


Photography Exhibition
 Marking 91st Birth Anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmad
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One, 751, Satmasjid Rd, Dhanmondi
 Date: Jul 23-Aug 22, Time: 12noon-8pm



Asian Cinema Retrospective 2016
 Moviya Film Society & BSA
 Venue: Int'l Digital Cultural Archive Room, Nat'l Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: Jul-Nov (Fri & Sat)
 Time: 3-8pm

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 Asian Cinema Retrospective 2016

Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: "Water Journey" by Artist Karu Titas
 Venue: Shilpakala Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
 Date: Jul 29- Aug 12
 Time: 12noon-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Life We Desire; Life We Gain
 Artist: Bipat Shavan Bachhar
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka
 Date: July 22- August 2
 Time: 3-9pm



Solo Exhibition
 Titled: Distorted Melody
 Venue: DRIK Gallery, H-58, Rd-15A (New), Dhanmondi
 Date: Jul 29-Aug 5
 Time: 3pm-8pm

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NEWS bytes

Kareena and Karisma shoot for magazine cover

Even though they have never worked together, Kareena Kapoor Khan and her sister, Karisma Kapoor, will soon grace the cover of a popular magazine. A source close to Kareena says, "She is currently busy with various ad shoots. Once she wraps those up, she and Karisma will shoot for the cover around mid-August. Post that, Kareena will start shooting for her upcoming film with Sonam



Kapoor." Kareena and Karisma's outfits for the cover will be designed by Manish Malhotra. "The sisters swear by Manish's designs. Since this cover is being shot for Diwali, Kareena and Karisma will be seen sporting Indian wear," adds the source.

Source: HINDUSTAN TIMES



Sabina Yasmin (4-L) receives award from AAMS Arefin Siddique. PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Gold Medal conferred on SABINA YASMIN

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN
 July 28 marked the launching of the "Feroza Begum Commemorative Gold Medal 2016," a music award named after the legendary singer on her birthday. The award was conferred on noted singer Sabina Yasmin. The event, held at the Senate Building of University of Dhaka, was jointly organised by the university's "Feroza Begum Memorial Gold Medal Trust Fund" and Department of Music. Following cultural performances by the students of the Department of Music and Department of Dance, the award was presented to Sabina Yasmin, and honorary award was conferred on Partha Pratim Mitra who had

excelled academically last year and a visually impaired student. The noted singer harked back to her memories of the late artist; saying, "I can still remember how wonderfully she performed even at an advanced age! I wonder if I will ever be able to do so". The sponsor of the trust fund as well as chairperson of ACI Foundation M. Anis Ud Dowla said, "This event will mark a new level of excellence and the gold medal shall be awarded to deserving students. Feroza Begum is no longer with us, but she lives on in our hearts. So in her honour, as well as all other artistes in the country, who symbolise the Bengali spirit and have a love for our music, we hope to recognise them through this award."

Vice Chancellor Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique lauded the late artist's distinction within the national, as well as canonical musical history in Bangladesh, remarking, "There is hardly any Bangalee who will not be able to recognise her renditions and compositions. She will continue to live on in everyone's hearts for generations to come." Among others, Professor Dr. Begum Akhtar Kamal, Dean of Faculty of Arts; Professor Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya, Chairperson of Dance Department; Dr. Leena Tapashi Khan, Chairperson of Music Department, and family members of Feroza Begum were present at the event. Professor Nasreen Ahmad, Pro Vice Chancellor of the university, presided over the ceremony.

Happy Birthday BABITA!

Congratulations and celebrations

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 July 30 marks the birthday of celebrated actress Babita. Having performed in more than 300 films through the decades, the internationally acclaimed actress is still going strong. Today the actress shares her birthday plans with The Daily Star.
How do you plan to celebrate your birthday?
 Babita: I do not have any special plans. I am going to stay at home, but some children from the organisation--- Distressed Children and Infants International (DCI), will visit me and they are planning to put up a little cultural show here at my home, which I am looking forward to.
What was the best birthday gift you received in your childhood?
 Babita: In our house we used to have English newspapers, which was uncommon in other households at the



time. My interest in reading them caught my father's attention. So, on my birthday he gave me a dictionary with a handwritten note as a birthday present. That day my joy knew no bounds. I still have the dictionary.
Do you have any special birthday memories while on the sets?
 Babita: After I started working in the industry, I had the opportunity to celebrate my birthday many times during filming. I remember when the film "Raater Por Din" was released; it was doing great commercially, and close to my birthday. So I decided to celebrate at Hotel Purbani and invited everyone from the industry. It was a great party and to everyone's surprise actor Zafar Iqbal sang there.
Can you share with us about your birthday celebrations abroad?
 Babita: Oh yes! Most of the time the opportunity arose while I had to work on a film, or was travelling with my family. Last year, I was in Canada with my son.
Who is usually the first to wish you?
 Babita: My son is always the first, after him it's always my sisters Suchanda and Champa, and my other family members. Then there are a lot of people from the industry who wish me.



AVANCA INT'L FILM FESTIVAL Cheers to Bangladesh

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi
 Bangladeshis were in the spotlight at the Avanca International Film Festival being held in the sleepy town of Portugal where director Abu Shahed Emon received awards for "Jalaler Galpo" which was adjudged the best feature film and its lead actor Mosharraf Karim the best actor last year. Traditionally at the festival award winners of the previous year are honoured on the inaugural day of the next year's event.

Accordingly, Emon and producer Impress Telefilm Managing Director Faridur Reza Sagar received the awards on July 28, along with other winners of the 2015 event. Another reason for Bangladesh to cheer is that it is a role reversal for Emon. After his debut film was adjudged as the best last year, he is a member of the jury at the same festival this year along with jury head Luís Oliveira Santos of Portugal, Malte Wandel (of Germany), Moghadaseh Rouhi of Iran and Javi Navarro (of Spain).

Meryl Streep joins Emily Blunt in 'Mary Poppins' sequel

Sources tell Variety, the Oscar-winning actress is in talks to join Emily Blunt and Lin Manuel-Miranda in Disney's "Mary Poppins Returns." If a deal closes, the family film would reunite Streep with the "Into the Woods" musical team of Blunt, director Rob Marshall, and producer Marc Platt. Streep is said to play the role of Poppins' cousin, Topsy, a supporting role that wasn't included in the original film. Streep would also sing for the part, much like she did in "Into the Woods," which earned her a record 19th Oscar nomination. The Mary Poppins sequel hits theaters Dec. 25, 2017. David Magee wrote the screenplay, based on the stories by P.L. Travers, with Marc Shaiman composing an all-new score and writing original songs with Emmy nominee and Tony-winner Scott Wittman.

Source: Yahoo! Movies



The artistes sway the audience with diverse performances.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Treat for theatre lovers Prachyanat School celebrates 15th anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 With the theme "Harano Din-er Duarey Mati Praner Joarey", Prachyanat School of Acting and Design celebrated its 15th anniversary. To observe the momentous occasion, a daylong programme was held yesterday at National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Theatre archivists brought out a colourful rally accompanied with the pulsating beats of music, puppetry and more. A performance of riveting Mayurbhanj Chhau dance marked the inaugura-



tion. Eminent thespian Mamunur Rashid with mountaineers Nishat Majumdar and MA Muhit formally inaugurated the event. The occasion included a collage performance of several plays by the artistes of the school; presentation of Gazir Gaan by the artistes of Mymensingh; reminiscences; documentary screening; a vibrant open adda; recognition of teachers, directors and coordinators of Prachyanat; the staging of the concluding production "Siraj-Ud-Doula" by the 30th batch and a scintillating display of fireworks at night.