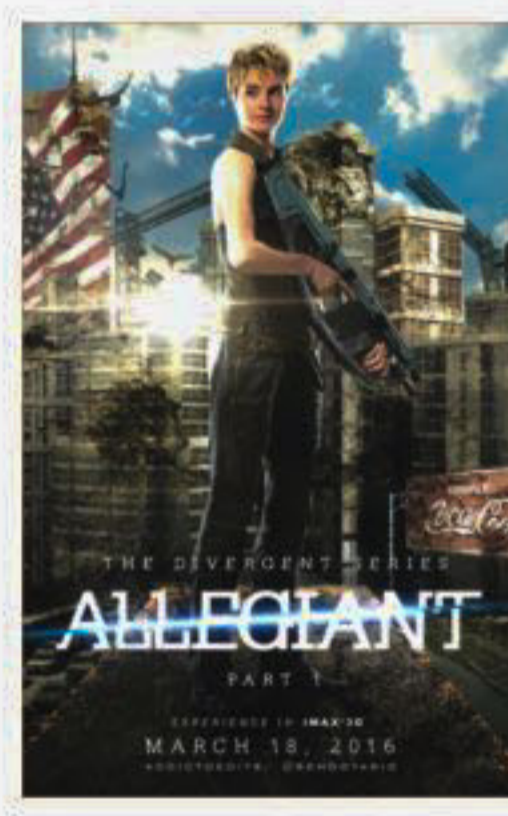
The British Council initiated this project in 2013 with an aim to empower people with disabilities by facilitating social inclusion through theatre workshops that helped them explore their identity and infused an enriched sense of self-worth. The play will be performed in front of an audience comprising of targeted policy makers, organisations and other stakeholders working with people with disabilities, special needs schools and theatre lovers on March 28 and 29.

NEWS bytes

"Allegiant" tops Friday BO on debut

"Allegiant", the third film in The Divergent Series, has debuted this week and is off to a good start with the top spot in Friday's box office with almost \$12 million. Unfortunately for the young adult franchise film, weekend estimates put its total between \$28 and \$31 million, short of the previous films' debut weekend tallies. That estimated weekend total means that the live-action film will likely come in second to Disney's animated film "Zootopia". The surprise critical and box office success of directors Byron Howard, Rich Moore, and Jared Bush's family friendly animal film should bring in anywhere from \$36 to \$39 million this weekend, easily giving it the top spot once again. Additionally, the "Zootopia" worldwide box office has crossed the \$500 million mark with strong performances in international territories. Rounding out the top five were Sony's faith-based drama "Miracles from Heaven" in third; Dan Trachtenberg's "10 Cloverfield Lane" and "Deadpool", which has broken all sorts of records since its debut just before Valentine's Day.

Source: Collider



Speakers at the panel discussion.

Bengal Architecture Symposium held

The second day of Architecture Now! Next symposium, organised by Bengal Institution for Architecture, Landscapes and Settlements, was held on March 19 at the Krishibid Institution Auditorium in Dhaka. Professor Kazi Khaled Ashraf, director general of the Bengal Institute began the morning session with an introduction to Syed Manzoorul Islam, a professor in the Department of English, Dhaka University and a noted academic, writer, columnist, and literary critic. Professor Islam elaborated on the necessity of interactive education; he lamented that the prevalent education system is completely enclosed in classrooms and text books.

Next in line was Adele Naude Santos, FAIA, currently Professor of Architecture and Urban Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On her maiden visit to Bangladesh, she talked about responsible urbanism, and looking at urban and rural development in a global context. Her presentation was followed by a vibrant panel discussion on "Education: Now/Next" participated by Timmy Aziz, currently teaching in the departments of Architectural Design and Humanistic Studies at Maryland Institute of Contemporary Art (MICA), distinguished academic Peter Buchanan, the former Dean of the design school at MIT Adele Santos, and architect Shamsul Wares. The session was moderated by Architect Niklaus

Graber from Lucerne, Switzerland. Prominent Korean architect Byoungsoo Cho was up next and he spoke about site planning, positioning and placements of buildings that create spaces in between. It is in these spaces, he claimed, that architecture exists. Architect Salauddin Ahmed then introduced Vo Trong Nghia of Vietnam. Vo Trong exemplified his belief in how architecture should connect human and nature, by demonstrating the use of the principle in his own projects. The session concluded with a panel discussion on "Crafting Architecture" with Peter Stutchbury, Byoungsoo Cho, Vo Trong Nghia, Marina Tabassum and Salauddin Ahmed. The discussion was moderated by Timmy Aziz.

BRSSS holds an evening of RABINDRA SANGEET

An evening of Rabindra Sangeet marking the end of spring took place at Sherpur Shilpakala Academy auditorium on March 18. Sherpur unit of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (BRSSS) arranged the programme with the theme "Sobar Sathe Milao Amay, Bhulao Ohongkar". District president of BRSSS Nirmal Kumar Dey presided over the programme. Educationist Professor Sudhamoy Das, Sherpur DC, A.M Parvez Rahim, city mayor Golam Mohammad Kibria and central president of BRSSS, Tapan Mahmud spoke at the event. The event began with a choral rendition of 'Akash Bhora Tara'r Chhoya'. Following the presentation by local artistes, eminent artistes Tapan Mahmud, Salma Akbar, Bula Mahmud and Sajed Akbar enchanted the audience with their melodious performance.



Artistes perform at the programme. PHOTO: STAR



Padatik Nattya Sangsad will stage its popular production "Paramati" at Nilima Ibrahim Auditorium of Bangladesh Mahila Samiti today at 7pm. Written by Babul Biswas and directed by Dr. Irin Parveen Lopa, the play casts Omiyo Mizan, Kamruzzaman Pavel, Al Amin, Faruk Faysal Duke, Mahmuda Akter Lita and Kamal Hossain in different roles.

KAREENA denies doing Pakistani film

Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan has denied she is doing a Pakistani film and termed all such speculations baseless. There were rumours that the "Jab We Met" star will be making her debut in Pakistani film, which would be helmed by acclaimed director Shoab Mansoor. Asked about it, Kareena told reporters: "No, this is not true." The 35-year-old actress, who is married to Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan, stunned the audience in a ravishing wine coloured dress at the second edition of the Times Of India Film Awards (TOIFA) 2016. She is currently waiting for the release of her forthcoming film "Ki and Ka", which also stars Arjun Kapoor. Directed by filmmaker R Balki, the romantic comedy which revolves around a career-oriented woman and a house husband, is slated to hit the screens on April 1.

Source: IANS

