

WHAT'S ON

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



Photography Exhibition
Title: Faces, Places, Stories
Artist: Ata Mohammad Adnan
Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
Date: Aug 13-31
Time: 9:30am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Salma Abedin Prithi
Venue: Kalakendra, 1/11, Iqbal Rd, Mohammadpur
Date: August 12-30
Time: 5-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Proshanto Karmakar
Venue: Bay's Gallery, Radius Centre, 57, Gulshan-1
Date: Jul 30-Aug 30
Time: 12am-8pm



Group Art Exhibition
Title: "Shilper Aloye Bangabandhu"
Venue: Gallery 3, National Art Gallery Plaza, BSA
Date: August 1-31
Time: 11am-8pm



NEWS bytes

Brad Pitt in talks to reunite for 'World War Z' sequel

The sequel to zombie apocalypse thriller *World War Z* may yet come back to life.

The project recently lost director J.A. Bayona and, for all intents and purposes, looked like it was going to die on the vine. But producer Brad Pitt is looking to his *Seven* and *Fight Club* director David Fincher to potentially come in and rescue it.

Pitt, Paramount and Skydance have had meetings with Fincher to direct the sequel, according to several sources.

Fincher also has plenty of room on his schedule. The filmmaker has been spending time in TV land (he was a key player in *House of Cards*) but he had two HBO series fall apart: *Living on Video*, about the early 1980s music video scene, and *Utopia*, which was to have starred Rooney Mara.

World War Z had its own production woes that were well-chronicled, as director Marc Forster was sidelined as the third act of the movie was re-conceived, rewritten and reshot. The intervention worked and the movie became a big hit, grossing \$540 million worldwide.

Fincher, who last directed *Gone Girl*, also worked with Pitt on *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*.

Source: Yahoo! Movies



MAMUNUR RASHID elected as President of TPPAB

For the fifth consecutive term eminent thespian Mamunur Rashid has been elected as the President of Television Programme Producers Association of Bangladesh (TPPAB). Monowar Hossain Pathan has been elected as the general secretary of the organisation. The election, held in every two years,



has also formed a 27-member new executive committee.

The election took place on 11 August at National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy where Mamunur Rashid was elected President without any competition. His name was announced by the chief election commission Dr. Enamul Haq.

Talking about the election, Mamunur Rashid told The Daily Star, "The organisation is very important to us. The core idea of this organisation is to bring every television activist under one umbrella to overcome all obstacles."

A FUND RAISER FOR LUCKY AKHAND

ANVIL CHAKMA, Rangamati

"*Ei Nil Monihaar, ei shornali din-e tomay diye gelem, sudhu mon-e rekho,*" go the lines of one of Lucky Akhand's most popular songs. One of many, Lucky Akhand's inimitable style and often poignant lyrics, make him one of the most renowned singers around.

Undoubtedly a bright star of Bangla music, Lucky Akhand has many avatars; a singer, composer and creator of modern Bangla songs and an artiste of war-time radio station Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, Lucky Akhand has, for months now, been fighting a long battle with lung cancer.

Rangamati Genguli Shilpi Goshthi (RGSG) and the locals of

Rangamati arranged a concert for Lucky Akhand to raise funds for his treatment. The concert was held at the Rangamati Cultural Institute on August 12.

RGSG took the initiative of hosting the programme. The popular band, Genguli, hailing from Chittagong Hill Tracts, performed at the concert alongside noted artistes -- Chakma Raja Barrister Debashish Roy, Kalyan Chakma, Rupayan Dewan, Uttam Dewan and new generation artistes Koyel Chakma, Bappi Chakma, Keka Chakma and Ankur Chakma. The concert continued till 10 pm on the day.

Protul Dewan, the coordinator of the musical evening, said that the tickets were priced ranging

from 200 taka to 500 taka, but the generosity of the attendees weren't restricted to these amounts, as many lovers and fans of Lucky Akhand, were willing to contribute more.

"On the occasion, most of the featured artistes were paid nothing. They came to perform in the concert to raise a sizable fund," he added.

The popular musician, Lucky Akhand, was not only famous in the music world but also played an important role in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

According to sources, the 61-year old singer should have returned to Bangkok in June this year for five chemotherapy sessions, but couldn't due to finan-

cial constraints.

The singer initially sought no charity; but now seeks financial help both from the government and his large fan following.

In 1971, he joined Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, a radio station that remained engaged throughout the Liberation War time and kept up the morale of Freedom Fighters through patriotic songs, sources said.

Rupayan Dewan, secretary of Genguli Shilpi Goshthi, had a few parting words. "Today, we have gathered here for Lucky Akhand. Our only goal now is to save him," he said.

"We have lost quite a few artistes to diseases; we will no longer allow this," he added emphatically.



"Alap" on Boishakhi Television

A CORRESPONDENT

Boishakhi Television is all set to air its popular celebrity show "Alap". Today's guest is noted actor Rokeya Prachi. The programme will give viewers a glimpse of the celebrity's personal and professional life and will have a special question-answer session, via SMS.

Boishakhi Television will air "Alap" today at 10:20 am.

SONGS OF SOUL Bauls perform at Shilpakala

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of the month long programmes marking National Mourning Day 2016, a three day (August 11-13) gathering of 155 Bauls concluded yesterday at National Art Gallery Plaza of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The Baul singers performed songs of Fakir Lalon Shai at the event. They presented songs on the themes of "Shob Lok-e Koy Lalon Ki Jaat Shongshar-e", "Manush Bhoile Sonar Manush Hobi" and "Satya Bol Supoth-e Chol Orey Amar Mon" on August 11, 12 and

13 respectively. A discussion on preserving Baul Sangeet was also held on August 13. The artistes will bring out a rally and march towards Central Shaheed Minar rendering songs of humanity on August 14.



DG Shilpakala (5-R) with artistes at the event.



FREIDA PINTO filming "Guerrilla"

Internationally acclaimed Indian actress Freida Pinto, who will be starring in John Ridley's six-part limited TV series "Guerrilla", has started filming for it. The show, which will also feature actor Idris Elba, is based on black activism in London in the 1970s.

"I'm thrilled to be working with an artiste like John Ridley who has written these compelling scripts filled with thoughtful and complicated characters," Frieda said in a statement.

Frieda will be essaying the role of Jas Mitra, a passionate and politically driven individual who is part of a radical underground cell that helps liberate a charismatic convict from prison to lead the street fight against social injustice in 1971 London.

Source: Times of India



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