

<p>Star Melodies Title: Kanan Devi's Gaan Venue: AS Mahmud Hall (Level 3) Daily Star Center, Dhaka Date: September 27 Time: 6:30pm</p>	<p>Group Art Exhibition of Bangladeshi Artists Title: "Search the Truth of Beauty" - Dedicated to the memory of SM Sultan Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: September 23-29 Time: 11am-8pm</p>	<p>National Theatre Festival Organiser: Group Theatre Federation (BGTFF) Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: September 24- October 11 Time: 6pm</p>	<p>Korean Film Festival Organiser: The Embassy of the Republic of Korea Venue: Bangladesh National Museum Date: October 1-5 Time: 10:30am, 2:30pm and 6pm</p>	<p>Solo Metal Sculpture Exhibition Title: Hard Emotion Artist: Anham UI Haq Chowdhury Venue: Alliance Francaise Dhaka Date: September 23- October 7 Time: 3-9pm</p>
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Jim Parsons highest-paid TV actor

"The Big Bang Theory" actors fill the top four slots of the 2016 "highest paid TV actors" list released by Forbes on Thursday. Jim Parsons once again leads the pack with \$25.5 million. The four time Emmy-winning actor and his co-star Johnny Galecki, who is second on the list, both command a \$1 million per episode salary. Still, "Modern Family" star Sofia Vergara, who topped the list for female TV actors clobbers their earnings with \$43 million.



Simon Helberg, who also scored a supporting role in "Florence Foster Jenkins", is third on the list. Kunal Nayyar is the fourth and final star of the CBS sitcom to round out the top of the list. Vergara's "Modern Family" co-stars Ty Burrell, Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Ed O'Neill all cracked the top 10 for men. Other actors on the list were Mark Harmon, Nathan Fillion and Ray Romano.

Source: Variety



Discussants (top) and performing artistes at the event. PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

AMRA SURJAMUKHI holds programme at BNM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Cultural organisation Amra Surjamukhi held 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 were noted Nazrul singer Nasima Shaheen Fancy and elocutionist Shirina Bithi. Barrister M Amir-Ul-Islam graced the occasion as chief guest while Lt Gen (retd) Harun-ar-Rashid (Bir Protik) was special guest. Three eminent Nazrul Sangeet artistes -- Shaheen Samad, Sadya Afreen Mallick and Dr. Nashid Kamal - spoke at the event. Coordinating secretary of Amra Surjamukhi, Shafiqul Islam Selim delivered welcome



address. Chief Coordinator of International Crimes Tribunal Muhammad Abdul Hannan Khan presided over the programme. "Music is the source of great inspiration for Bangladeshis. It played a role of national awakening call for unity during our Liberation War. Culture and all its elements are the reflection of our peoples' aspiration and promise," said M Amir-Ul-Islam. "Culture is the mirror of a nation. It indicates a nation's identity. Though our country is 45 year old, our culture dates back thousands of years. As a Freedom Fighter, I know the

immense contributions of the artistes of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra (SBBK) to our Liberation War. The record play of the songs like 'Mora Ekti Phulke Banchabo' and 'Joy Bangla Banglar Joy' would run in our blood. Music was used as the signal of military intelligence at that time. 18 Pakistani warships were sunk in a day, which was called 'Operation Jackpot', with the signal of two songs aired on SBBK," mentioned Harun-ar-Rashid. "I am greatly optimistic of Bangladeshi peoples' affinity to our culture. With a deep love for our culture and country,

they respond passionately and timely," said Abdul Hannan Khan. Nasima Shaheen set off the event with a patriotic song "Ami Ek Sagorer Gaan Shonabo", written and composed by Mohammad Rafiquzzaman and Sujejo Shyam. She next performed several Nazrul Sangeet numbers including "Amar Aponar Cheye", "Chand Herichhe" and "Abar Bhalobashar Sadh". She also presented songs of three poets (Atul Prasad, DL Roy and Rajanikanta Sen); golden oldies and original songs (adhunik) from her solo album. She performed songs originally recorded by Nilufar Yasmin, Ferdousi Rahman, Runa Laila, Haimanti Sukla and others. The singer wrapped up the event with rendering a Lata Mangeskar classic "Aaj Tobe Etuku Thak". Elocutionist Shirina Bithi recited several poems at the event. She started off with "Amar Porichoy", composed by Syed Shamsul Haq. She beautifully recited a Tagore poem "Africa" at the event.

Star Melodies' tribute to Kanan Devi Musical soiree on September 27

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Star Melodies will hold a special musical programme, paying tribute to Kanan Devi (April 22, 1916-July 17, 1992), the first Bangladeshi female star of film and music, marking her birth centenary. Dalia Nausheen, Badrunnesa Dalia, Tanjina Toma, Zahangir Alom and Raisa Islam will perform songs recorded by Kanan Devi, at the event on September 27, at 6 pm at the AS Mahmud Seminar Hall of The Daily Star Centre. Sadya Afreen Mallick will compere the programme. The event has been organised with assistance from Chalachhitram and Eastern



Bank Limited. Kanan Devi was among the early singing stars of Indian cinema, and is credited popularly as the first star of Bangla cinema. Her singing style, usually in rapid tempo, was used instrumentally in some of the biggest hits of New Theatres, Kolkata. After making her debut in silent film "Jaidev" (1926), and successfully transitioned into talkies to produce numerous hits, both as an actress and singer. Those interested to attend the programme may collect cards from The Daily Star Centre between 11am-5pm depending on availability. Seats are limited.

ALPANA HABIB Popularising Bangladeshi cuisine

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

Alpana Habib aptly calls herself a 'home cook' who endeavors to make home cooks out of everyone, and her YouTube recipes have garnered a loyal fan following. Today is the celebrity cook's 50th birthday, and her youthful energy is infectious as she speaks of her passionate love for cooking. Alpana Habib has been cooking from an early age, replicating recipes from cookbooks. "I never imagined I'd have my own cooking show," said Alpana. "I used to entertain guests at my home, and they would ask me to teach them how to cook. That is how my cooking classes were formed. My sister approached Sara Zaker and told her of my storytelling habits while instructing students. After one show, Sara Zaker signed me up for more. That is how my journey began." Alpana's reputation has transcended the



country's borders, too. Last year, she was invited as a culinary judge by "Hangla Hesel", a Kolkata-based food magazine to a festival arranged in various parts of the region for Durga Pooja festivals. "This was not a cooking

competition," Alpana explained, "it is all fun and games and the food is cooked by the locals for the festival. Marks are allocated depending on the taste, presentation, as well as the traditional value of the dishes served. There were many Bangladeshis living in Kolkata, and they were very happy to see a representative from our country." Alpana Habib was also invited to Delhi as a cooking instructor at "Food for Thought", a food festival organised by SAARC, where she met cooks from SAARC countries. "It was an invigorating experience, as renowned chefs were there, giving live demonstrations. I demonstrated my ilish pulao, shahi tukda, as well as a decorative starter item which they loved." Alpana Habib will be involved with West Bengal's most popular cooking show aired by Zee Bangla, "Rannaghor", and is also currently working on a cookbook that will be published in both English and Bangla.



Abul Khair, Chairman of Bengal Foundation and Publisher of "Kali O Kalam", speaks at a memorial programme for the late AZM Abdul Ali, columnist and member of the editorial panel of the art and literary magazine. Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, eminent singer Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAM Arefin Siddique, Assistant Editor of Daily Prothom Alo Sohrab Hossain also spoke at the programme. Adity Mohsin, Shama Rahman, Bulbul Islam and Iffat Ara Dewan also sang at the programme.

Rihanna, Kendrick, Metallica play at Global Citizen Fest

Rihanna ran through her pop and R&B hits, Eddie Vedder partnered with Chris Martin and Kendrick Lamar was enthusiastic and energetic during his hour-long set at the Global Citizen Festival in New York. Metallica, Ellie Goulding, Usher and Yandel also performed familiar songs Saturday at the free event on the Great Lawn in Central Park. The multi-hour show aired live on MSNBC. Major Lazer kicked off the festival, performing hits such as "Lean On" and was backed by lively dancers. At one point they all wore New York Mets jerseys onstage. Demi Lovato, who replaced Selena Gomez, followed with strong singing. Fans earned free tickets by promoting the importance of education. The event was hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, Salma Hayek Pinault, Chelsea Handler, Priyanka Chopra and Hugh Jackman and his wife, actress Deborra-Lee Furness. Rihanna closed the show with a number of



(Global Citizens) Chris Martin and Eddie Vedder were also part of the festival lineup.

her smash hits, from "We Found Love" to "Umbrella" to the recent "Needed Me". Most of the performers thanked the feverish audience for doing acts of kindness to earn the tickets. "We got global citizens in the house tonight — I myself, I'm from Barbados so I came a long way," Rihanna said. "There are people all over the globe that need help." As fans waited for Rihanna to perform, Martin — who had just performed — came back onstage to stall. He sang Prince's "Raspberry Beret" while strumming the guitar, and freestyled new lyrics about why Rihanna was late, which earned laughs and applause from the crowd. He joked that the singer was doing her makeup and said he would perform the Prince song again. Metallica earned one of the night's loudest ovations and Usher wore a black shirt that read, "Silence is content."

The Global Citizen Festival is in its fifth year. Last year's event featured Michelle Obama, Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, Beyonce and Pearl Jam.

Source: Associated Press



Guests inaugurate the National Theatre Festival 2016, with the theme "This land is not of terrorism, it is of humanity", at the National Theatre Hall of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). Cultural Affairs minister Asaduzzaman Noor and secretary of the ministry Akhtari Momtaz. Eminent thespians Ramendu Mazumder, Aatur Rahman attended as guests. BSA Director General Liaquat Ali Lucky presided over the ceremony. On the opening day, Jibon Sangket from Hobiganj staged "Jyotisanghita". Sirajganj-based Natyalok staged "Nari Nasiman" and Gaibandha's Podokkhep staged "Polonath Company".