

Stars recall their most memorable Eid



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FERDOUS, Actor
Eid has always been a joyous time for me, so it's hard to choose the best Eid memory. However, as an actor, the time I worked for the film "Hothat Brishti" was a turning point in my life, and the Eid that followed the film release was the most memorable one so far. My name and fame in both Bangladesh and Kolkata is due to "Hothat Brishti". It changed my whole life I had many well-wishers encouraging me that year, and received a tremendous amount of love and support from people in my family and fans.

KONA, Singer
I've had many momentous Eid celebrations, and each year feels just as joyous as the last. However, the year when I first offered Qurbaani would have to be the most important. Every year we return to our ancestral roots in the village for Eid, and this year we shall be doing the same. However for the past several years I offer an additional Qurbaani at Dhaka with my own income and that gives me immense satisfaction.



Beauty

APURBO, Actor
I am always reminded of my most significant Eid memory during Eid ul Azha. For me, it was the year I was able to offer Qurbani with my own income after beginning work in the media. Before that, my father always undertook the responsibility.



Kona

The amount of satisfaction I derived is unmatched. Additionally, I had begun my journey as an actor which also filled me with immense pride and joy.

BEAUTY, Singer
My favourite Eid moment was during the year



Badhon

2005. That was the year I had earned a position in the top five spot in the Closeup 1 contest. Before that year, my singing was limited to the locality I had lived in, but the platform the contest had given me made me a household name in the country, and earned me lots of love and respect. Eid celebrations had begun soon after the contest was over, and so that year's celebration is still the most important in my life. Another significant event was the Eid ul Fitr celebrations that followed the birth of my child.

BADHON, Actor
My most memorable Eid experience would have to be the year I became a mother. Before that, I was a child who would look to her parents for anything she needed. After becoming a mother, I had the responsibility of providing for my daughter. The birth of my daughter was followed by Eid ul Fitr, and all I could think of was my child; giving her new clothes, and other pretty things. When I donned her in her new dress, I felt as though I was stepping towards a new journey, and that is why that shall be the most memorable year of Eid celebrations for me.

NEWS bytes

Joe Manganiello to play Deathstroke

According to DC Comics president/CCO and DC Extended Universe overlord Geoff Johns, Joe Manganiello will play mercenary/assassin Deathstroke in Warner Bros.' upcoming film slate; which means he is most likely to be antagonising Batman in Ben Affleck's solo adventure, that's looking to hit screens as early as 2018. And while fans might get a glimpse of Deathstroke, (Slade Wilson), in Zack Snyder's upcoming Justice League film.



Though quotes are scant at the moment, the news comes from The Wall Street Journal which reports that Johns himself confirmed the casting. John's stopped short of confirming whether or not Manganiello had a cameo in Justice League, but since the production is still underway in London, there's a good chance that he'll make an appearance.

Perhaps best known for his role of the werewolf Alcide on HBO's "True Blood", Manganiello has landed high-profile gigs in recent years, including the two movies in the "Magic Mike" franchise and "Suicide Squad" director David Ayer's law enforcement action film "Sabotage", opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Source: Collider

Superhero web-series "Kali" set for release

FAHMIM FERDOUS

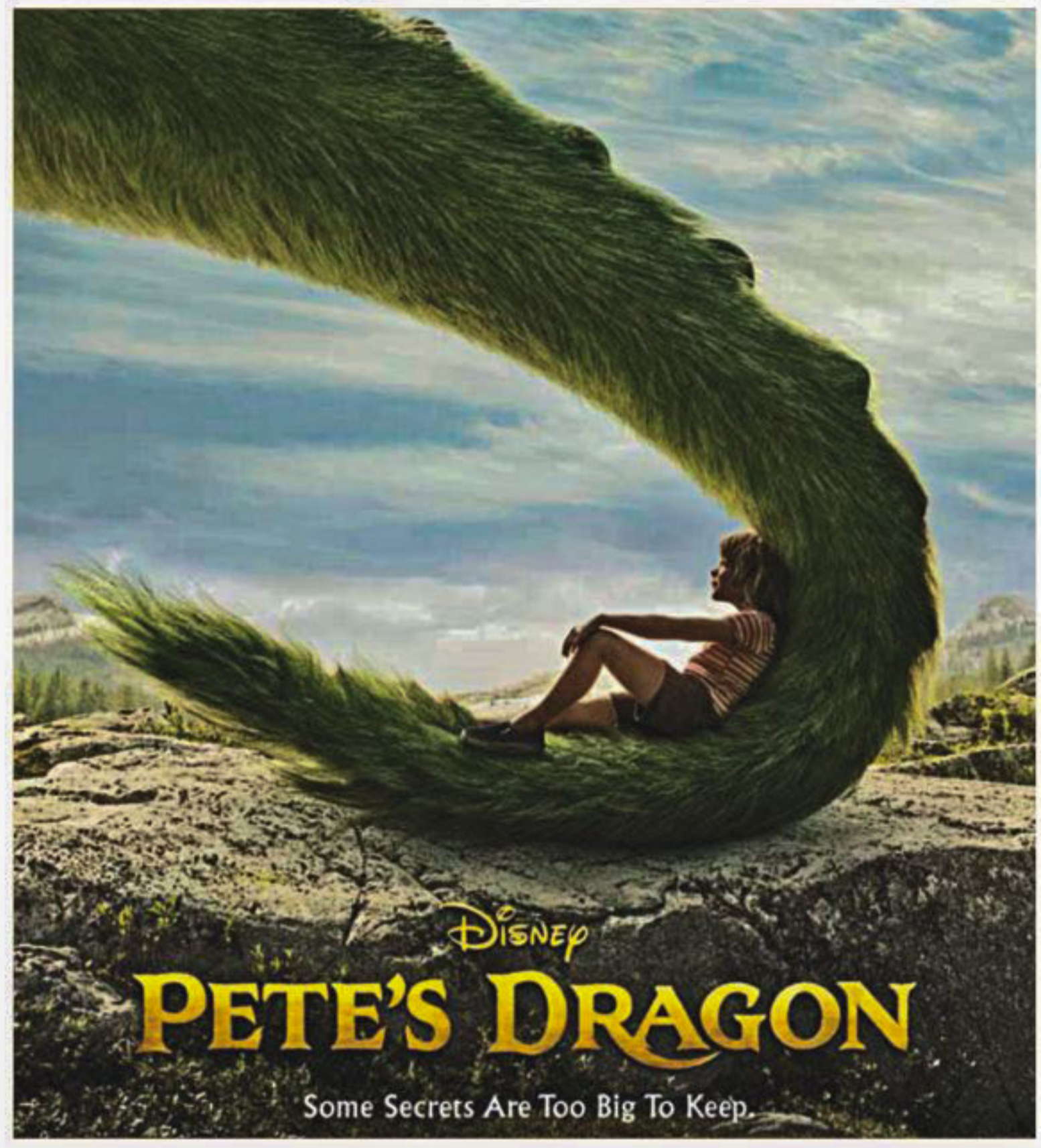
Amit Ashraf, the director who broke into the scene with the critically-acclaimed 2015 film "Udhao", is set to bring out "Kali", an original superhero series in Bangla, to the screens on September 12. Model-actress Azra Mahmood plays the titular role in the web series, which will release on the web platform Bioscope Live.

Set in Dhaka, Kali is portrayed as a common woman with a vigilante alter-ego, roaming the streets fighting bad guys. The trailer, released on Bioscope's Facebook page on Thursday, leaves an element of mystery on Kali's back-story that the series will probably explore, but has enough to intrigue the audience. Kali is seen to cover her face with a scarf when she goes about her day-to-day activities, but a dialogue in the end prompts that her superhero self does not wear a mask, suppos-

edly 'so that they can see my face', as Kali replies to a little girl's question why she doesn't wear a mask.

The teaser is in the signature style of Amit's filmmaking (particularly from "Udhao"), with sweeping aerial cityscapes, first-person views, shaky-cam chase sequences through narrow alleys and low-lit fight scenes. The use of dramatic background score is another of Amit's strengths, and is another feature of the teaser. To have a female protagonist is a bold choice, but the director looks to have made good sense of it.

The concept of superhero series has quite a grip on the global entertainment scene at the moment, especially with Marvel and DC both having an imposing presence on the small screen -- be it in TV channels, or streaming-based services like Netflix. Both the content and the format are somewhat uncharted territory in Bangladesh, but the first look of the series promises a fair bit.



Two new films at Cineplex

A CORRESPONDENT

Star Cineplex, the country's pioneering multiplex cinema, released two new English films yesterday, ahead of the Eid holidays. Jason Statham appears in a thrilling new action movie alongside Jessica Alba in "Mechanic: Resurrection". Directed by Dennis Gansel, the movie has an exciting all-star cast including Tommy Lee Jones, who plays an arms dealer, Sam Hazeldine as the main villain, Natalie Burn, and Tom Eddington.

The other film is Disney's fantasy adventure "Pete's Dragon", outlining the heart-warming story of a boy's friendship with a dragon. Directed by David Lowery, the cast includes Oakes Fegley as Pete, as well as Bryce Dallas Howard, Wes Bentley, Karl Urban, Oona Laurence, and Robert Redford.

"Bollywood is 'body-obsessed' industry"... Nargis Fakhri



Known for her natural sensuousness, Nargis Fakhri recently said that she feels Bollywood is a body-obsessed industry, adding that she is too shy to put on exposing attires.

"It's good that people liked me. In Bollywood, they like to put us in short clothes. And I am very shy; I don't like wearing revealing stuff though my image is such. Unfortunately, it's a body-obsessed industry. You want to see someone like me shaking and dancing," she stated in an interview with Filmfare.

Despite making a dream debut opposite Ranbir Kapoor in "Rockstar", Nargis said her journey in the industry has been tumultuous.

"It has been a tumultuous journey no doubt. But I feel blessed to

have got work," she said.

"I was at the receiving end of much criticism. It's difficult to make it if you're not born or raised here. It's tough coming from another place because things work differently here. But I kept reminding myself that things would get better, not worse," she added.

Further in the interview, the 36-year-old actress also spoke about the challenges she had to face to survive in the showbiz. "I had to struggle with the language. I can understand Hindi now but I still can't communicate. And, things get lost in translation, I feel rejected all the time. I feel like an alien. I feel people don't like me. People behaved strangely after Rockstar," she explained.

On the work front, Nargis will be next seen in Ravi Jadhav's directorial "Banjo" opposite Riteish Deshmukh, slated to hit the silver screen on September 23.

Source: ANI

Hanif Sanket makes "Shondehe Mondaho"

A CORRESPONDENT

For the past decade and half, renowned television host Hanif Sanket has been making dramas every year for ATN Bangla for Eid. This year, he is back again with his latest venture, titled "Shondehe Mondaho". The play will be aired on Eid ul Azha at 8:50 pm.

The plot revolves around Shoma (played by

Purnima) and her husband Milon (played by Mir Sabbir). Milon, a picky and difficult-to-please man, needlessly suspects his wife of being unfaithful. His suspicion triggers a chain of incidents which the narrative follows. Other cast members of the TV play includes Al Mamun, Abdul Kader, Shuvashish Voumik, Saberi Alam, Dipa Khandakar, Sawgata, and Sazzad Saju.

