


WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition
 Title: "Art Against Terrorism - BRAVE HEART"
 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




HOMAGE TO BANGABANDHU

Group art exhibition at Gallery Cosmos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gallery Cosmos has organised a group art exhibition titled "Art Against Terrorism - BRAVE HEART" to commemorate the 41st National Mourning Day. The exhibition, an artistic tribute of 78 contemporary artists on the 41st death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was inaugurated on August 19 at Gallery Cosmos, New DOHS, Mohakhali. Asaduzzaman Noor, Cultural Affairs Minister, inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest, who also launched an exclusive book with the works of the participating artists. A total of 35 artworks of 35 artists are on display at the show while 78 artworks on Bangabandhu by 78 artists have been published in the book. The participating artists at the show include Samarjit Roy Choudhury, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Kalidas Karmakar, Tajul Islam, Abdul Mannan, Biren Shome, Shahabuddin Ahamed, Alakesh Ghosh, Farida Zaman, Naima Haque, Jamal Ahamed, Nasreen Begum, Rokeya Sultana, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Sheikh Afzal, Nisar Hossain, Moniruzzaman Monir, Kanak Chanpa Chakma, Gulshan Hossain, Nasima Khanam Queenie, Samiran Chowdhury, Anisuzzaman Anis, Rashid Amin, Mustafa Zaman, AloptoginTushar, Maksuda Iqbal Nipa, Bishwajit Goswami, Bipasha Hayat and Shulekha Chowdhury. The exhibition will remain open from August 19 to August 31 daily from 12 noon to 8pm.

Mountain Echoes Literary Festival 2016

BHUTAN BECKONS

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It is now that time of the year when the breathtakingly beautiful mountains of Bhutan call to a fusion of art, literature, music and culture. Set in a country known for its environmental conservation, the 7th edition of the Mountain Echoes Literary Festival 2016, to be held from August 26 to 28, an initiative of India-Bhutan Foundation will open with a conversation on the impact of climate change presented by acclaimed Indian novelist Amitav Ghosh, author of "The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable," a non-fiction book that challenges people to confront the most urgent task of the world. The festival will also include talks featuring a range of themes including women's voices, travel writing and love and relationships, according to the organisers. This year the Bangladeshi poet, writer, and women's rights activist, Sadaf Saaz will be participating in the festival, as part of a particular focus on opening up conversations on what it means to be a woman in South Asia at a time of intense change. Saaz will be participating in the talk "Present Tense" building on her work exploring Bangladeshi women's experience, through poetry and monologues. Along similar themes, Anjum Hasan and Ira Trivedi will discuss an anthology that examines the Indian woman's experience, in the Women's Voices segment titled "Walking towards Ourselves", in conversation with Namita Gokhale. Çiler İlhan, Anjum Hasan, Mridula Koshy and Sonam Wangmo Jhalani will debate the maxim 'write what you know', discussing how they have drawn upon personal experience in their writing. Critically-acclaimed actress Tabu will speak with Kelly Dorji about asserting her position

in the cut-throat world of Bollywood in the light of her recent films "Fitoor" and "Haider". In Travel Writing section, Pico Iyer will have a talk on "The Art of Stillness: Adventures in Going Nowhere," but for the intrepid adventurer, Dhamey T. Norgay, Odd Harald Hauge and Ravi Singh will speak on the thrill of mountain climbing while Karma Lotay, Garab Dorji and Nyema Zam will share their experiences in trekking along the less-trodden routes of Bhutan's most ancient pathways.

modernity as they fall in and out of love in the face of changing societal mores. A variety of events will accompany the Festival including photographs by Dorji Dhradhul with a glimpse into the history, culture and natural splendour of Bhutan's Gasa region; workshops on telling a good story, creative writing, advertising and brand-building by renowned Indian adman Piyush Pandey; a guide to Dzongkha, the national language of Bhutan by Yeshi Lhendup; and finally an Open



The Festival will also have a session on "Love and Relationships" where Graeme Simsion will open the topic of love and relationships with his two books, New York Times bestsellers "The Rosie Project" and its sequel "The Rosie Effect." In "Lover is in the Air," Ira Trivedi and Monu Tamang will trace relationships within the landscape of India and Bhutan where young people struggle with tradition and

Mic night and a special musical concert by Indian fusion rock band Indian Ocean. Commenting on the seventh edition of the Festival, Chief Royal Patron and the Queen of Bhutan Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck said, "The festival has been a great catalyst for the appreciation of literature in Bhutan." One hopes the deliberations of the Festival will continue to reverberate across the mountains of Bhutan long after they are over.

Chanchal and Sarika in "Ekjon Jadukor"



A CORRESPONDENT

After three years, popular model-actress Sarika is now preparing her comeback with special ventures for Eid. Recently she has worked with National Award winner Chanchal Chowdhury in the tele-film "Ekjon Jadukor". Written by Israfil Babu, the tele-film will be helmed by Kaushik Sankar Das. Talking about the storyline of the play the actor said, "Most of the time we question humanity being banished from society, but in one way or the another humanity does exist and that is what the play addresses." Chanchal Chowdhury adds, "I am playing four characters at a time in the play. Those roles are not lengthy but are essential to the plot. I am very happy to work with Kaushik and Sarika." Working for the first time with Kaushik Sankar das, Sarika said, "I am working with him for the first time and that too with a very different story. I am sure viewers will appreciate this tele-film." "Ekjon Jadukor" will be telecast by Channel i in the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

EMK Moves presents ISOLATION



A CORRESPONDENT

EMK Center hosted EMK Moves, 'Isolation', a dance presentation by four contemporary dancers from Dhaka on August 20 at EMK Center for Public Service and Arts. A group of four young choreographers presented a contemporary dance exposition that was directed collectively to see what four souls unite and produce. The initiator of the performance was dancer Lamia Mela, who had previously worked with most of the dancers. The other fine young dancers were Mahabub Hossain, Mashrur Rahman

and Anandita Khan. The elements they worked with were tied to the human body through its 'isolation'. A crucial aspect as it is, the human body's inevitable choice of becoming isolated both cognitively and bodily through growth and age is a belief mostly unnoticed. Other themes explored were limitations of bodies, the point which bodies seize to commute, and the overcoming of cultural and social barriers. The dancers wanted to collectively put together their own ideas and renditions of bodily movements and provoking thoughts in a 35 minute presentation.

NEWS bytes



Justin Timberlake, Jessica Biel to host Clinton Fundraiser

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel will fill in for Leonardo DiCaprio as hosts of a fundraiser for Hillary Clinton on Tuesday. A source familiar with the plans said that Timberlake and Biel now will host the event at their home, after DiCaprio was unable to return to Los Angeles before Wednesday because he has to complete a project in time for it to premiere at the Toronto Film Festival on Sept. 9. DiCaprio asked Biel and Timberlake to host the event after he couldn't make it. DiCaprio is producing a climate change documentary, "Before the Flood," with Brett Ratner, Fisher Stevens and Rick Yorn. The documentary is an account of how society can prevent the demise of endangered species, ecosystems and native communities across the globe. Those featured in the doc include President Obama, Former President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State John Kerry, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Pope Francis, along with a host of scientists and conservationists. The lunchtime fundraiser is one of a series of events Clinton is attending in a swing through Southern California.

SONAKSHI SINHA keen to act in sports-based film

Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha, who will be seen in a gutsy role in upcoming action drama "Akira", is now enthused to feature in a sports-based movie.

"I was very active in sports during my school and college days. I used to participate in volleyball, basketball, swimming, shot put, discus throw. I was a good player. So, of course, if I get a chance, I will surely do a sports film," Sonakshi said here while promoting "Akira" on the set of "Savdhaan India". She also said she misses indulging in sports, but tries to make time for tennis

or volleyball once in a while. "I hope if I get a role, I will do that (on screen)," she added. Her film "Akira" is a remake of Tamil film "Mouna Guru" and is directed by A.R. Murugadoss. The film is set to hit theatres on September 2. Besides that, she is also filming for "Noor" and "Force 2".



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