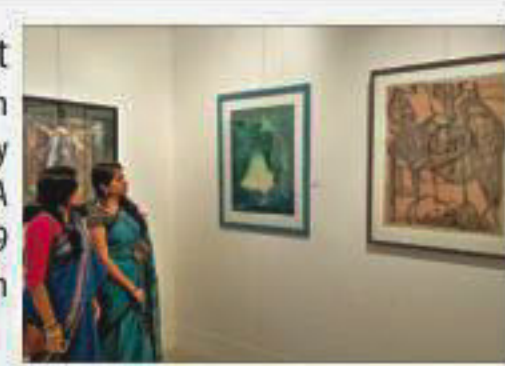


WHAT'S ON

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



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



**Print Exhibition**  
ImPrint  
by 7 Eminent Artists  
Venue: Edge Gallery, Gulshan-2  
Date: June 5-17  
Time: 10am-9pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
Title: VHIHMIS [Missing Credit]  
Artist: Dr. Firoz Mahmud  
Venue: EMK Center, Dhammondi  
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



# "Jalaler Golpo" wins two awards at SAARC Festival



**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Abu Shahed's Emon's directorial debut "Jalaler Golpo" continued its run of critical success at the SAARC Film Festival in Colombo, Sri Lanka, winning two technical awards. The film won Barkaat Hossain a best cinematographer award, while band Chirkutt nabbed the best original score, at the awards handed out on the festival's closing day on Monday. The best feature film went to Neeraj Ghaywan's "Masaan" (India) that had won two awards at the 2015 Cannes. The silver medal (first runner-up for the best feature film competition) was handed to Bhutanese director Khyentse Norbu's "Travellers and Magicians", while the bronze medal was taken by "Goonga Pehelwan" (India), directed by Mit Jani, Prateek Gupta, Vivek Chaudhury.

Ghaywan also picked up best director, while Rajab Grussainov won best actor for Afghan film "An Apple from Paradise" (the Homayun Morawat-directed film also won best film in the open category). The best actress award went to Kaushalya Fernando, for the Sri Lankan film "Bora Diya Pokuna", while his compatriot Chamila Priyanka's "Apple" won best short film. A special jury mention went out to Iram Ghufra's "Benegal's New Cinema" (India), while the special jury certificate of recognition for new talent was given to three Lankans Eranda Mahagama, Sarjani Shanika, Dulanjalee Balage for their film "Living without Life". Apart from Barkaat and Chirkutt, other technical awards went to Indika Ferdinando for best screenplay and Tissa Surendra for Best Editor, both for the film "Ho Gaana Pokuna" (Sri Lanka).



## A milestone in Gulshan's career

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

*It is no ordinary feat to be recognised by the awe-inspiring Lata Mangeshkar, yet Gulshan Hossain lives to tell the tale no less than seven times. Her last visit at the legendary musician's residence was only last month, where she presented a painting to be displayed at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Research Center in Pune.*

"Last year, when I visited Lata ji, I asked her what I should bring back from Bangladesh on my next visit," Gulshan recalls. "At first she was modest and hesitant, but after much pressing she finally asked me to do a painting for her late father's hospital in Pune. I was greatly honoured by her request and started working on it right away."

Gulshan Hossain reached Mumbai on May 7 to present the work of art. The piece, titled "Still Life in Blue" or "Niler Shommonoy" is an oil and acrylic painting on a 92 X 76cm canvas. "Due to her poor health, she was not able to meet us until before our departure. We presented the painting to her secretary at her residence," said the artist.

Currently four paintings done by Gulshan Hossain are on display at Lata Mangeshkar's home. "I am the only artist from the subcontinent whose works have found a place in her home, and that is an honour far too great for me to put into words," she said.

At present the artist is busy with further artistic ventures, with possibility of an exhibition to be held in Kuwait next year.

## Tumi Ami Dujon Priyo released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Nazrul Sangeet album "Tumi Ami Dujon Priyo", under the label of Agniaveena, has been released marking the 117th birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Two promising singers Nahian Durdana Suchi and Tanvir Ahmed have recorded 10 songs for the album. Suchi recorded four songs including "Priyotomo Eto Prem Dio Nago" and "Shoi Bhalo Kore Binod Beni" while Tanvir recorded four songs like "Tumi Haatkhani Jobe" and "Phuler Jolshaye Nirob Keno Kobi". The artistes also beautifully recorded two duet songs "Abar Shraban Elo Phirey" and "Tumi Ami Dujon Priyo", the title track of the album.

Eminent musician Sujeyo Shyam has directed music for the album.

The singer duo are alumni of noted music school Chhayanaut. They are also disciples of renowned Nazrul Sangeet artiste Khairul Anam Shakil.



## Tagore, Nazrul celebrated in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Artistes of Sandipon Sangskritik Sangstha, a leading cultural group of the town, celebrated the birth anniversaries of Tagore and Nazrul at the Muslim Institute recently. This was the 92nd session of the group.

Artistes Swapon Basak, Masud Rana, Sumi Dey, Shawkat Ali, Jajabor Bablu, Priyanka Karmaker, Asish Sarker and Samir Sarker rendered popular songs of the bards including -- "Esho Shyamolo Sundoro", "Majhe Majhe Tobo Dekha Pai", "Trishito Akash Ka(n)pere", "Jago Anoshan Bandi" and "Abar Bhalobahsar Shad Jage", to name a few.

Meanwhile, "Badol Borishone", a play based on a short story by Kazi Nazrul Islam, was staged at

Mymensingh town's Advocate Tareq Smriti auditorium this past week.

Artistes of Theatre and Performance Studies Department of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU) staged the play. Adapted and directed by Nusrat

necessity for a peaceful society, said Nusrat Jahan.

The cast of the play were Yusuf Monsur, Sumaiya Hashmi, Bipasha Saha, Didarul Haque, Papiya Singh, Sajal Kumar Bhowmik and others.

Earlier, a discussion was held



A scene from "Badol Borishone".

PHOTO: STAR

Jahan Shimu, the play depicts the present social structure where the views of young minds are never taken into count.

Nazrul in his short story skillfully depicted the beauty of the inner mind of human beings, a

where Shahadat Hossain Khan Hilu, secretary of Bahurupi Natya Sangstha; Syed Mamun Reza, head of Theatre and Performance Studies Department at JKNIU; Dr Horisankar Das, Nusrat Sharmin and Dr HA Golandaj spoke.



## BSB perform at Miss USA pageant

Backstreet Boys, the iconic 90s boy band, stole the show with a rare reunion performance at the 2016 Miss USA 2016 pageant at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday.

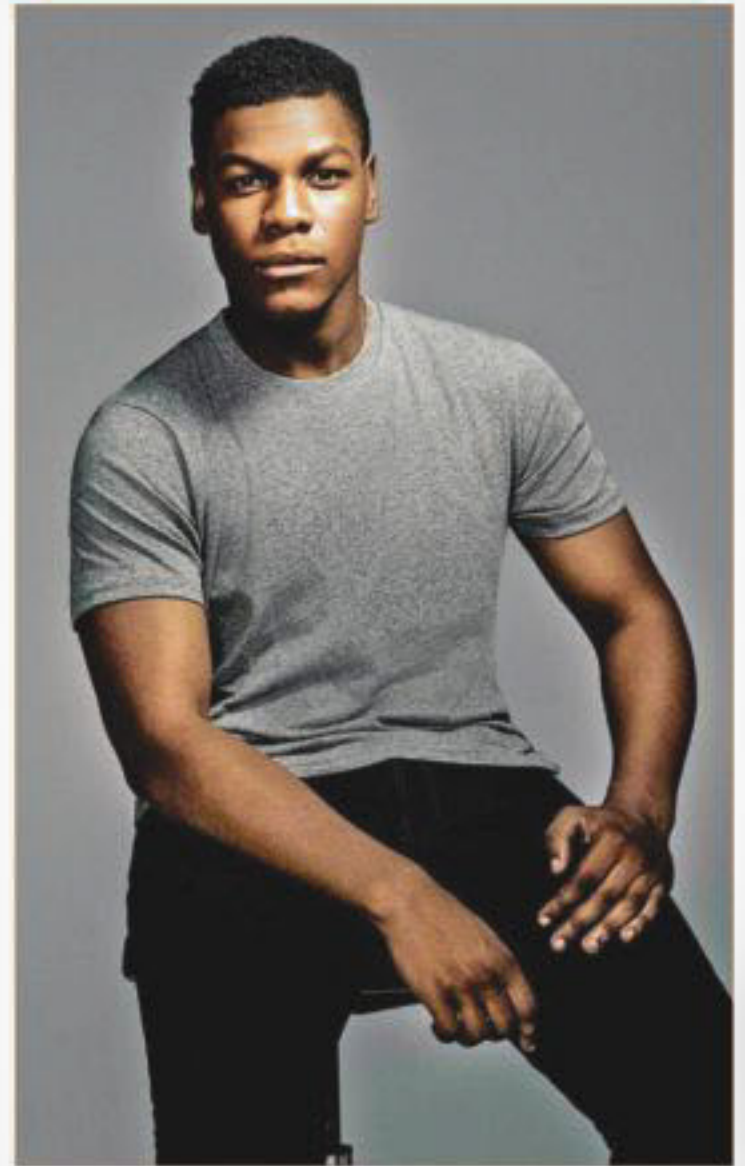
Brian Littrell, Nick Carter, AJ McLean, Howie Dorough and Kevin Richardson had the audience on their feet during the live medley. They belted out their hits "As Long as You Love Me" (1997) and "I Want It That Way" (1999) as contestants walked on stage in their formalwear.

The Backstreet Boys, who formed in 1993,

hung out backstage during the duration of the live broadcast. They even were on hand to walk the red carpet with last year's Miss USA, Olivia Jordan, and when Miss District of Columbia Deshauna Barber took over the crown.

Source: US Weekly

## NEWS bytes



## Pacific Rim 2 casts John Boyega

John Boyega -- who recently became a global sensation by playing Finn in JJ Abrams' "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" -- has been added to the cast of "Pacific Rim 2", set to begin filming later this year. Deadline notes that Boyega has been tapped to play the son of Idris Elba's character, Stacker Pentecost.

On the casting, original Pacific Rim director Guillermo del Toro said: "I am very proud and happy to welcome John into a fantastic sandbox. The Pacific Rim universe will be reinforced with him as a leading man as it continues to be a multicultural, multi-layered world."

Released in 2013, "Pacific Rim" was set in a world where creatures dubbed Kaiju emerged from the oceans, and caused global devastation. In an effort to save the planet, militaries worked together to construct Jaegers, skyscraper-sized robots that could battle the beasts on land and in the sea.

Source: Cinemablend

## 7 Jaz films on ETV this Eid

A CORRESPONDENT

Satellite TV channel Ekushey Television (ETV) will air seven films -- "Pora Mon", "Ashiqui", "Agnee", "Desha", "Onnorokom Bhalobasha", "Bhalobasha Ajjal" and "Dobir Saheber Songshar" -- all produced by Jazz Multimedia Productions, this Eid-ul-Fitr.

A press conference was held in this regard at a city hotel where CEO and Chief Editor of the channel Manzurul Ahsan Bulbul, Head of News and Current Affairs Rashed Chowdhury, General Manager (Administration and HR) Lt. Col. (ret'd) Monoar Hossain, Head of Marketing Amzad Hossain Arzu, Programme Chief Farhana Nisho and other officials of ETV were present. Chairman of Jazz Multimedia Abdul Aziz and other officials of the institution were also present at the press meet.

Apart from films, the channel will air seven single-episode TV plays, seven tele-films, three drama serials, seven studio concerts and more during its seven-day long Eid programmes.



Cultural organisation Joltorongo recently arranged a programme dedicated to Tagore at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro premises. Artistes from Bangladesh and West Bengal, India gave performances. "Tagore in Sufiyana", a painting based on Rabindranath's sufiyana songs and poems, was presented by Srutibritto from Kolkata. Joltorongo of Bangladesh and Bishwo Shahitto Kendro jointly presented "Gitanjali: Song Offerings".