

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

Boishakh Utshab 1423
 Organiser: Bengal Foundation
 Venue: Bengal Shilpakala, Dhanmondi
 Date: April 9-13
 Time: 7pm daily

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

NEWS bytes

Charlize Theron Joins "Fast 8"

Charlize Theron has officially joined the cast "Fast 8", the next installment in Universal's long-running "Fast and Furious" franchise, sources confirmed to Variety.
 Details behind the role are vague, but she's expected to be playing some sort of villain. The studio went to the star early for the role, but because the script was still being written, Theron did not want to commit to anything until a finished draft was completed.



The latest installment begins production this summer with a planned April 14, 2017, release. Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Tyrese Gibson and Michelle Rodriguez will reprise their roles, with F Gary Gray taking over the directing reins.
 Theron can be seen next in "The Huntsman: Winter's War" as well as "Brain on Fire" opposite Chloe Moretz.

Source: Variety



JKNIU students busy at the studio.

PHOTO: STAR

PAHELA BAISHAKH prep in full swing at JKKNIU

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh
 Preparation for the traditional Mongol Shobhajatra rally, marking the celebrations of Pehela Baishakh, the Bengali New Year 1423, is on at Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU), a culture based university in Trishal of Mymensingh.
 The students of Fine Arts Department of the university are in hectic preparation for the traditional rally. "To accompany the New Year shaking off all unwanted matters of the previous years, we are passing busy days now to make the traditional celebrations a success," said working students.
 The rally will feature natural and traditional elements of rural Bangla, said teachers and students of the department.
 The students of the department are making images of different traditional items like decorated pots, traditional dolls, birds, animal

including horse, hare, monkey and different musical instruments at the department premises to add more colour to the traditional procession scheduled to be brought out from the campus in the morning marking the celebrations, university sources said.
 Senior students of the department and their teachers - Safin Omar and Masum Hawlader - are leading the preparations.
 "We are trying our best to make the traditional procession more flamboyant than the previous years, using the past experience and proper guidance rendered by beloved teachers", said Didarul Hossain Limon, a masters student of the department, while talking to this correspondent.
 Tapon Kumar Sarker, head of Fine Arts Department said the preparation for traditional rally will be completed in due time. Some 400 traditional masks of different images will be included in the rally to make it more vibrant, said Tapon Kumar.
 The students of Fine Arts

Department will also organise a fanush (sky lantern) festival, lighting lamps and fireworks on 'Chaitra Sankranti', the last day of the Bengali Year 1422, sources said.
 Meanwhile, JKKNIU authority has taken daylong programmes marking the celebrations. The day's programmes include arranging of traditional games and sports, staging of drama by the artistes of Natyakala (theatre) Department and cultural function by Music Department of the university.
 People of adjacent areas, irrespective to caste, creed and religions, join the rally every year in festive mood.
 The vice-chancellor of JKKNIU, Prof. Dr. Mohit Ul Alam said the shape of the traditional rally will be big this year as more traditional items have been included.
 "We hope to observe the day with new flurry of festivities and celebrations involving the people of local areas", said the vice-chancellor.

"Goray Golod" enchants audience at BSA Padatik's festival enters third day

SAURAV DEY
 On the opening evening of Syed Badruddin Hossain Smirit Natyotsab, a big audience enjoyed two popular theatre productions—"Goray Golod" and "Dewan Gazir Kissa".
 Organised by Padatik Natya Sangsad, the five-day festival was inaugurated on April 7 evening at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.
 Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of the Parliament, inaugurated the festival as chief guest in presence of other distinguished guests from the theatre arena and the cultural fraternity.
 Following the inauguration ceremony, Indian troupe Kalyani Natyacharcha Kendra staged their much acclaimed production "Goray Golod" at the National Theatre Hall.
 The play retains the same title of Rabindranath Tagore's comedy, and has been adapted and directed by Arun Mukhopadhyay and Kishore Sengupta respectively.
 "Goray Golod" hilariously brings forth the weakening moral of the society through a comedy of errors. Indumoti and Nimai fall in love at their first encounter, but due to an error in their introduction phase, they suffer a lot. On the other hand, Binod Bihari marries a woman without seeing her, only to regret later.
 The play thoroughly entertained the audience through its humour, accompanied with witty dialogues and charismatic acting prowess of the entire cast.
 Swapan Paul, Anupam Chakraborty, Dipankar Das, Farhad Ali Mondal, Tanmoy Dutta, Partho Protim Bhattacharya, Niloy Nath, Otonu Sarkar, Payel Chakraborty, Suparna Mitra, Papia Dasm Arpita Mondal and others don different avatars in the play.
 Meanwhile, at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Nagorik Natya Sampradaya staged their classic play "Dewan Gazir Kissa".
 On April 8, Padatik staged their much-acclaimed production "Kaalratri" at the National Theatre Hall, and Mohakal Natya Sampradaya staged "Neelakhyan" at the Experimental Theatre Hall.
 Today, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy's repertory troupe will stage "Moolsnook" at the National Theatre Hall, while Arshinagar will stage "Shey Raate Purnima Chhilo" at the Experimental Theatre Hall.



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ENTER EMMA A GLOBAL STAR IN THE SUPER CHEF KITCHEN



Contestants line up to watch an Emma Dean demonstration.

PHOTO: RASHAD AHAMAD

M H HAIDER
 In the beginning of this week, Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2016 welcomed the celebrated Emma Dean, winner of the fifth season of MasterChef Australia. The judges and the participants alike greeted her with much fervour as she entered the kitchen on a bicycle.
 Emma Dean is someone who wears many hats. The chef cap is not the only 'hat' she wears: she is also an avid cyclist. So, the passion and pace and living life colourfully is the least we can say about her. And the last episode has been a clear testament to that.
 The very amicable Emma shared her tricks and insights - of cooking and of life at large - with the Super Chef contestants.
 Emma took a class for the participants where she taught how to properly cook steak; different variations of it. Steak is a delicacy for us all. Cooking steak is nothing short of an art, with different people preferring different

types and variants. Needless to say, it takes a lot of practice to master them, and the MasterChef dove into the dynamics of the culinary game, demonstrating how everything from temperature of the meat to the temperament of the cook comes to play.
 Earlier this week, the Australian chef had bestowed a lot of wisdom among the participants. Now, tonight, it is up to them to prove whether they can use the wisdom to move a step closer to the Super Chef crown.
 Actually, the previous episode went rather easy and tension-free for the contestants: it was not an elimination round. Since when did the Super Chef kitchen become so trouble-free?
 So, come tonight, Emma Dean is going to join the panel of judges for an elimination round. Let the show begin!
 First, putting on the Super Chef apron, she is going to make a very special dish - a distinctive, highly complicated affair that requires several

crucial steps. She is going to demonstrate the recipe by preparing the dish herself, and then, the contestants will have to replicate it.
 Don't undermine the idea of replication, for it takes a lot of humility and intelligence to properly 'copy' an artwork. See tonight how the contestants hurdle around Emma - seeing her work, scribbling notes and asking questions.
 Given the level of complexity of the dish, the contestants need more than firm hands to excel; a few mistakes here and there are inevitable. But someone needs to be waved goodbye.
 After an episode without the fear of getting fired from the kitchen, it is again an elimination round. For one contestant, it will be the last night at this kitchen.
 So, keep your fingers crossed and pray for your favourite participant as you watch tonight's episode. Tune into ntv every Saturday and Sunday 9pm to see the stories unfold. Flip to page 5 to take part in the Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef quiz!

SALMAN to star in Kabir Khan's next

Filmmaker Kabir Khan has revealed he is collaborating with superstar Salman Khan for the third time on his next project, which will release on Eid 2017.
 The director had earlier said that he was in talks with the superstar and Hrithik Roshan for the said project, as he was keen to have either of them and it looks like the hit team of "Ek Tha Tiger" and "Bajrangi Bhaijaan" is back. The filmmaker tweeted a selfie

with Bollywood's 'Bhaijaan' on Thursday, and captioned it: "Yes... We are coming back ... Eid 2017 :-)"
 Both their previous outings have been box-office blockbusters, increasing anticipation among the audience about the new film.
 Details about the yet-untitled project are not known so far.

Source: PTI



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