

**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



**NEWS bytes**

**Judi Dench makes Olivier history**



Dame Judi Dench was the toast of the Olivier Awards on Sunday night. The veteran actress won a record eighth Olivier for her best supporting actress role as Paulina in Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company's production of "The Winter's Tale". No one has won as many Oliviers for acting since the awards began 40 years ago.

As she collected her award she joked that she was 'livid' because she had lost a bet with her grandson. Speaking backstage about her record win, she said: "I'm rather overcome. I didn't expect it... it feels terrific."

The musical "Gypsy" won the most awards on the night for a single production. Its four prizes included best actress in a musical for Imelda Staunton, and best musical revival.

Hosted by Michael Ball, the ceremony took place at London's Royal Opera House and included a performance by singer Cyndi Lauper, whose "Kinky Boots" was named best new musical.

Source: BBC

**IN TRANSITION**

**Shahidul Islam Khokon**

A Dhallywood powerhouse bows out

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Noted filmmaker and producer Shahidul Islam Khokon is no more, but his contribution to Bangladeshi film industry will linger on.

The director, who ushered in a new era in the film industry, breathed his last on April 4 morning at a hospital in the capital's Uttara at the age of 59, losing his battle with motor neuron disease.

He was laid to rest at sector 4 in Uttara following his Janaza at BFDC.

Born in 1957 in Barisal, Khokon stepped into the film industry while he was a college student as an assistant director of noted actor-director Sohel Rana.

After working with Sohel Rana for a decade, Khokon emerged as a direc-



tor in the 1980s through his film "Rokter Bondi". Though his first and second film did not see success, Khokon made a breakthrough with his third film "Loraku" casting newcomer Rubel as the male lead.

From then his fame began soaring, as Khokon continued to make blockbuster hits for nearly two decades. His films shed light on social injustice through blending

heavy action with social realities. Khokon set a new trend in the domain of filmmaking, and played a major role in bringing back audience to cinema halls.

Some of his notable films include "Beer Purush", "Bojro Mushthi", "Biplab", "Utthan Patan", "Shontrash", "Top Rongbaj", "Shotru Bhoyongkor", "Opohoron", "Shotorko Shoytan", "Duhshahosh", "Joddha", "Ghatak", "Biswa Premik" and "Madam Phuli". His last film was "Chehara".

Khokon raised his voice against War Criminals and militancy through his films "Ghatak" and "Laal Shobuj". He also talked about women awakening through his film "Palabi Kothay" for which he had to sell his residence in Uttara.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Sohel Rana, filmmaker**

"The news of his death has stunned me. I remember the face of a college student who started working with me back then. He worked with me for many years, and later proved his talents as a successful director. It made me feel bad that Khokon did not have money for his treatment in the later part of his life."



**Suborna Mostafa, actress**

"I left film, but Khokon brought me again here. I acted in a number of his films which became successful at the box office. Khokon was a very good human being, and it's terrible to have lost him forever."



**Shimla, actress**

"I began my career Khokon's direction in 'Madam Phuli'. I could not say my last words to him. Khokon bhai has tremendous contribery dear to me. May his soul rest in peace."ution to my life. He was very dear to me. May his soul rest in peace."



Participants with their facilitator at the workshop.

**Printmaking and drawing workshop at FFA**

**A CORRESPONDENT**

A printmaking and drawing workshop is currently on at the Department of Printmaking, Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka (DU). Renowned artist Shahid Kabir is conducting the workshop.

The workshop began on March 24, and will continue till April 7. Department of Printmaking, Faculty of Fine Art of DU has organised the workshop that focuses on three media -- dry point, sugar bite and drawing. Over 50 participating students from all the departments, predominantly from the Department of Printmaking are taking part in the workshop.

"We regularly hold workshops at our department to equip students with the diverse knowledge, skills and new techniques of arts. Printmaking is an intricate approach to art as it is time-consuming and requires sophisticated process," said Anisuzzaman, Chairman of the Department of Printmaking, FFA, DU.



A CORRESPONDENT

Ongikar Natya Dal will stage their play "Ek Tara" at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at 6:30pm today. Sumona Kanjilal, journalist-writer and editor of Indian magazine Shananda has

penned the script, while Ongikar's Rajib Reza has directed it.

The troupe is set to take the play to India, to stage it at Delhi Theatre Fest on March 15.

The story of "Ek Tara" revolves around a woman in a society around a hundred years

**Ongikar's "Ek Tara" at Shilpakala today**

ago. She grows up without her parents and gets involved in the showbiz at a young age. Her inner journey and struggles of life take the plot forward.

Upoma, Rajib Reza, Ratri, Bushra, Kabir, Rupak, Rehnuma, Saif, Apon and others are in the case.

**Alia to date five men in Gauri Shinde's next**

There was news a couple of months ago that apart from Shah Rukh Khan, Ali Zafar and Kunal Kapoor will be seen romancing Alia Bhatt in Gauri Shinde's as-yet-untitled romance drama. Now, there is news that Aditya Roy Kapur and Angad Bedi have joined the cast to woo Alia, who plays a filmmaker looking for a subject for a short film. Says a source close to the film's core team, "In her quest for muses she ends up dating different men whose perspectives on life eventually reflect in the film. Aditya plays a furniture dealer and Ali a musician. Kunal is a film producer and Angad a restaurateur and her first boyfriend who owns



a suburban celebrity resto-bar which is a popular hangout for the Bollywood types."

Shah Rukh has a significant role which is integral to the narrative. "He offers her a completely different take on life and becomes her inspiration. She spends time with each of these men and takes back home something from all of them," informs the source, adding that all the four actors, with the exception of SRK, are expected to come together for an important sequence.

The film will be mostly shot in Goa with a few portions in Mumbai.

Source: **Mumbai Mirror**

**IT'S TRUE!**

**Swift, Bieber take spotlight at iHeart Music Awards**

Israeli actress Gal Gadot had auditioned to be a Bon Girl, in "Quantam of Solace", but the role (Camile Montes) eventually went to Olga Kurylenko. Instead, the actress was able to join "Fast & Furious" and jumpstarted her career in a completely different way. Quite a few years later, Gadot would have her redemption, when she beat out Kurylenko for the role of Diana Princess aka Wonder Woman in the DC Cinematic Universe, debuting in "Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice". The tough girl has served in the Israeli Army for two years, and is an avid motorbike fan.



The iHeartRadio Music Awards assembled an impressive array of big-name acts for its third edition Sunday at the Forum in Inglewood, California, with Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift and Adele among the evening's big winners.

The show kicked off with a dynamic performance by Jason Derulo, who danced around fans and the stage to a mashup of this year's most popular hits.

Shortly after, Justin Bieber took the stage, or rather took place among the audience, with an acoustic version of "Love Yourself" and the moved into a full out version of "Company".

Fetty Wap and his dirt bike squad appeared in a video intro that turned into the "Trap Queen" singer's live solo performance of "Again" on stage.

Calvin Harris received the award for "Dance Artist of the Year" and thanked Diplo and Skrillex, saying what they do for music is "incredibly inspiring." Skrillex and Diplo were both nominated as a unit in the "Dance Song of the Year" and Diplo was also nominated under Major Lazer for that same category. Diplo was then able to take the stage for his win for "Dance Song of the Year" with Justin Bieber and Skrillex for "Where R ü Now".

Demi Lovato performed a stripped-down version of her song "Stone Cold" that relied on booming vocals and Brad Paisley's exceptional guitar skills.

Justin Timberlake presented the inaugural Best Tour award to Taylor Swift, hilariously mispronouncing her name before honouring her by calling her a "touring sensation" who's won "250 awards to date."

"In Sydney, Taylor brought together 76,000 fans," he said. "Taylor chooses to knock down walls and invites everyone to be in her #squad,"



Bieber performs at the ceremony; Taylor Swift strikes a pose with Bono and The Edge.



he added, listing her impressive list of 48 tour guests, including Julia Roberts and Kobe Bryant.

Chris Brown sang "Liquor," "Back to Sleep" and "Wrist" from his new album "Royalty" in a dynamic performance that was perfectly in sync with the night's trend of active showcases that traveled from one area of the arena to the other.

Another video tribute went to U2, who picked up the Innovator Award. Bono and The Edge accepted the award on behalf of the band. "We are still in our high school band,

from Houston. Iggy Azalea capped off the night by performing her new single "Team."

The night's biggest winner was Taylor Swift, who took home four awards, including Album of the Year. She thanked iHeartRadio for playing all the songs off of her album "1989." Swift was followed closely by Justin Bieber with three awards. Adele, meanwhile, took one of the biggest awards of the night, Song of the Year, with her record-shattering "Hello".

Source: **Variety**