



## “Oggatonama” gets nominated at Gulf of Naples Independent Film Festival

Tauquir Ahmed's "Oggatonama" (The Unnamed) was recently selected as a nominee for the Best Fiction Feature at the Gulf of Naples Independent Film Festival. Aimed to promote and circulate cinema of all kinds, foster discussion between various branches of learning, and provide a space for the cinematic arts and other disciplines to engage with each other and grow, the festival will kick off its second edition on

May 12th and it is a great achievement for the film and the Bangladeshi film industry, which has been gaining foothold in the international film circuit in recent years.

With a star studded cast, the film is expected to gain good reactions at the festival. Fazlur Rahman Babu, Nipun, Shahiduzzaman Selim are few of the stars appearing in the venture among many others.

## ZAHID HASSAN on the Big Screen

After 5 years, Zahid Hassan is slated to appear on the big screen once again in Iftekhar Chowdhury's upcoming film "Bijlee." Asked about what role the veteran actor will play, the director only said that it's a guest role of a person with a calm temperament. Any further revelations will only be seen on screen.

Also appearing on screen will be West Bengal's famed actress Shatabdi Roy, along with actress Bobby, who plays the titular role. Dhallywood veterans Iliyas Kanchan, Ahmed Rubel, Dilara Zaman, and Shimul Khan will also grace various roles in "Bijlee."

Zahid Hassan, who made his silver screen debut 30 years ago in Abdul Latif Bacchu's "Bolban," was last seen in the film "Projapoti."



## AURTHOHIN Releases Announced

Aurthohin, one of the most prolific rock bands of Bangladesh, headed by the maestro of the bass guitar, aptly titled Bassbaba, has recently announced their full schedule of releases for the upcoming year. The band's 7th studio album, titled "Cancer er Nishikabbo", will be released this June followed by Bassbaba Sumon's solo bass instrumental "Soul Food" in September.

Another duet album, a follow up to Sumon & Anila, named "Sumon & Anila 2" will be released towards the end of the year in December. The announcements came from Bassbaba Sumon's Facebook profile and he also announced a release for a guitar and bass instrumental album collaborating with recently popular fingerstyle guitarist Mahaan Fahim. The album, "Coffee Cloud from Bangladesh" is announced to be released on February 2017.

The band will also release 8 music videos throughout this year, starting from this May, so all the Aurthohin fans out there, gear up. The band's back and it's going to take you on one hell of a ride.



## VINCENT MEYER

World Music Quartet to perform tonight

Vincent Meyer is a French singer, guitarist, and composer who is currently living in Bangladesh. Vincent had always wanted to try writing songs which could combine the support of a bass guitar and a tabla. He was also very keen to have a feminine vocal back-up. In the course of playing in this country, Vincent was able to achieve all three of his aims! The result is the Vincent Meyer World Music Quartet which features himself on

guitar and vocals, Humayra on back-up vocals, Arif with the bass guitar, and Sanjib playing the tabla.

They're scheduled to play at the Red Shift Lounge tonight at 7pm, so those of you interested should rush to see if any tickets are left over. The audience present may be privileged to witness a new genre of music: French Chanson and Bengali Folk in marvelous fusion!