


WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition
 Title: "Art Against Terrorism - BRAVE HEART"
 Artist: MASTAGAN THERESA
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos, H-115, Lane-6, New DOHS, Mohakhali
 Date: August 19-31
 Time: 12am-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




PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO FAROOQUE

"I prefer to lie low on my birthday"

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Veteran film star Farooque once grabbed the attention of millions of cine-goers with his powerful acting. His hit Dhallywood films still remain in public memory. Today is the birthday of the National Film Award winning thespian, and in a recent chat, he shared his birthday plans with The Daily Star.

What are your birthday plans?
 Farooque: No plans for a grand celebration as the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members were brutally killed on August 15. That's why I usually avoid big celebrations. But my children, nieces and nephews celebrate the day at our home at night. They keep my room dark till zero hour to give me a birthday surprise. They have great fun but I prefer to lie low. Like previous years, I will stay at home.

Did you have any memorable birthday celebrations in your childhood?
 Farooque: I was not lucky enough to

celebrate the day as my mother died when I was only eight. After my mother's demise, I did not have the heart to celebrate my birthdays. However, my aunt's affection kept me going.

What's the best birthday gift you ever received?
 Farooque: I enjoy receiving flowers though I do get other special gifts. Many people wish me and I even receive anonymous calls. All this attention makes me really happy.

Who usually wishes you first on your birthday?
 Farooque: My wife and then my son and daughter.

What was your best birthday celebration?
 Farooque: When I became very popular in the industry, the day was celebrated with much festivity. Such birthday bashes came into my life several times. Once I was outside Dhaka for a shoot on my birthday. Somehow the villagers discovered that it was birthday and flooded me with bouquets.

London 1971: Unsung Heroes of Bangladesh's Liberation War

ZAHANGIR ALOM

A three-day (August 18-20) photography exhibition titled "London 1971" opens today at 4:30pm at Gallery-5 of National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). Asaduzzaman Noor, Cultural Affairs Minister, will inaugurate the exhibition. Project London 1971 supported by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, BSA and other private institutions has organised the exhibition.



An image by S.S. Banerjee.

A discussion on the title "London 1971: Unsung Heroes of Bangladesh's Liberation War" will take place at 5:30pm the same day. Finance minister AMA Muhit will grace the discussion as chief guest while State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, MP will attend as special guest. Former foreign secretary Mohiuddin Ahmad and Dr. Nuzhat Chowdhury, Associate Professor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, will be present as discussants at the event. Ujjal Das, initiator of the Project London 1971, will deliver the welcome address while chairman of the project Fazlul Kabir Tuhin will preside over the discussion.

The photography exhibition is very relevant as London witnessed many tumultuous scenes during the Liberation War. Though living in a foreign land, expatriate Bangalees jolted the streets of Britain longing for independent Bangladesh. British parliament members, politicians, journalists, social workers and students played a great role in gathering

public support. Revolutionary Bangalees burnt down the Pakistani flag at the Pakistani High Commission in London on 5 March, 1971. Members of women's associations handed a memorandum at the residence of the British prime minister on April 3. An exhibition showcasing the first eight stamps and envelopes of independent Bangladesh was held in the House of Commons on July 26. A phenomenal gathering of people for Bangladesh took place at Trafalgar Square, London on August 1.

The establishment of a diplomatic mission in London on August 27 was another milestone in the journey. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman arrived on Heathrow Airport at dawn on January 8, 1972. In the evening, a crowded press conference was organised with his presence in Claridge Hotel. Many committees and associations played a vital role in establishing public opinion and raising the "Bangladesh Fund".

This exhibition incorporates the exclusive

photographs of those turbulent days. Apart from Dhaka, the exhibition will also be arranged in Sylhet, and in UK cities London and Birmingham.

A digital archive -- www.london1971.com -- is also going to be launched soon which will have information on the Liberation War. Besides, at the end of this year, Somoy Prakashan will publish a book named "London 1971" which is the outcome of Ujjal Das' seven-year research in UK. The book chronicles the events beginning with the early stages of Liberation War and ends with the homecoming of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman via London.

"I came to know about British photographer Roger Goyen during this study. Many of his rare photographs bear testimony to the unnoticed moments of our Liberation War. The photographs of British-born Bangladeshi Yusuf Chowdhury should also be recognised in the book. I have collected paper cuttings of many Bengali and English newspapers, posters, leaflets etcetera to complete the work," said Ujjal Das.

Konal in TV play "Bokhate Bogra-e"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Singer Konal makes her acting debut in a TV play titled "Bokhate Bogra-ei." Directed by noted actor and director Afzal Hossain, the script is based on the "Chhoto Kaku" series written by Faridur Reza Sagar. Previously, Konal appeared in a guest role for the movie "Laltip."

Asked about her foray into acting the singer said, "Afzal Hossain had decided to direct a TV play based on the 'Chhoto Kaku' series, and to cast me in it. I consider Faridur Reza Sagar and Afzal Hossain as my mentors, and I could not turn down such a prestigious offer."

Filming is largely going to be held Bogra, with some scenes shot in Dhaka. The eight-episode TV play will have Konal play the role of Ruma, who studies overseas. Her father is tragically murdered. She decides to resolve the case and various developments unfold as the story progresses.



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After marking his territory in Bangladeshi cinema, popular actor Nirob has recently bagged a Hindi film. Titled "Bala," the film will be helmed by Faisal Saif. Kavita Radheshyam co-stars with Nirob.

Nirob was offered the role via social media and the contract was signed on June 30. Talking about the venture, he said, "I feel very proud and lucky to get this opportunity. I am still awed by the

Nirob to work in a Hindi film

fact that it came by."

Filming was to begin in August, but due to unavoidable circumstances it has been postponed till September 2016. Currently Nirob is learning Hindi so that he can slip into his role with ease. "I want to be fully prepared before I start filming," explained the actor who plays the role of a CBI officer.

Shooting will take place in Bengaluru, India.

Nirob also has a role in a Malaysian film. Filming was completed recently.

NEWS bytes

BARRY GIBB to celebrate 360 live-stream concert

Bee Gees' Barry Gibb will host a live-streamed performance on August 20th to celebrate the upcoming arrival of his new LP *In the Now*, the singer's first solo album since 1984's *Now Voyager*.

The concert, set at Miami's Hit Factory Criteria, will feature a mix of Bee Gees classics alongside never-before-heard tracks from Gibb's new



album. In the *Now 360*, which will stream live on YouTube, also allows fans to have total control of their viewer experience thanks to 360° virtual reality technology.

Gibb has also announced a contest for fans to win a trip to the Miami event, with those fans in attendance also taking part in a Q&A session. The *In the Now 360* event streams August 20th at 7 p.m. EST. The day before the live-stream, *In the Now* will become available to preorder.

The live-stream takes place just over a week after the death of Gibb family matriarch Barbara Gibb, who died Friday night in Miami at the age of 95, Billboard writes.

Source: Rolling Stone

Robert Downey Jr. and Nic Pizzolatto in a TV project



HBO is looking to expand its relationship with one of its proven hit-makers by teaming him up with one of Hollywood's biggest stars, Nic Pizzolatto and Robert Downey Jr. are in talks for a drama project, with the "True Detective" creator attached to write and the "Iron Man" actor attached to star, sources tell Variety.

Plot details are scarce, but insiders say the project is based on Downey Jr.'s "Perry Mason" reboot, which he had been developing as a feature film at Warner Bros. for several years. Pizzolatto, Joe Horacek, Downey Jr., and his producing partner and wife, Susan Downey, of Team Downey will serve as exec producers.

Sources indicate the project will be a series, rather than a TV film, and that the project has been gestating at HBO since as early as May.

This project would mark Downey Jr.'s first starring role on television, aside from his "Ally McBeal" stint in the early 2000's, before he re-surfaced to become a box-office superstar.

Both Downey Jr. and Pizzolatto are represented by Creative Arts Agency. Pizzolatto is also represented by Anonymous Content.

Source: Variety



JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ to train for action sequences

Actress Jacqueline Fernandez is gearing up to train for action sequences for her next film, which will be helmed by Tarun Mansukhani. After "Dostana", Tarun is back with an untitled film featuring Jacqueline and Sushant Singh Rajput in the lead.

"It's a fun film, a different kind of action film. It's interesting. I will definitely be training for action. I am excited about doing this film. Tarun will be directing a film after eight years," Jacqueline told PTI.

There has been speculation that Tarun's directorial comeback may be co-produced by Karan Johar and Salman Khan. "I think it's Dharma Productions. I don't know. I haven't found out about it (Salman co-producing the film)," the 31-year old "Kick" actress said. Jacqueline will be seen next in Remo D'Souza's "A Flying Jatt" opposite Tiger Shroff. The movie releases August 25.



Source: Times of India



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