

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



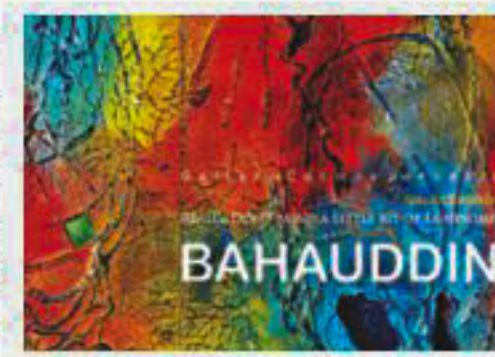
Film Screening
Anil Bagchi's Ekdin
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library
Date: Mar 20-24
Time: 3pm, 5pm, 7pm



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 Lonesome
Artist: Bahauddin
Venue: Gallery Cosmos
Date: March 4-22
Time: 12pm-8pm



QUOTES

"The seeds of my upcoming album 'Land Of Gold' originated in the context of the humanitarian plight of refugees. It coincided with the time when I had recently given birth to my second child. I was deeply troubled by the intense contrast between my ability to provide for my baby, and others who desperately wanted to provide the same security for their children but were unable to do so."

- Anoushka Shankar, about the inspiration for her latest album.



"We do plays out of pure passion"

Kazi Chapal



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSEED

SAURAV DEY

Stepping into the theatre arena as a teenager, Kazi Chapal has now carved a name as a promising theatre director. Though he started out as an actor, Chapal later found his passion in direction with entertaining plays like "Paicho Chor er Kichchha" and "Scheme" to his credit. In a recent chat with Arts & Entertainment, Chapal talked about his journey and more. Excerpts:

Tell us about your beginnings in the world of theatre?

Chapal: In the late 1980s and early '90s, the theatre scene was vibrant, and people would watch plays with enthusiasm, especially in rural areas. I was attracted to theatre immediately. Once I went to Jorasanko Thakur Bari with my mother, and saw students of Rabindra Bharati University staging plays. I immediately decided to study theatre, and fortunately was enrolled there in 1991. After finishing my study I returned to

Bangladesh, and got involved with BUET Drama Society. I stayed there for many years, and worked on the direction of five or six plays before joining Dhaka Padatik. Before that I was with my troupe Bionboni Theatre in Khulna. The troupe is still active in Khulna.

What do you look for in a good play?

Chapal: I always prefer to uphold the elements of our own heritage. While researching our folk elements, I discovered a great story that was later made into a popular play. I found the story of "Paicho Chor er Kichchha" in Khulna, but later brought it to stage from Dhaka Padatik. The play became an instantaneous hit. I incorporated the original elements of our folk traditions in the plays.

Who are your favourite playwrights?

Chapal: My favourite playwrights are William Shakespeare, George Bernard Shaw, Luigi Pirandello, and of

course my teacher and mentor Manoj Mitra.

Your dream as a theatre director?

Chapal: I'll continue to give the Dhaka audience a flavour of our folk elements through my productions. I have plans to take our folk storytelling tradition to the global stage through my plays.

How do theatre troupes fund their productions?

Chapal: In group theatre, groups arrange money for plays. They collect membership fees and seniors donate money. Sometimes, we shell out money from our own pocket. And for festivals, we publish souvenirs and raise money for the next year through them. In addition, the government allocates a small amount of money every year for all theatre troupes. Sometimes we earn money through tickets, and through calling shows. But theatre is not commercial, we do plays out of pure passion.

Mili and Samrat join forces for "Ghunpoka"

A CORRESPONDENT

Farhana Mili and Khalid Hossain Samrat stepped into the television arena at the same time, but they did not have any opportunity to work together. Recently, Mili and Samrat have joined forces for a single episode television play.

Samrat has directed the play, titled "Ghunpoka", while Mili plays the female lead.

Also starring Sayeed Babu in the lead, shooting for the play wrapped up recently in Pubail near the capital.

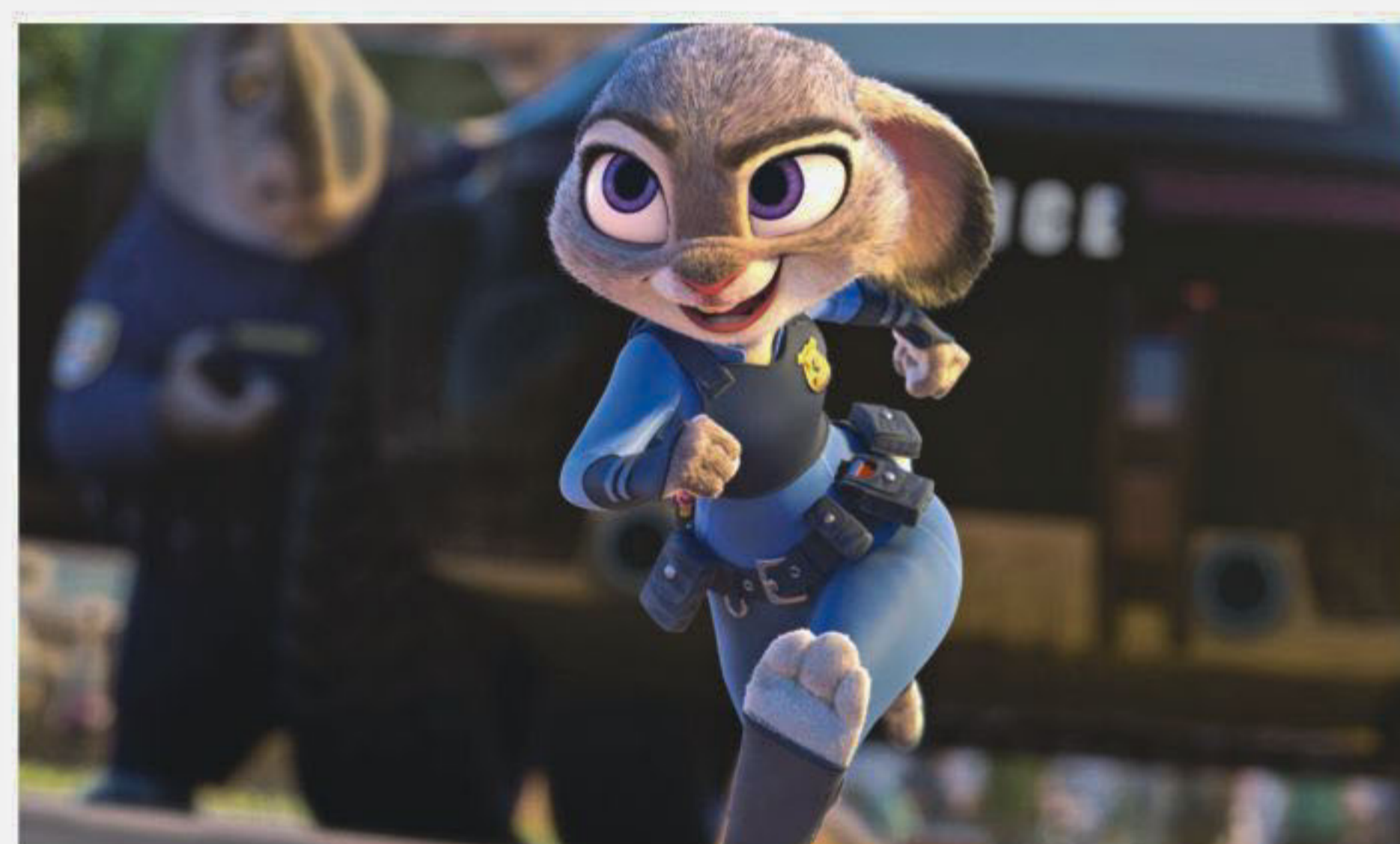
Expressing her hopes about the success of the production, Mili said, "Though it was my first work with Samrat, he has earned a name as a good director. He is much organised, and has an eye for details."

Samrat said, "The production is my brainchild, and I worked dedicatedly for the play. The story is quite interesting which perfectly fits with Mili. She plays a challenging role, and has done very well on her part."



IT'S TRUE!

She already has her wedding dress and the honeymoon is planned, but Australian rapper Iggy Azalea won't be marrying fiancé Nick Young as soon as expected. Iggy, who just released her new single "Team", has postponed her wedding plans in favor of going on tour at the end of 2016. She revealed her change of plans during an interview on Friday. "It was going to happen at the end of the year, but now I have to go to work, so we'll probably have to wait until the end of the next basketball season (Nick Young is a pro basketball player playing for the LA Lakers) to do that. So that kind of is a bit sucky, but it's all right." She added that Nick has been "really awesome and great and totally understanding and doesn't mind" that they have to move the wedding date.



ZOOTOPIA

tramples rivals at int'l Box Office

Disney's "Zootopia" ruled at the international box office with an impressive \$64.8 million weekend in 50 markets, lifting the animated hit to nearly \$600 million worldwide.

More than half of the "Zootopia" take this weekend came from China, where the comedy has taken in \$173.4 million since its March 4 opening. France leads the rest of the world with \$25.4 million, followed by Russia, Germany and Korea.

"Zootopia" opened Thursday in Australia and Brazil. Major markets still to come include the UK on March 25 and Japan on April 23.

Leonardo DiCaprio's "The Revenant" finished second on comScore's international box office chart this weekend, with \$36 million in 25 markets, with nearly all

of that — \$33 million — coming from China. The film is nearing \$500 million in worldwide box office gross.

"Kung Fu Panda 3" remained a player with \$31.8 million this weekend internationally with first-place openings in Italy, Germany, Hong Kong, Argentina, Vietnam and United Arab Emirates.

As in the United States, "Zootopia" overshadowed "The Divergent Series: Allegiant". The third film in the "Divergent" franchise began rolling out last weekend in international markets.

"London Has Fallen" came in fifth place with \$10 million in 44 markets, lifting its foreign total to \$45 million.

Source: Variety

Grameenphone launches revamped GP Music

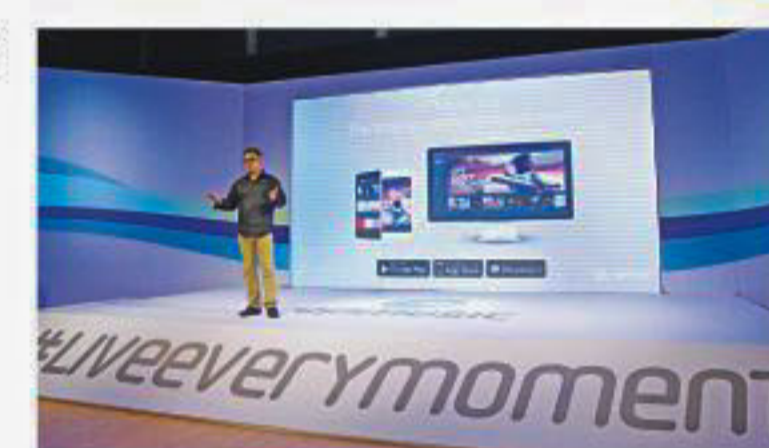
A CORRESPONDENT

Grameenphone launched its revamped music platform GP Music yesterday at GP House in the capital amid the presence of noted personalities from the field of music.

GP Music is the largest digital music collection of the country and provides music lovers with an experience like never before.

The new GP Music offers both online and offline music streaming with unmatched sound quality. With the largest collection of Bangla music in its library and latest international releases, GP Music promises its users their favorite music at their fingertips. Users can dive into hundreds of curated playlists or make their own personalised playlists.

At the time of launching, GP Music offered a 30-day free trial for GP users to experience their favorite music without any cost. They have also announced an exciting list of exclusive releases from emerging artists to prominent singers.



The announcement included albums from Adit, Oishee, Arbovirus, Kona, Nancy, Imran, Tahsan, Shoeb, Puja, Tausif, Amid, Moon, Pritom, Lutfor, Bappa Mazumdar, Joy, Parvez, Arfin, Breach, Sunny Zubayer, Rafa, Porshi, Shikor Bangladesh All Stars, Soothsayer, Artcell and Miles.

All these singles and albums are now available on GP Music platform which is available on both Google Play and Apple Store.



SHAH RUKH to play dwarf in his next movie

"Tanu Weds Manu" director Anand L Rai has some big news for Shah Rukh Khan fans. He is making a film with the superstar, where he will play a dwarf.

The 44-year-old director, who is riding high on the success of his two consecutive films- "Raanjhanaa" and "Tanu Weds Manu: Returns", was all praise for SRK.

"He is a gutsy actor. He always takes challenges. It is a delight to have him in the film. We both have liking for each other. We want to work together and we are on that process. Shah Rukh is a very intelligent man. He makes you feel so important and responsible so it is fun to work with him. He was very happy to hear the story," Rai told PTI.

SRK will be seen essaying the role of a dwarf in the interesting love story and the director is planning to serve a decent dose of

songs in the film. "It (the story) sounds it is just about dwarf but it is much more than that. It is a much taller film. It is a very entertaining and interesting love story. I will be fool if I have Shah Rukh Khan in my film and have no romance and songs," he said.

The filmmaker is yet to finalise the lead actress for the movie. Apart from direction, Rai is excited about his upcoming projects as a producer. "We have 'Nil Battey Sannata' with Swara Bhaskar, 'Happy Bhaag Jayegi' starring Abhay Deol and Diana Penty and 'Manmarziyan' with Ayushmann Khurrana and Bhumi Pednekar. All three are interesting films and I am excited about it. This is the kind of cinema I want to be involved with as a producer. I am enjoying the process," he added.

Source: PTI

TV WATCH "Ujan Ganger Naiya" on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

The 14th episode of drama serial "Ujan Ganger Naiya" goes on air tonight, on ATN Bangla at 8:40pm.

Produced by BBC Media Action and directed by Samir Ahmed and Bashir Georgis, the third season of the awareness-building series has been created by Anisul Hoque. Monirul Islam Rubel, Rafiqul Islam Poltu, Golam Rabbani and Shusmin Afsana have jointly written the script. Riaz, Tarin, Moushumi Hamid, Dolly Zohur, Nazmul Huda Bachchu, Shatabdi Wadud, Jyotika Jyoti, Lutfor Rahman George, Rawnak Hasan, Maznun Mizan, Shamima Islam Tusty are in the cast among others.

The drama's sister programme "Natoker Pore" is presented by Nabila and follows directly after the repeat



broadcast of the drama on Wednesdays at 3:10pm. The show provides a space to discuss the issues explored in the drama, and features artists from the drama talking with families and specialist doctors. The

combination of the two shows is designed to encourage families to do things that help women to have safer pregnancies and childbirth and take better care of themselves and their newborn babies.