

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Solo Painting Exhibition Title: EPOCH Artist: Monsur UL Karim Venue: Gallery Twenty One, Dhanmondi Date: September 30- October 14 Time: 12pm-8pm</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 (BGTF) 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: Arham Ul Huq Chowdhury Venue: Alliance Francaise Dhaka Date: September 23- October 7 Time: 3-9pm</p>
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NEWS bytes
Scorsese's "Silence" to release in December

Martin Scorsese's historical drama "Silence" has landed a release date, just in time for awards season. Paramount has set a limited release for December 23, 2016, and then will open it nationwide in January. Based on Shusaku Endo's 1966 novel of the same name, "Silence" tells the story of two 17th century Portuguese missionaries who undertake a perilous journey to Japan to search for their mentor and to spread the gospel of Christianity. The script



was adapted by Scorsese and Jay Cocks. Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver and Liam Neeson star in the film. There are no other wide releases set for December 23, but the holiday season is a traditionally crowded time at the box office. Video game adaptation "Assassin's Creed", animated musical "Sing" and big-budget sci-fi romance story "Passengers", starring Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt, are all set for release three days before the date.

Source: THR



Star Plus to air Humayun Ahmed's "Aaj Robibar"

A CORRESPONDENT

Star Plus has greenlighted a series written by the late eminent author Humayun Ahmed. Titled "Aj Robibar," the series had originally been written for Channel i, after which the channels producers had approached Star Plus with the TV play. The play will be dubbed in Hindi, and re-titled "Today is Sunday" to cater to an international audience. The promotional video featured actor and wife of the late writer Meher Afroz Shaon. Premiering on October 1, "Today is Sunday" will be aired every Friday and Saturday at 11pm.

Cast members of "Aaj Robibar" include Meher Afroz Shaon, Zahid Hasan, Aly Zaker, Abul Khayer, Abul Hayat, Suborna Mustafa, Shila Ahmed, and Faruk Ahmed. The actors expressed their gratitude for the opportunity the show has received. The plot revolves around the day to day activities of an eccentric family headed by a man known as Dadajan (played by Abul Khayer), who along with his children as well as other members of the household keep getting into comical incidents. The show has also been praised for repopularising Hason Raja songs to a younger audience.



Shaon and Shila in the series.



Salman Shah festival at BFDC

A CORRESPONDENT

To observe the 45th birth anniversary of popular actor Salman Shah, a festival has been organised at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC). Titled "Salman Shah Utsab 2016" and organised by Salman Shah Smriti Parishad, the event will take place at BFDC's Jashim Floor. Renowned actors, directors, producers and journalists will be present on the occasion.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, will be present as the chief guest and Former cultural minister Syed Deedar Bakht will inaugurate the programme. A discussion will take place along with a cultural show; where actors Shakib Khan, Omar Sani and Moushumi will perform.

Salman Shah was born on September 19, 1971. He started his journey as a child artiste, who eventually established himself as one of the popular actor in the industry. After working in 27 films, the actor died in 1996 at the young age of 25.



With an anti-militancy theme "E Mati Noy Jongibaad-er, E Mati Manobotar", Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) together with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) is organising an 18-day National Theatre Festival 2016 at four venues: National Theatre Hall, Experimental Theatre Hall and Studio Theatre Hall of BSA, along with Mahila Samity Mancha in Dhaka. Theatre Art Unit will stage "Na Manushi Jamin" at National Theatre Hall while Swapnadal will stage "Chitrangada" at Experimental Theatre Hall and Susham Natya Sampradaye will stage "Mrigatrishna" at Mahila Samity Mancha today (September 29). Staging of each production will start at 7pm.

"31st October" already a landmark for me ... Soha

Soha Ali Khan, who is gearing up for the release of "31st October", says the forthcoming film is already a landmark for her. "I say that every film is 'the film' for me...Some films that come out in the box-office they become important to you depending on the box-office results. This film is already a landmark for me," said Soha in a group interview.

The 37-year-old actress added that no matter what the fate of the film is, she will still be proud of it. "Of course, we want the film to make lots of money, but whatever the fate of the film is...I will always be proud of the film," she added.

Also starring Vir Das, "31st October" is based on the aftermath of Indira Gandhi's assassination and its repercussions. Soha and Vir essay a Sikh couple in the movie, which will hit the screens on October 7. "We stayed away from politics in the film. We've shown the 1984 riots through the eyes of one family. It is a very humane take on what has happened. There are references to certain local leaders but we have not named them. But for people, who know enough about the 1984 riots, they'll know exactly who we mean," Soha said.

Soha will be seen for the second time in a de-glam look in the film after the 2006 drama "Rang De Basanti". Asked her opinion on the look, Soha said without make-up, an artiste is 'completely exposed'. "I like such films because otherwise behind the glamour, you lose the depth of the character and in this you can't hide behind completely exposed make-up at all. You are completely exposed and I find that challenging," she said.

Source: IANS



Dr. Strange confirmed in "Avengers: Infinity War"

Benedict Cumberbatch himself has confirmed that his Marvel superhero character Doctor Strange will be showing up in the next Avengers film, "Infinity War". In an interview with Empire on the set of "Doctor Strange" (which releases later this year), Cumberbatch was asked what was next for the Sorcerer Supreme. He replied that it was the, "logistical challenge of aligning his schedule with those of Robert Downey Jr, Chris Hemsworth, Elizabeth Olsen and Paul Bettany," adding, "To get us all together will be quite something. That's why this character is being introduced, to open up the next chapter."

"Doctor Strange" opens on November 4., starring Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams, Mads Mikkelsen and Tilda Swinton. "Avengers: Infinity War", meanwhile, is scheduled for May 4, 2018.

Source: Collider



"Kali was an exciting project" ...Omer Aiaz Ony

A CORRESPONDENT

Amit Ashraf's five episode web-series "Kali" created a quite a buzz among viewers. Released on the website Bioscope Live, the superhero series tackled a genre untouched before in Bangladesh. Along with model-actress Azra Mahmood who plays Kali, actor Omer Aiaz Ony is seen in the series. In conversation with The Daily Star, the actor shared his experience of working in the project.

"Kali" was an exciting project and this is the first time I was part of a super-hero themed project," he said. About his role, he said "I am playing a detective named Dalim, who takes the responsibility of finding Kali as he has to unveil the mystery behind a murder."

Talking about the director, Ony said, "I have known Amit for a long time and I have a great respect for him. Our film industry has a lot of talented filmmakers but not like Amit. Working with him was a fantastic experience."