

WHAT'S ON

Concert
Let it Be: A Mellow Trip
Organiser: InstruRave
Venue: Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 5; Time: 3pm

Art Exhibition
Intimate Fears
Artist: Anisuzzaman Sohel
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
Date: May 7-June 4; Time: 12-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Retrospective
Artist: Abus Shakoor
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery
Date: May 1-15
Time: 12-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Summer in Colour
Artist: Nobo Kumar Bhadra
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: April 29-May 14
Time: 3-9pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Eternal Affection
Artist: Sheikh Afzal
Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: April 16-May 7
Time: 10am-8pm

NEWS bytes



Michael Fassbender to play serial killer

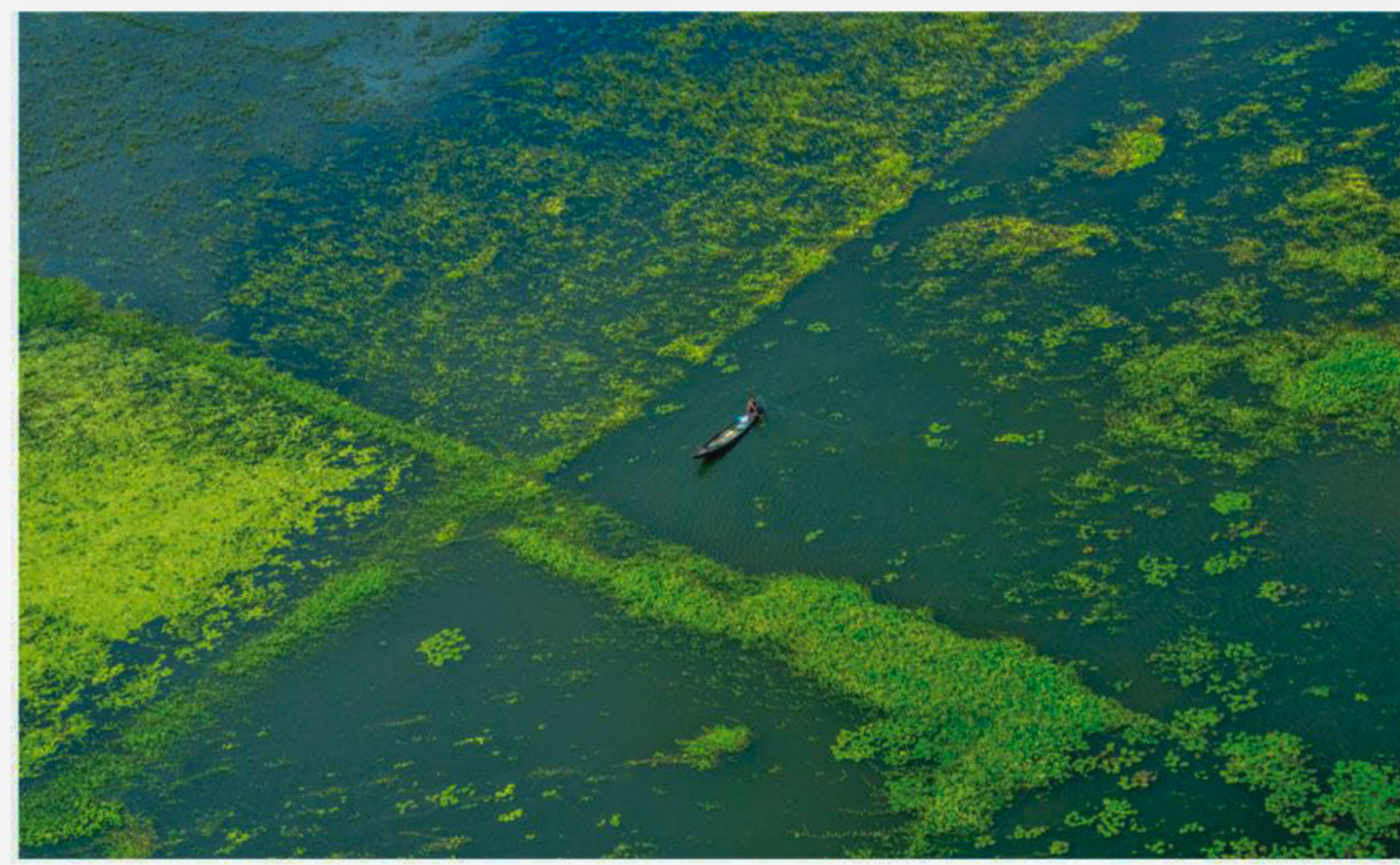
Michael Fassbender is in talks to star as a serial killer in Broad Green Pictures' "Entering Hades" with Storyscape Entertainment and Fassbender's DMC Film producing. "Entering Hades" is based on John Leake's true crime novel about Jack Unterweger, a celebrated Austrian journalist and best-selling author who led a double life investigating murders by day and killing by night - amassing a body count of 11 people across multiple continents. Alexander Dinelaris, who won a Best Original Screenplay Oscar as one of the four screenwriters on "Birdman," is rewriting the screenplay with Fassbender eyed to star. "With Bob and Richard's vision and Michael's keen ability to bring captivating characters to the big screen, we are confident that 'Entering Hades' will be an entertaining thriller that draws a big audience," said Gabriel and Daniel Hammond, CEO of Broad Green Pictures.

"Blackbird's Eye: Bangladesh & Beyond" at Drik

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Photographer and Bangladesh Air Force pilot Shamim Shorif Susom's first solo photography exhibition "Blackbird's Eye: Bangladesh & Beyond" will begin today at Drik Gallery in the capital's Dhanmondi. The inauguration ceremony will take place at 3pm. Air Chief Marshal Abu Esrar, the Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force along with his wife will inaugurate the exhibition. In addition, photographers Latif Hossain,

Sayed Siddiqui, and noted sculptor Ferdousi Priyabhashini will attend the inauguration ceremony among others. Being an air force pilot, Susom has seen the country from a different perspective. His exhibition depicts the beauty of Bangladesh from above where the normal eye cannot reach. The exhibit will feature flowing rivers and lush countryside of Bangladesh captured from above. In addition, there will also be travel photographs and portraits from his travels to

Europe, West Africa and South Asia. Shamim Shorif Susom is a known name in the country's photography arena. He is involved with photography for a long time, and has participated in 19 exhibitions in home and abroad so far. He is an organiser of photography group Grasshoppers. The exhibit will run till May 7 everyday from 3pm to 8pm at Drik. Acclaimed fashion photographer Zia Uddin has curated the exhibit.



GHRAAN wins big at Dadasaheb Phalke Festival

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Kamrul Ahsan Lenin's debut film "Ghraan" ("The Smell") has won the Best Short Film Award at the 6th Dadasaheb Phalke Film Festival 2016, held in New Delhi on April 30. The non-profit, non-commercial film festival, established in 2011 with a mission to celebrate the cinema and work of aspiring, young, independent and professional filmmakers. Lenin's film competed with submissions from different countries to emerge victorious. "Ghraan" is a nostalgic episode in the life of established businessman Ahkam (played by Tauquir Ahmed). One day, while stuck in traffic on a highway, he takes a different route which revives child-

hood memories. The moving imageries of his childhood days, unfulfilled desires, friendships, relationships and unfulfilled dreams make Ahkam emotional. He remembers his father, and compares his fatherhood with his late father's. The film leads to the discovery of a complex reality and perception of a father set against the backdrop of Ahkam's innocent childhood memories. The story has been written by Masudul Haque, while Tanveer Alam Swajeeb has done the music. The film, made with a government grant, is waiting to be released after certification by the censor board. The film casts Tauquir Ahmed in the lead role, alongside other characters including Saberi Alam, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Nirzhar Ahsan, Angona Islam, and others.

Films are larger than life ... Shaded Ali

Entering the film arena as an assistant director, Shaded Ali has doubled up as an actor. A theatre actor associated with theatre troupe Prachyanat, Shaded has done a good number of films over the last couple of years, and received much acclaim for his roles. The Daily Star recently caught up with him. Here's how the conversation went:



How did you venture into direction?
Shaded Ali: Aside from continuing theatre, I worked as an assistant director for a long time before foraying into television and film acting. I assisted Goutam Ghose in "Moner Manush" and other documentaries, Giasuddin Selim in "Monpura" and in other films. From there on I developed good equations with directors.

Tell us about your films.
Shaded Ali: I have done seven films, including the recently released "Shankhachil". Goutam Ghose wanted to rope me in as an assistant director but I didn't have enough time for that. So, he offered me a small role instead. It was an offer I couldn't refuse because it gave me an opportunity to work with a director of great stature. Another film, Touquir Ahmed's "Ogyatonama" awaits release. The film will premiere at Marques de Film at Festival de Cannes 2016. Also I played a key role in "Kaler Putul" which will air soon.

What roles do you go for?
Shaded Ali: I prefer roles that are opposite my

real persona-- unusual negative roles.

Which medium--film or television-- has greater impact?
Shaded Ali: Television is my profession, but films have more influence than television. Films are larger than life.

What do you aspire for?
Sahed Ali: I want to grow as an actor and be an established film actor. At the same time I am interesting in filmmaking, and film direction holds a special appeal for me.

What is the present scene in the film industry?
Shaded Ali: It is in a chaotic state. The situation will improve if the government take initiatives to revive the film industry. If one wants to promote a cinema hall, one has to think about the huge taxes involved. But if the government waives taxes on cinema halls, there will be many takers and audience will go to halls as well. There is sizable audience for films but we do not have sufficient halls to accommodate them.

Meril-Prothom Alo Award Red Carpet on Maasranga TV

A CORRESPONDENT
The 18th Meril-Prothom Alo Award 2015 took place at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital on April 28. The star-studded event was marked by glamorous presence of television and film star. The red carpet of the programme will air on Maasranga Television tonight at 9:20pm. Hosted by Rumman Rashid Khan and Mounmita, the programme has been produced by Moniruzzaman Khan.



Nayeem and Nadia on the red carpet.

Sharmili Ahmed turns TV host



A CORRESPONDENT
Sharmili Ahmed has found success in every platform of the show business that she has ventured into - TV, films and even adverts. Now, the talented actress is putting on a new hat: that of a TV presenter. Marking the upcoming Mother's Day (May 8), Sharmili will take on the host's seat on Ekushey TV's special programme "Amar Ma Amar Prithibi". Four popular actresses of today - Farzana Chumki, Richi Solaiman, Deepa Khandakar and Azmeri Haque Badhon, will be the featured guests on her show. Sharmili Ahmed can currently be seen in a number of TV serials - "Akasher Opore Akash", "Bolo Shesher Gaan" and "Bakshobondi" on ntv, "Shob Pakhi Ghore Phirey" on Boishakhi Television and "High Society" on Asian TV.

Varun-Alia are back to enthrall fans



After "Humpty Sharma ki Dulhaniya", Varun Dhawan and Alia Bhatt are back together on screen for the sequel "Badrinath Ki Dulhaniya". The first look of the film was unveiled on Twitter yesterday. The couple has united for the

third time after their debut film "Student of the Year" and "Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhaniya". The movie which is being produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions will see the on screen couple spread the magic of their love once again. Like the first part of the film, this

one too will showcase them in an Indian look. The teaser features Alia as a simple 'Dulhaniya' in a salwar suit who walks in a fair as his lover Varun comes on a bike and woos her.

Source: Indian Express

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