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J-Law, Pratt in "Passengers" teaser

Sony Pictures has unveiled the a teaser for the trailer for the original sci-fi drama "Passengers". Scripted by Jon Spaihts ("Prometheus") and directed by Morten Tyldum ("The Imitation Game"), the film stars Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt and takes place on a luxury spaceship bound for a human colony that's 120 years away. Given the length of the journey, the 5,000 passengers are put into hypersleep, but when two of the passengers are mysteriously awakened 90 years too early, they strike up a relationship and quickly become the ship's only hope of recovering from a serious malfunction.

There isn't much to see in the trailer tease, but the ship design looks pretty spectacular, and there is some chemistry between Pratt and Lawrence. Spaihts' script has been praised throughout Hollywood for years, with a previous iteration of the



film set to star Keanu Reeves, but after scoring a Best Director Oscar nomination, this is the film that "The Imitation Game" helmer Morten Tyldum decided he wanted to direct. Thus, the large-scale sci-fi romance finally came to fruition.

The film opens in theatres on December 21 and also stars Michael Sheen, Laurence Fishburne, and Aurora Perrineau.

Source: Collider



Suborna and Zahid Hasan co-star after 10 years

A CORRESPONDENT
Suborna Mustafa and Zahid Hasan are not seen together on screen often, but the few times that they did garnered admiration from viewers. After 10 years, the stars will come together for a telefilm titled "Nishobdo." Scripted and directed by Badrul Anam Soud, shooting has been completed in Gazipur. Suborna shared, "The script for the

telefilm materialised quite some time ago. Zahid Hasan is an excellent actor and in this telefilm, he will undergo two transformations, one as a young man, and the other as an old man. We are satisfied with the work and are very excited about its release. We hope that viewers enjoy the telefilm." The actor further added that Runa Khan has a powerful presence, and Nazneen Hasan Chumki was unable to join them in the

venture as she was ill. In the past the duo had appeared in a TV play titled "Private Detective." Zahid Hasan stated, "Suborna Mostafa is a great actor and she along with Soud are very dear to me. It was wonderful to be working with them together, and the tele-film has been executed in a very organised manner." "Nishobdo" is going through post-production and is slated to air on Channel i very soon.

A DOSE OF CULTURE BY AMRA SURJAMUKHI Post Eid programme at National Museum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Amra Surjamukhi will hold a post-Eid programme featuring discussion and an evening of rendition and recitation of songs and poems at Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum on September 24.

The featured artistes at the event are noted Nazrul singer Nasima Shaheen Fancy and elocutionist Shirina Bithi.

Nasima Shaheen will set off the event with a Nazrul Sangeet. She will perform other songs of the National Poet. "Apart from this, I'll present songs of three poets (Atul Prasad, DL Roy and Rajanikanta Sen); golden oldies and original songs (adhunik) from my solo album," said the artiste.

Nasima Shaheen regularly performs covers of eminent singers. This time she hopes to perform an array of golden oldies.

Barrister M Amir-Ul-Islam will grace the occasion as chief guest while Lt Gen (retd) Harun-ar-Rashid (Bir Protik) will attend the event as special guest. Chief Coordinator of International Crimes Tribunal Muhammad Abdul Hannan Khan will preside over the programme.

Cultural activist and coordinating secretary of Amra Surjamukhi, Shafiqul Islam Selim will deliver welcome address.



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KOREAN FILM FESTIVAL 2016 in DHAKA October 1~5
VENUE: Bangladesh National Museum Main Auditorium

KOREAN FILM FEST TO BEGIN OCT 1

A CORRESPONDENT
A Korean Film Festival is all set to begin in the capital on October 1, at the Bangladesh National Museum. The festival is being organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. The five-day festival will be inaugurated at 3pm Saturday (October 1), where Nasrul Hamid, State Minister of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources will

attend as chief guest. After the inauguration, sports film "No Breathing" (directed by Jo Yong-seon) will open the festival. Another film titled "A Hard Day" will be screened on the same day at 6pm. Other films to be screened at the festival are "Born to Sing" and "My Love My Bride". All four films will see multiple screenings at the venue, every day at 10:30am, 2:30pm and 6pm.

TAREEN-APURBO spotted in Dinajpur

A CORRESPONDENT

Tareen and Apurbo are noted television actors who are familiar faces in TV plays and tele-films. However, the pair has not worked together for over a year due to other pending projects, until now.

The stars are set to appear in a TV play titled "Sunflower", directed by Nazrul Islam Raju and scripted by Mezbah Uddin Shumon. Tareen plays a character named Joya, proprietor of "Sunflower Electronics" and Apurbo appears as her husband who returns from abroad.

Shooting for the TV play began on September 18 at Paharpur, Dinajpur and is scheduled to wrap up by the end of the month. Regarding the new venture, Tareen shared, "I have worked in other TV plays directed by Nazrul Islam Raju before and his unit is extremely organised, but this particular one stirs up many

memories as my father was an engineer, just like my character. Apurba and I have worked many times before, and I regard him as family."

Apurbo also shared his experiences working in the production thus far, saying, "Tareen is a powerful actor and I consider her as my mentor in the acting industry. I have been influenced by her since the start of her career, and am therefore indebted towards her for all that I have been taught. I am thrilled to be working with her again after such a long time."

"Sunflower" will air on ntv from October 2.



Prince tribute concert tickets sell out instantly

Fans have snapped up tickets to next month's Prince tribute concert in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA.

Tickets to the October 13 concert went on sale at 10am Monday via Ticketmaster and the box office at Xcel Energy Center. The Star Tribune reports tickets, priced at \$19.99 to \$152.50, were gone instantly.

Stevie Wonder, Christina Aguilera, Chaka Khan, John Mayer and Tori Kelly are among performers lined up for the concert sanctioned by Prince's family.

Prince's family originally planned to hold the show at the new NFL stadium in his hometown of Minneapolis. However, organizers said last week that it will be at the smaller Xcel Energy Center.

Prince, the iconic (quite literally, as he changed his name to a symbol at one point in his career) funk-R&B-pop star died of an accidental drug overdose at his Paisley Park recording studio last April.

Source: Billboard

Deepika sizzles in new "xXx" promo

Bollywood's leading lady Deepika Padukone has not had any big releases this year, but she is all set to get team "xXx: The return of Xander Cage" to India for the promotions. The film being her first Hollywood venture, the actress is not leaving any stone unturned in creating a good buzz for the film back in India. She is smashing glasses and gunning down villains in the xXx promo.

After the trailer and the first promo video got her the necessary recognition, the team of "xXx" unveiled another short promo, only for Deepika's character and titled it "Born Wild". Moreover, director DJ Caruso released a still of Deepika Padukone, looking absolutely fierced in a crouching position. When the trailers of "xXx: Return of the Xander Cage" were released, the actress was seen in just three shots, causing some disappointment among her fans. However, the actress told her fans to have patience for there was a lot more to come from her Hollywood debut.

The film is presently in post-production stage. Star cast of "xXx: The Return of Xander Cage" sees Vin Diesel return as the badass spy, along with Samuel L Jackson, Tony Jaa, Ruby Rose, Nina Dobrev and Donnie Yen.

Source: The Indian Express

