

WHAT'S ON
Solo Art Exhibition
Boisakh and Reinterpretation of Indigenous Art
Artist: Samina Nafis
Venue: AFD
Date: April 12-25
Time: 3-9pm



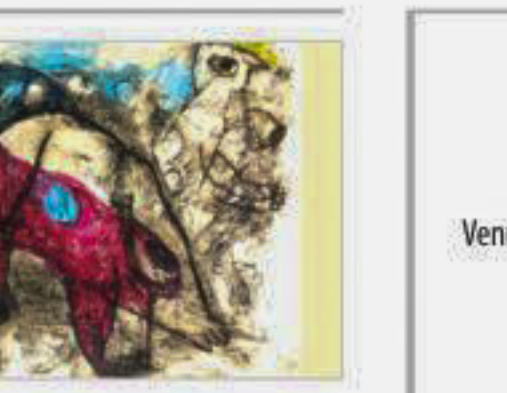
Solo Photography Exhibition
Title: A piece of whisper
Photographer: Fahad Al Alam
Venue: 60E, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani
Date: April 16-29
Time: 5:30-9:00 pm



Group Photography Exhibition
Title: On the Margins by Philip Gain & Others
Venue: DRiK Gallery, Dhamondi
Date: April 17-21
Time: 3-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: "When Drawing Speaks"
Venue: Kalakendra, 1/11, Iqbal Road (3rd floor), Mohammadpur
Date: April 16-26
Time: 5pm - 8:30pm



Group Watercolour Exhibition
Title: Water Rhymes - 3
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara
Date: April 16-27
Time: 11am-7:30pm



PAHELA BAISHAKH CELEBRATED COUNTRYWIDE

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPI, Pabna
As Bengalees across the nation celebrated Pahela Baishakh, mentally-challenged patients undergoing treatment in 500-bed Pabna Mental Hospital for the first time joined the festivities, to welcome the Bangla New Year at the hospital premises.
Thanks to initiatives by hospital authorities. The patients performed music and dance at the Baishakhi programme held at the auditorium in Pabna mental hospital on Thursday morning. A discussion featured on the occasion, addressed among the director of Pabna Mental Hospital Dr. Tonmoy Prokash Bishwas, Superintendent Dr. Karik Chandra, Residential medical officer Dr. Dilara Akter spoke on the occasion.
"Mentally-challenged people prove themselves time and again if they get the chance, and it was proved again through this programme," Bishwas said.
Staff of the hospital also joined the patients

of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari -- joined the festival.
"The indigenous communities living in CHT have greatly enriched the collective culture of Bangladesh", said a tourist who joined in the programme from America.
Sangrain, which began on April 12, concluded yesterday.
AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh
Flamboyant cultural functions marked Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bangla New Year 1423. Artistes of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilon Parishad organised a cultural show marking the occasion at town's Municipal Park 'Baishakhi Mancha'. Artistes of the parishad opened their day's programme with the Tagore song "Esho Hey Baishakh Esho Esho" followed by other songs, dance and poetry performed by the artistes of the parishad.
Artistes of Mymensingh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi also organised musical soiree at

observed in Barisal with various colourful programmes and enthusiasm, bidding farewell to outgoing 1422 and welcoming Bangla New Year 1423. Charukala Barisal organised traditional Mongol Shobhajatra from City College campus on the morning of April 14. Udichi Barisal unit also arranged a rally from BM School. Barisal University conducted a separate Mongol Shobhajatra at its main campus.
A three-day Baishakhi fair and festivals and cultural functions were also arranged by Udichi at BM School ground on the occasion.
Shabdaboli Group Theatre at Barisal central Shahid Minar, Chander Haat at Barisal TB Clinic field, Planet World Children Park at park premises and local businessmen at Hatkhola also arranged Chaitra Sangkranti, Baishakhi Mela and cultural programmes from April 13-15.
ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj
Pahela Baishakh was celebrated in Manikganj



Grandsons of Runa Laila record a patriotic song: PM gives a thumbs up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Eminent singer Runa Laila's grandsons, eight-year-old Aaron and 12-year-old Zain who live in the UK recently recorded a patriotic Bangla song, "I Love My Bangladesh", along with two other Bangladeshi expatriate children Najwa and Zayna.
The diva along with her daughter Tani Laila Islam, grandsons Aaron and Zain and husband actor Alamgir went to Gonobhaban on April 13 to present the CD to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
"The Prime Minister received the CD and wrote her blessings on it. My grand-

sons rendered the song and the premier listened to the song with patience. I am grateful to her that she inspired singers of the forthcoming generations who will move our country forward with their musical prowess. I am very happy, proud and honoured that our premier has motivated my grandsons immensely," said Runa Laila.
The song is written by Sudip Kumar Dip, and composed and arranged by Raja Kaasheff. Minhaj Kibriya has shot and directed the video for the song, which is expected to air on Bangladesh TV channels soon.



Kite festival in Manikganj (L) and water festival in Bandarban mark Pahela Baishakh celebration. PHOTO: STAR

in the cultural programmes, which featured Baishakhi and patriotic songs.
SANJOY KUMAR BARUA, Bandarban
Traditional Maitree Pani Barshan (Water Festival) programme of indigenous Marma community of Bandarban hill district starts amid festivity marking Sangrain festival in hills.
Many tourists from home and abroad gathered in the district town to celebrate the programme. Foreign tourists also took part in the merriment.
Chairman of Bandarban Hill District Council, Kwe Shwe Hla inaugurated the two-day programme at Bandarban Rajar Math area on Friday afternoon. Utsab Udjapan Parishad along with Marma Shilpi Gosti, a local cultural organisation, held elaborate programmes to celebrate Sangrain, marking the New Year.
Cultural programmes and traditional indigenous games were celebrated on the occasion.
A large number of enthusiastic locals -- along with Marmas from the three hill districts

Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala premises, on the bank of Old Brahmaputra River.
Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) authority took a daylong cultural programme marking the celebrations. Artistes of Music Department of the university led the cultural shows. Members of Theatre and Performance Studies of JKKNIU also staged a drama marking the celebrations. Cultural programmes was also held at the 'Baishakhi Mancha' on the campus of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU).
Mymensingh district Shilpakala Academy, Shishu Academy, Mymensingh Sangeet Bidhalaya, Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala, Alokmoynaha Sangeet Bidhyatan, Mukul Niketan Sangskritik Academy and Novice Foundation organised separate cultural programmes to receive the New Year.
SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal
Chaitra Sangkranti and Pahela Baishakh were

with cultural functions, colourful rally and discussion. Manikganj district administration organized the programmes on Thursday.
The colourful rally was brought out from the Bijoy mela ground at around 9:30am. Manikganj deputy commissioner Rashida Fedaus led the rally, which paraded the town streets.
A cultural function was held at Chhayabithi Mancha on Manikganj deputy commissioner's office premises later. Artistes of Manikganj district units of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangladesh Shishu Academy, artists of Sangskritik Biplobi Sangha and Saptasur Sangeet Academy performed chorus songs at the function. Artistes of Mukul Nriyagram staged Geetinatya 'Mohua Sundari' Children of Shishu Academy recited poems in chorus.
Manikganj district Bar Association also organised discussion and cultural programmes at its premises. Judge Hasina Rowshan Jahan, Manikganj Zila parishad administrator advocate Golam Mohiuddin, Manikgan Bar president advocate Khalulur Rahman and its secretary AKM Azizul Haque addressed the programme.

Freida Pinto returns to Mumbai Multi-starrer to deal with sex trafficking

Tabrez Noorani, the Indian producer of "Slumdog Millionaire", will kick off his directorial debut, "Love Sonia" this month in and around Mumbai, which will reunite him with his Latika, Freida Pinto.
Inspired by real events and written by Ted Caplan and Alkesh Vaja, the film is about a young Indian village girl whose life changes irrevocably when she is trapped in the vicious global sex trade network.
The film will be in Hindi with a smattering of Mandarin and English as the action moves to Hong Kong for two days and Los Angeles for a week. It also features Manoj Bajpayee, Richa Chadha, Anupam Kher, Adil Hussain, Rajkumar Rao and Sai Tamhankar with casting still in progress. The title role is being played by Mrunal Thakur, who was selected after a year-long countrywide search from amongst 1,500 aspirants. In the process they also found Riya Sisodiya who plays her older sister Preeti. Oscar winning sound mixer and designer Resul Pookutty is also part of the project.
David Womark, the Academy Award nominated producer of "Life of Pi", is producing the film. He plans to wrap up "Love Sonia" in LA by June and is targeting an India release in 2017.
Source: **Mumbai Mirror**



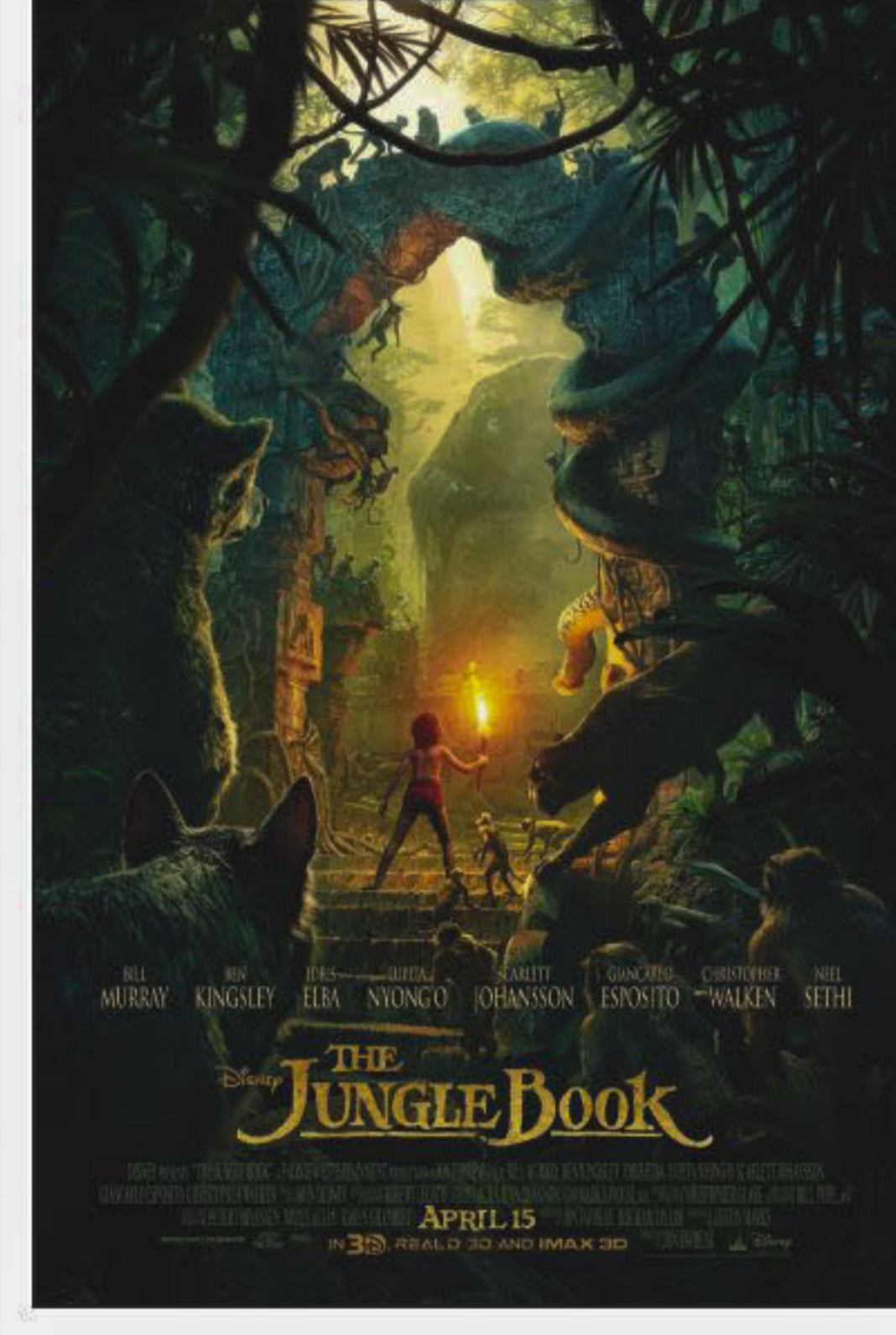
Leela Samson to perform in Dhaka Bharatanatyam exponent par excellence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prominent Bharatanatyam exponent from India Leela Samson and her group Spanda are all set to perform in Dhaka, and hold a workshop. Shadhona and Srishti Cultural Center, in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), have organised the programmes.
From April 21-23, the group will present a three-day Bharatanatyam Festival titled "Roop Bahulya", and conduct a Bharatanatyam dance workshop from April 24-28 at BSA.
On the first day of the festival, Leela and her group Spanda will present Bharatanatyam with accompanying musicians at the National Theatre Hall Auditorium of BSA from 6:30 pm. The next day, for the 49th presentation of "Nupur Beje Jai", Leela and Spanda will creatively explore group dynamics within the Bharatanatyam genre. The performance will be staged at the main auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum from 6:30pm. On April 23, the troupe will be present a creative dia-

logue between music, dance and stagecraft within the Bharatanatyam genre at the same venue.
There will be different performances on all three days. All performances are ticketed. Tickets are available online at jetechno.com.
Bharatanatyam dancer, choreographer, instructor and writer, Leela Samson is known for her technical virtuosity, and has taught Bharatanatyam at Shriram Bhartiya Kala Kendra in Delhi for many years.
She has served as the chairperson of the Sangeet Natak Akademi and as the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (an autonomous body that censors and certifies films in India, including Bollywood movies). In 1995, Samson formed Spanda, a dance group to review the traditional vocabulary of Bharatanatyam. Two documentary films -- "Sanchari" and "The Flowering Tree" -- have been made on her works. Samson was conferred the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour of India, in 1990.

Kev Hart, Dwayne Johnson circling "Jumanji" reboot

Sony is getting closer to rebooting a Robin Williams classic with two of the busiest actors in town. Sources tell Variety Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart are in early talks to star in Sony's "Jumanji", a new adaptation of Chris Van Allsburg's original 1981 adventure book.
Schedules are still being worked out, as both Johnson and Hart have heavy production loads ahead, but insiders say things are moving toward a deal.
Johnson has an opening this fall with his New Line film "Rampage" possibly shifting to 2017. The plan would be to shoot "Jumanji" before the third season of his HBO series "Ballers". Johnson will also shoot "Fast 8" this summer, reprising his role of Agent Hobbs.
Hart is expected to shoot "The Intouchables" remake for Weinstein this summer opposite Bryan Cranston, and according to sources, working out this part of the schedule could prove difficult.
The pair showed great chemistry after co-hosting the MTV Movie Awards, and with anticipation high for their upcoming New Line action comedy "Central Intelligence", Sony sees this as the perfect opportunity to pair the two up again for a tentpole.
Jake Kasdan is on board to direct with Matt Tolmach producing. The film set to bow on July 28, 2017.
The reboot's script has been written by Scott Rosenberg and Jeff Pinkner.
The 1995 "Jumanji" movie starred Williams, Kirsten Dunst, David Alan Grier, Bonnie Hunt, Jonathan Hyde and Bebe Neuwirth. The story centers on a 12-year-old boy who becomes trapped in a board game in 1969 and is released 26 years later.
Source: **Variety**



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