


<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Theatre Play: Siraj Jakhon Nawaab Sirajuddaula Troupe: Bangladesh Theatre Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: September 6; Time: 7pm</p> 	<p>Theatre Play: Konjus Troupe: Loko Natyadal, (Banani) Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: September 5; Time: 7pm</p> 	<p>Dance Drama Title: Shakuntala by Bhabna Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: Sep 23 Time: 6:30pm</p> 	<p>Mullobodh Drama Fest 2016 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: Sep 1-7 Time: 6-9pm</p> 	<p>Theatre Play: Aurangzeb Troupe: Prangane Mor Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: September 8; Time: 7pm</p> 
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Sarika returns after 3 years

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Model-turned-actor Sarika won the hearts of many with her glamorous look and powerful acting. But mid-career, she took a break from the showbiz to resolve some family issues. After three years of her marriage, she recently returned to acting and has not taken much time at all to get busy with Eid plays shoots. The artiste spoke to The Daily Star about her return to the media. Excerpts:

You are coming back after a rather long break. What's it like?
Sarika: I'm feeling very good. It's really a different feeling because this is my world. It seems to me that I have found myself once again and returned home. I took a break for my family and child, but I'm now very happy to be back in front of the camera.

How was the experience of your first work on this second run?
Sarika: I was nervous when I stood in front of the camera for the first shot after three years. It was the play "Ami Tumi" directed by Mostofa Kamal Raj.

How many plays are you working on for Eid?
Sarika: Five or six dramas. Besides, I will work with Mosharrif Karim in a six-episode TV play directed by Abu Hayat Mahmood. I will play the role of film star in the play.

What's your dream at present?
Sarika: I can understand that how much people miss me after my three-year gap from media. I don't really have much to ask for, because I'm flooded with people's love. From now on, I just want to do some good work and want to be regular on the small screen.

What's your plan for Eid?
Sarika: I will stay at home on the day and spend time with my family for the next ten days, as I have busy shooting schedule until the last day before Eid.



CPJA holds photo exhibition

Fostering friendship between India and Bangladesh

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

Aiming at enhancing social immediacy between India and Bangladesh, a three-day photo exhibition of photojournalists from the two countries ended at Zainul Abedin Art Gallery of Chittagong District Shilpakala Academy in the port city on Saturday.

A total of 41 photojournalists from India and Bangladesh took part at the exhibition.

To mark its 30th founding anniversary, Chittagong Photo Journalist Association (CPJA) jointly with Agartala Press Club of India organised the exhibition, titled "Motree".

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin inaugurated the exhibition as the chief guest.

A total of 42 images of 22 photojournalists from Chittagong and 19 from India were on display at the exhibition. The photographs depicted the tribal life and culture in the region, different kinds of festivals including the religious ones, while heritage and historical places of Agartala also got room in the exhibition.

Chaired by CPJA's President Masiur Rahman Badal, the inauguration was addressed by AJM Nasir; Mesbah Uddin, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Chittagong and Chitra Roy, vice-president of Agartala Press Club, CPJA general secretary Rashed Mahmud and Agartala Press Club Assistant General Secretary Pranab Chakraborty.

On the occasion, three editors — Dainik Azadi editor MA Malek, Dainik Purbokone editor architect Taslim Uddin Chowdhury and Purbodesh editor Osman Gani Mansur from Bangladesh, and India's Dainik Desher Katha advisor Goutam Das were accorded honours on September 2. Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Prime Minister's information affairs advisor and Somnath Halder, Indian Assistant High Commissioner to Chittagong spoke at the programme.

SELENA GOMEZ TAKING CAREER HIATUS

A year after revealing her lupus diagnosis, Selena Gomez has decided to take some time off to deal with side effects of the illness, including "anxiety, panic attacks and depression". The singer and actress recently wrapped up her Revival World Tour in support of her 2015 album "Revival".

"I want to be proactive and focus on maintaining my health and happiness and have decided that the best way forward is to take some time off," she told People about her decision. "I need to face this head on to ensure I am doing everything possible to be my best. I know I am not alone by sharing this, I hope others will be encouraged to address their own issues."

Gomez revealed that she was diagnosed with the autoimmune disease before releasing "Revival". She had taken some time off before unveiling the album to undergo chemotherapy.

She recently appeared in the films "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" and "The Fundamentals of Caring". She will star in the upcoming James Franco-helmed drama "In Dubious Battle" alongside Franco, Nat Wolff, Robert Duvall and Bryan Cranston.

Source: Rolling Stone



"La La Land" opens Telluride to big applause

Directed by Damien Chazelle and starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, "La La Land" received two mid-movie ovations and a 20-second one at the end as it opened the 43rd Telluride Film Festival.

Every best picture Oscar winner since 2008's "Slumdog Millionaire", save for one, has played at Telluride, the annual Labor Day weekend gathering in Colorado, USA.

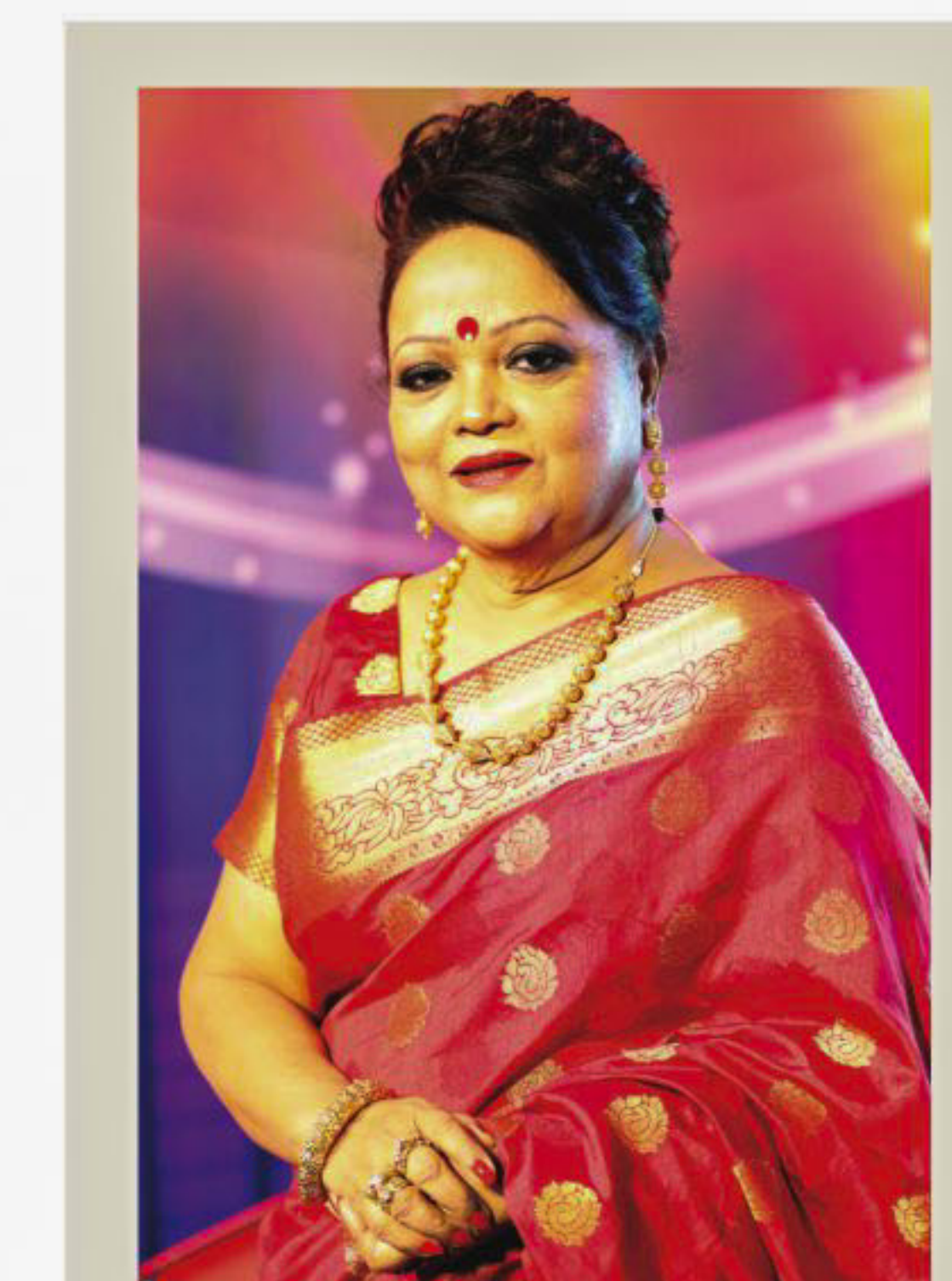
The film was selected for the coveted Friday afternoon Patron Preview slot, having already opened the Venice Film Festival earlier in the week. And the crowd that packed the Chuck Jones Cinema was not disappointed. They accorded the LA-set film two mid-movie ovations — one following its instant-classic opening sequence on a freeway and another following a heartwarming sequence at Griffith Park — and another 20-second one at the end.

La La Land sympathetically showcases the struggles and sacrifices of people who pursue careers in show business — in this case, a musician and an actress. It is expertly crafted, by the same prodigy — 31-year-old Chazelle — who made his name with another music-centric film, 2014's best picture-nominated "Whiplash", and who has great reverence for film history.

Additionally, it stars two of the most likable people imaginable, on screen and off, taking a major artistic risk together and displaying magical chemistry five years after first doing so in "Crazy Stupid Love". Gosling's performance may be undervalued because his character is a bumbling charmer, not entirely unlike himself — but, even so, he sings and dances winningly. As for Stone, her best actress nomination — maybe even a win — is sewn up with her emotional rendition of "Here's to the Ones Who Dream", not unlike Anne Hathaway's was with her "I Dreamed a Dream" in 2012's "Les Misérables".



Source: THR



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SABINA YASMIN!

A CORRESPONDENT

September 4 marks the birthday of veteran artiste Sabina Yasmin. To celebrate this occasion, channel i will air a special episode of "Taroka Kothon" today at 12:30pm. Produced by Ananya Ruma, underprivileged children from Distressed Children & Infants International- DCII will also participate in the live show, as the seasoned singer is a goodwill ambassador of the organisation.

Talking about her special day, Sabina said, "I cherish every memory of my birthday. Then again, I get a little upset, when I realise I am growing old. However, I am happy that I am doing well healthwise. Do keep me your prayers on my special day."

The 13-times national award winning singer is currently busy with her new album. Composed and directed by Altaf Mahmud, the album will have 10 new songs of the prominent singer.

NEWS bytes

Parineeti in talks for "Judwaa 2"

Parineeti Chopra may not have had a big release in a while now but that doesn't mean the actress is out of work. The talented actress has a number of releases coming up, and there is news she is also being considered for "Judwaa 2", which stars Varun Dhawan playing a double role originally portrayed by Salman Khan.

Although still in the scripting stage, it is said that the makers are keen to complete the casting. While Jacqueline Fernandez is said



Joy Bangla Sangskritik Sammanona in Montreal

Eminent actor, cultural personality and Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra Shabdo Shoinik Syed Hasan Imam recently conferred Joy Bangla Sangskritik Sammanona 2015-16, in Montreal, Canada. He handed over awards to different personalities at a cultural programme at Côte-Des-Neiges library auditorium, says a press release.

Shafiqul Islam and Tripti Das received lifetime achievement awards for their contributions to music. Shantanu Dey was conferred the award posthumously



Award recipients with Syed Hasan Imam.

to play Karisma Kapoor's part in the upcoming remake, an actress is yet to be finalised for Rambha's role, reports Times of India.

They quoted a source as saying "The makers wanted two top actresses from the young generation to be paired opposite Varun. And they wanted two heroines who he's never been paired with. Both the heroines will sit for a complete narration once the script is ready, which will take a few more weeks. The film isn't going on floors before March next year, so she might as well figure out her dates."

Source: TOI