

**WHAT'S ON**  
**20th Young Artist Art Exhibit**  
 Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Venue: National Art Gallery, BSA  
 Date: May 26- June 9  
 Time: 11am-8pm



**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: "MA"  
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos, H-115, Lane-6, New DOHS, Mohakhali  
 Date: May 13-June 15  
 Time: 12 noon - 8pm



**Workshop/Concert**  
 Heart of Darkness  
 Artist: Bodhiswatta Ghosh Trio  
 Venue: EMK Center  
 Date: June 6; Time: 4:30pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
 Title: Vihimimis' [Missing Credit]  
 Artist: Dr. Firoz Mahmud  
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi  
 Date: 4-14 June  
 Time: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM



**Photography Exhibition**  
 Life, Light & Chaos  
 Photographer: Joy K Roy  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
 Date: May 27-June 10  
 Time: 3pm-9pm



**NEWS bytes**

**Rock am Ring suspended after storm**

A rock festival in western Germany was suspended Saturday, after scores of people were injured in a lightning storm and forecasters predicted more severe weather. Paramedics said more than 70 people were hospitalised after a storm struck the Rock am Ring festival late Friday at a former airfield near Mendig. Organisers urged tens of thousands at the festival to seek shelter in their tents or cars, saying local authorities had ordered them to put the festival on hold. The German Red Cross said 72 people were taken to the hospital due to the storm -- including those who got electric shocks from nearby lighting strikes, were hit by flying debris or had serious asthma attacks. Rock am Ring is one of the most popular festivals in Germany and has been staged since 1985. Performers this year include Tenacious D, the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Black Sabbath.



Source: **Billboard**



**NURJAHAN BEGUM REMEMBERED**

Documentary screening and discussion held

**ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN**  
 A documentary on pioneering journalist Nurjahan Begum's life and her magazine "Begum" was screened on her 91st birth anniversary at Bashundhara City's Star Cineplex, on June 5. The film, titled "Nurjahan Begum - Itihaaser Kingbadanti Nari," has been made by her granddaughter Priota Iftekhar. The documentary features an interview with the pioneering journalist as well as shots of her family and home.

Nurjahan Begum, one of the senior-most women editors of the subcontinent, passed away this year on May 23. The event was anchored by eminent cultural personality Sara Zaker, along with several prominent guest speakers including former advisor to the caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury, Nurjahan Begum's daughter Rina Yasmin, journalist Dil Monowara Monu, Bangladesh Television's news anchor Kabi Nasir Ahmed, Adcom's managing director Nazim Farhan Chowdhury, television drama director Chayanika Chowdhury,

Channel i's Programme Manager and TV producer Raju Alim. Channel i was the event's media and broadcasting partner. Speakers at the event demanded that a chair be placed at the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism in her honour, and a major road or avenue be named after her. Priota, Nurjahan Begum's granddaughter and the maker of the documentary, said "I would like to build my beloved grandmother's image and make her name known worldwide."

**Seven eminent artists' prints at Edge Gallery**

**A CORRESPONDENT**  
 An exhibition of prints by seven prominent artists of the country opened in the capital's Edge Gallery on Saturday. The exhibit, titled "imPrint", features works of Murtaja Baseer, Monirul Islam, Shahabuddin Ahmed, Rokeya Sultana, Shahid Kabir, Anisuzaman and Rafiqun Nabi. Edge, the Foundation, is organising the exhibit. While each artist's personal and unique style is highlighted in the exhibition, as a group they complement each other. The exhibition provides the audience with the rare opportunity to see prints by the noted artists in one space, displaying various artistic insights, styles and techniques. The exhibition is open daily 10am-9pm will June 17. Edge Gallery is located at Bay's Edgewater in Gulshan 2.



Guests and artists -- including Bengal Foundation chair Abul Khair and Murtaja Baseer, at the exhibit.

**Zahid-Richi after 8 years**



Zahid, Richi and director Sumon Anwar on the sets.

**A CORRESPONDENT**  
 Popular actor Zahid Hassan and Richi Solaiman have both marked their position in the industry with their polished skills. However, last time they worked together was eight years ago in a television play "Khwabnama" Directed by Shumon Anwar. For this upcoming Eid, Shumon Anwar has taken the initiative to pair them up again, with a new project

"Khoje Jawa Buker Bhetor". The television play will be telecast by Rtv, which depicts a story of a girl who goes through troublesome time as her father dies. Regarding the play, Richi shares, "The role I play is of a girl faces hash reality. It is basically story of a girl who fights back for her survival." On the other hand, Zahid Hassan said "Richi is a great actor and working with her after such a long time has been a treat."

Hair care product brand TRESemmé held a grand fashion show in the capital, titled "TRESemmé presents The Lustrous Runway", on June 3 at the Sky Ballroom of Le Meridien. Lisa Ray, Bollywood actress and model, walked the ramp as the showstopper, representing internationally-famed designer Neeta Lulla. A number of other Bangladeshi and international designers also took part in the show.



A grand premiere of new Hollywood release "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows" was held in the capital's Blockbuster Cinemas on June 2. Jamuna Group Director Zakir Hossain, singer Hridoy Khan, and National cricketer Soumy Sarkar were among the present celebrities and guests. The Dave Green-directed live-action version of the popular children's cartoon show was released at Blockbuster on June 3, same day as its US release.



**K-POP CONTEST held in Dhaka**

**A CORRESPONDENT**  
 As a part of cultural exchange programmes between Korea and Bangladesh, the Korean Embassy organised the "2016 K-Pop Contest Dhaka" on June 4 at the Music & Dance Auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. This year, nine selected teams participated in the event. Among them, Xpress D' Crew was the winner, Masquerade was first runner up while Achik and The B-BOTS was the second runner up. The "KBS K-POP World Festival" will be held on September this year in Changwon, Korea. The three Bangladeshi teams are qualified for the first round of the semifinal of the contest. If they qualify in the grand finale, they can fly to Korea to join the live competition. Nustat Imrose Tisha, Laila Hasan and Champa Banik attended the event as special guests. Ambassador of Korea, Ahn Seong-doo said "This event is not just about a contest and selection of winners. It is more about sharing and being united in the name of culture. Culture, often expressed through music and dance, is a powerful means of communication which attracts everybody regardless of one's background."



**"American Gods" casts GILLIAN ANDERSON**

TV network Starz has announced Gillian Anderson will be appearing in their upcoming series "American Gods", which Bryan Fuller will be co-showrunning alongside Michael Green.

The actress who shot to fame as agent Dana Scully in 90s horror crime science fiction "The X-Files", recently starred in the reboot of the series, after finishing up the TV series "Hannibal", and also starred in Netflix series "The Fall" and miniseries "War & Peace" (on Lifetime). The production, based on Neil Gaiman's novel, has set the majority of its cast, though there was a recent swap out with Pablo Schreiber taking over for Sean Harris as Mad Sweeney. The story, which tells the tale of a war between gods of the old world and new (the new gods representing things like drugs, celebrity, and technology), stars Rick Whittle as Shadow Moon, an ex-con who becomes the bodyguard of Mr. Wednesday (Ian McShane), a mysterious traveler. According to the press release, Anderson

will play Media, the mouthpiece for the New Gods, functioning as their public face and sales representative, by taking the form of various iconic celebrities. The other cast members include Emily Browning as Laura Moon, Yetide Badaki as Bilquis -- the ancient goddess of love, Bruce Langley as the new god Technical Boy, Crispin Glover as Mr. World, Jonathan Tucker as Low Key Lyesmith, Cloris Leachman as a guardian sister of the constellations named Zorya Vechnyaya, Peter Stormare as Slavic god of darkness Czernobog, Chris Obi as Egyptian god Anubis, and Mousa Kraish as The Jinn, a mythic fire creature. "American Gods" is set to air on Starz in 2017. Source: **Collider**