


**WHAT'S ON**

**Book Fair**  
Chaitra Book Festival  
Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattacharya Auditorium, National Museum  
Date: April 1-12  
Time: 11am-8pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Existence  
Artist: Md. Sohel Rana Pranon  
Venue: Gallery Shilpangan  
Date: April 01-15  
Time: 12-8pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Three Shadows of Art  
Artist: Md. Rashed Alam  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Date: April 1-15  
Time: 3pm-9pm



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



**Concert**  
EMK Happy Hour  
Performer: Ghaashphoring Choir  
Venue: EMK Center  
Date: April 9  
Time: 7pm



**NEWSbytes**

**GNR performs intimate reunion gig**

Guns N' Roses kicked off their long-awaited "Not in This Lifetime" tour by bringing their classics to the Troubadour in Los Angeles on Friday night.

GNR diehards were treated to the iconic band's hits like "Welcome to the Jungle" and "Live and Let Die" as well as the reunion of lead vocalist Axl Rose and lead guitarist Slash alongside bassist Duff McKagan. The other musicians said to have been on stage include Richard Fortus on guitar, Dizzy Reed on keyboards, Frank Ferrer on drums and the band's first female musician, Melissa Reese.

Among the night's star attendees for the show included model/actress Emily Ratajkowski and musician Lenny Kravitz, Eagles of Death Metal's Jesse Hughes, Walking Dead star Norman Reedus and actor David Arquette.

Hollywood veterans Nicolas Cage and Jim Carrey as well as songstress Lana Del Rey were reportedly in attendance.

Source: **Billboard**



Attendees enjoy a throwback to the heyday of Bangla cinema.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

**At the National Film Day ...**

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

"Surjo-Konnya", the 1976 film directed by Alamgir Kabir starred Syed Ahsan Ali Sydney and Jayashree. A number of visitors at the National Film Day exhibition at the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC) were seen keenly looking at the poster of "Surjo-Konnya" and others on display, lost in nostalgia. Numerous posters of films from various

eras of Bangladeshi cinemas were displayed all around BFDC, taking the attendees back to the golden days of cinema.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu inaugurated the National Film Day, in presence of Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, Information Ministry Secretary Mortuza Ahmed, National Film Day Celebration Committee Chairman, Mayak Raj Razzak, and others. Following a festive proces-

sion, a seminar was held where the guests spoke.

A number of film veterans were present, including Syed Hasan Imam, Javed, Ilias Kanchan, Danny Sidak, and directors like Kazi Hayat and Motin Rahman. A huge number of people attended the event, watched the exhibitions, and took photos with the stars. They also enjoyed a vibrant cultural programme in the afternoon.

**"Hope people always talk about my work, not looks" ... Bhumi Pednekar**

A National Award for "Dum Laga Ke Haisha" has left Bhumi Pednekar rejoicing. The actor, who made an unconventional debut as an overweight woman and was widely lauded for her performance, hopes people's focus always remains on her acting skills rather than on how she looks.

Bhumi had gained around 30 kg for her role in the Ayushmann Khurrana-starrer, but post the film, she was back to her slim and trim avatar. She also feels that the fact that "Dum Laga Ke Haisha" has been appreciated with the Best Hindi Film honour at the 63rd National Film Awards is a reminder of how commercial cinema is riding high on quality content. "Last year has been so brilliant for me, and it has been a clean sweep as far as awards are concerned. The icing on the cake has been the National Award, so I can say that it has been a great year for me," said Bhumi.

"It's very humbling to see that my performance was appreciated a lot and that's what I am proud of. There is nothing more important to me than my craft and I really hope that even in the future, apart from the way I look, the only thing that people will speak about is my work and performance," she added.

The Sharat Katariya directorial, set in the 1990s in Haridwar, tells of how a unique romance blooms between a mismatched couple -- an overweight woman and uneducated man -- challenging the prejudices in a middle class family of choosing a bride.

As for her future projects, Bhumi is looking forward to "Manmarziyan" with Ayushmann. "We have finished the first schedule of the film, and will start the second schedule in July. I am extremely excited and hope that we put in the same amount of hard work and honesty to recreate the same magic again," she said.

Source: **IANs**



Enamul Haq (2-L) and Dilara Zaman (3-R) receive the lifetime achievement award.

**Charuniram Kahinichitra Award ceremony held at Public Library**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Charuniram Television Kahinichitra Award ceremony was held at Shawkat Osman auditorium of Central Public Library in the capital on April 1 evening.

Charuniram has been organising the award since 2009 to promote one-hour television plays through a festival and award ceremony.

In line with the previous years, an eight-day festival was held in March. The fest featured 30 one-hour television plays which went on air in 2015 on different channels. Among the screened plays, 60 artistes and crew were nominated for awards in 12 categories. This year 12 people, including artistes and crew, received the award.

Azad Abul Kalam has won the Best Actor Award, while the Best Actress Award went to Nusrat Imroze Tisha. Tobarak Hossain Bhuiyan bagged the award for Best Writer, while Sujat Shimul won Best Emerging Actor. Imraul Rafat won Best Emerging Director Award, while Golam Sohrab won the Best Director.

Mesbah Uddin received an award for screenplay, while Moyukh Bari and Neel Kamrul won trophies for editing and background music respectively.

"Adharer Reen" was nominated as Best Screenplay. Veteran actor Dilara Zaman and Enamul Haq won the Lifetime Achievement Awards.

A large number of celebrities attended the award ceremony on Friday evening.

**Ustad Sunil Dhar's 83rd birthday celebrated**

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The 83rd birth anniversary of classical music maestro Ustad Sunil Kumar Dhar was celebrated on March 28 by his students at his Aatharabari Road residence in the town.

The students of the maestro performed on the occasion, among others. Dhar delighted the audience with a live performance as well.

Dhar was fortunate to receive lessons from the legendary classical music guru Ustad Allauddin Khan when the latter was residing at the palace of Muktagacha zamindars, in 1952.

The dedicated Dhar also took lessons from another guru, Jagadananda Barua, on Dhrupad and Dhamar.

Sunil Dhar was honoured with 'Sangeet Bhashkar' title by Dhruba Parishad and a gold medal from Art Council in 1958. Sandipon Sangskritik Sangstha, Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad and Nazrul Sena, Mymensingh also honoured the artiste.

A regular performer on BTV and Bangladesh Betar, during his long innings, Dhar performed with reputed artistes of both Bangladesh and India.

Founder principal of Mymensingh Nazrul Academy (since 1966) and president of Dhruba Parishad Mymensingh unit, he was also associated with Mymensingh Shilpakala Academy and Muktagacha Sangeet Vidyalaya.



**First look at Cumberbatch's "Dr. Strange" Set images show superhero action in NYC**



A few glimpses of Doctor Strange in action were revealed last November, when Benedict Cumberbatch and Chiwetel Ejiofor were spotted filming in Nepal. While Ejiofor was in full Baron Mordo gear at the time, Cumberbatch was still in civilian gear. Then in December came the EW cover story, with Cumberbatch all gussied up in Strange's gear — impossibly high collar, Eye of Agamotto, and all. But now, after filming for a significant time at the Pinewood Shepperton Studios outside London, Doctor Strange has gone back on location, this time on the streets of New York City, and the first look of Cumberbatch's fully costumed Sorcerer Supreme mode in action is finally out.

The psychedelic entry into Marvel's catalogue is directed by Scott Derrickson from a script by Jon Spaihts. Doctor Strange also stars Mads Mikkelsen as an evil "sorcerer who breaks off into his own sect," Rachel McAdams as "a fellow surgeon that has a history with Strange," Tilda Swinton as the gender-swapped Ancient One, and Benedict Wong as Strange's trusted associate, Wong, as well as Michael Stuhlbarg, Scott Adkins, and Amy Landecker in undisclosed roles.

The movie is set for a North American release on November 4.

Source: **Collider**



On Saturday (April 2), well-known Swiss performer and choreographer Gregory Stauffer presented "Walking", a contemporary dance show at Goethe-Institut in the capital. The show was brought to Dhaka by the Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh in collaboration with Pro Helvetia – Swiss Arts Council and hosted by Gregory Stauffer also conducted a workshop on April 3 at Goethe-Institut, which was attended by 20 young dancers from Bangladesh.