

WHAT'S ON
Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: EPOCH
Artist: Monsur Ul Karim
Venue: Gallery Twenty One, Dhanmondi
Date: September 30-October 14
Time: 12pm-8pm



Open Studio
Subir Choudhury Practice Grant
Artist: Abir Shome & Eshita Mitra
Venue: Gyantapas Abdur Razzak Bidyapeeth, Dhanmondi
Date: September 30-October 21
Time: 12-8pm



National Theatre Festival
Organiser: Group Theatre Federation (BGTf)
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: September 24-October 11
Time: 6pm



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



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: "Of Nature, Boats & Faces"
Artist: Hamiduzzaman Khan
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
Date: September 30-October 14
Time: 12-8pm



NEWS bytes
Solange Knowles drops new album

Solange Knowles released her new album "A Seat at the Table", featuring appearances from Kelly Rowland, Lil Wayne, Kelela, Q-Tip, The-Dream, BJ the Chicago Kid, Sampha, and Nia Andrews, as well as additional vocals from Tweet, Devonte Hynes, and more in the 21-track project. "A Seat at the Table" is Solange's third full-length album, and her first since 2008's "Sol-Angel and the Hadley St. Dreams". She did, however, release an EP in 2012, titled "True". The album comes via Solange's Saint Heron label in conjunction with Columbia Records.

Earlier this week, several of Solange's fans got their own chance to get a 'seat at the table' through a website set up by the singer. The first 86 fans to sign up on the site ended up getting a limited-edition hardcover book that serves as a companion piece to the album. It contains lyrics (presented as poetry) and pictures meant to accompany tracks on the album. The fans who managed to get their hands on a copy are sure to be excited about it.



Source: Yahoo Music



Babita, Suchanda and Champa, spotted at an event in the capital recently.

"Teen Kanya" on queue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two years ago, noted actress Suchanda announced her upcoming project of making a documentary. After two years in getting a script ready, it is now all set for rolling. Titled "Teen Kanya", the documentary is about Suchanda and her two sisters - Champa and Babita, both big names of Dhallywood.

Suchanda has announced that the filming of the documentary will begin next year. Talking about the project, Suchanda said, "My father's wish was to see three of us sharing screen space together and we fulfilled his dream by working in the film "Teen Kanya". After the film, I had a wish to prepare a documentary that will project our stories and remarkable moments of our life. So now, we are working on it

so that we can start the filming next year."

Moreover, talking about her sister's project, celebrated actress Babita said, "The project is very exciting and it demands a lot of hard work and time. I am eagerly waiting to start the shoot for this documentary. I believe it will be appreciated and our dream will turn into reality by this project."

Champa added, "My two elder sisters are my pride. In addition, one of the common traits we share is our love of films. It is our film industry that has made us 'Teen Kanya'. I am eagerly waiting for this project."

Suchanda, Babita and Champa all found immense success in the film industry in their respective eras. Suchanda began her career in the '60s with Subhash Dutta's "Kagojer Nouka",

and went on to star in memorable films such as "Behula" and "Jibon Theke Neyra". She later ventured into direction, and won the National Award as a director in 2005 for "Hajar Bochor Dhore", based on a Zahir Raihan novel. Her sister, Babita, also ruled Dhallywood in the 70s and 80s, most notably for Satyajit Ray's "Ashoni Sanket". She worked in over 250 films and at one point in her career won the National Award three years in a row. Champa, the youngest of the sisters, made her debut in the aforementioned "Teen Kanya", and found success both critically and commercially. "Padma Nadi'r Majhi" by Goutam Ghose remains her most famous work, while other notable films include "Neeiban", "Shankhaneel Karagar" and "Bheja Chokh".

Bangladesh Short and Documentary Film Fest begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The weeklong Bangladesh Short and Documentary Film Festival 2016 began yesterday (September 2) at all the 64 District Shilpakala Academies. Organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), it is being assisted by Federation of Film Societies of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Short Film Forum and Bangladesh Documentary Council. This year, the festival features a total of 84 films and will continue till October 8.

Asaduzzaman Noor, cultural affairs minister, inaugurated the festival as the chief guest while noted filmmakers Syed Salahuddin Zaki, Morshedul Islam and Manzare Hasin Murad attended the inaugural ceremony as special guests. Liaquat Ali Lucky, DG, BSA, presided over the programme while Jahangir Hossain Chowdhury, Secretary of BSA, delivered welcome address.

The aim of this year's festival is to provide a platform for young filmmakers for making standard films that will ultimately help practise the culture of Bangladesh.

A five-member selection committee has chosen 35 short films and 29 documentaries for screening from 200 submissions. Besides, 11 previously-made documentaries with nine short films have been selected for screening at the festival.

The festival includes three competitive sections. This year the organisers will confer Best Short Film and Best Documentary along with Best Director and Special Jury awards for both short film and documentary categories. A five-member jury will select the best film duo that will receive Taka 1 lakh each while the director duo will receive Taka 50,000 each as award money.



Vidya dubbing for "Kahaani 2" despite illness



Vidya Balan will be dubbing for her Sujoy Ghosh directorial "Kahaani 2", though she is recovering from her illness as the film is scheduled to release next month.

Vidya, who was diagnosed with dengue in mid-September, was advised complete bed rest. Nevertheless, the National-award winning actor decided to make ample use of this time.

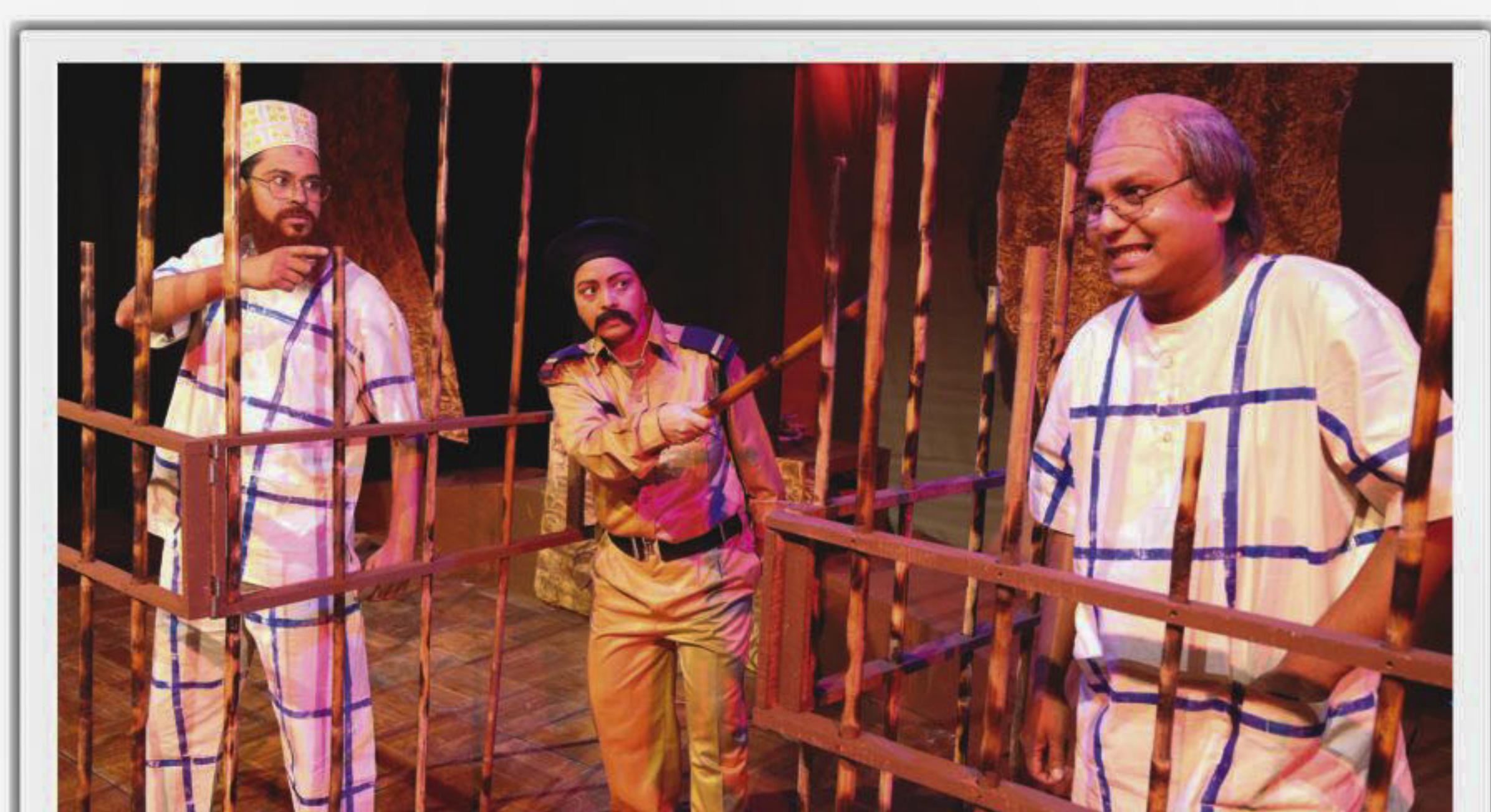
While she was at home, she began preparing for her next film, in which she is playing the late poetess Kamala Surayya, aka Kamala Das.

A source says, "Vidya is a thorough professional. She loves her job. As Sujoy's (Ghosh) film will release in November, she wants to fulfill her commitments and stick to the timeline for dubbing the film. She does not wish to cause any inconvenience to the film's cast and crew.

However, she is still recovering from dengue, and won't start shooting for the movie on Das immediately."

"Kahaani 2", the sequel to Sujoy's 2012 mystery thriller "Kahaani", will see Vidya return as Vidya Bagchi, and will be joined by Arjun Rampal and Jugal Hansraj. The first film was reviewed well by critics and audiences alike, and was remade in Telegu and Tamil.

Source: Hindustan Times



Prangonemor will stage their acclaimed production "Condemned Cell" today at the Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, as part of the ongoing National Theatre Fest organised by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation. Nuna Afroze, Ananta Hira, Awal Reza, Jahidul Islam and Sabuktagin Shubo play the central roles in the play.

MISS PEREGRINE'S leads Box Office on debut

Fox's "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" is leading the box office after \$9 million Friday at on its way to a \$26 million opening weekend.



Lionsgate's "Deepwater Horizon" made \$7.08 million on Friday. Audiences are not lining up to see the oil spill disaster movie, which, with a production cost between \$110 and \$120 million, is eyeing a three-day total of only \$20 million.

"Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children", produced by Chernin Entertainment, TGS, and Tim Burton Prods., is based on a novel by Ransom Riggs in which a 16-year-old named Jake is forced to move to a mysterious island where he meets the titular Miss Peregrine.

Jane Goldman wrote the film adaptation which stars Eva Green, Asa Butterfield, Chris O'Dowd, Allison Janney, Rupert Everett, Terence Stamp, Ella Purnell, Judi Dench, and Samuel L Jackson. Tim Burton directed the film with a \$110 million production price tag, coming off of a string of under-performing films at the box office.

"Deepwater Horizon," collaboration between actor Mark Wahlberg and director Peter Berg, is based on the true story of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion

and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Kurt Russell, John Malkovich, Gina Rodriguez, Dylan O'Brien, and Kate Hudson also star in the film, distributed by Summit Entertainment.

Relativity's long-delayed comedy "Masterminds" starring Zach Galifianakis and Kristen Wiig opened out of the top five, behind "Sully".

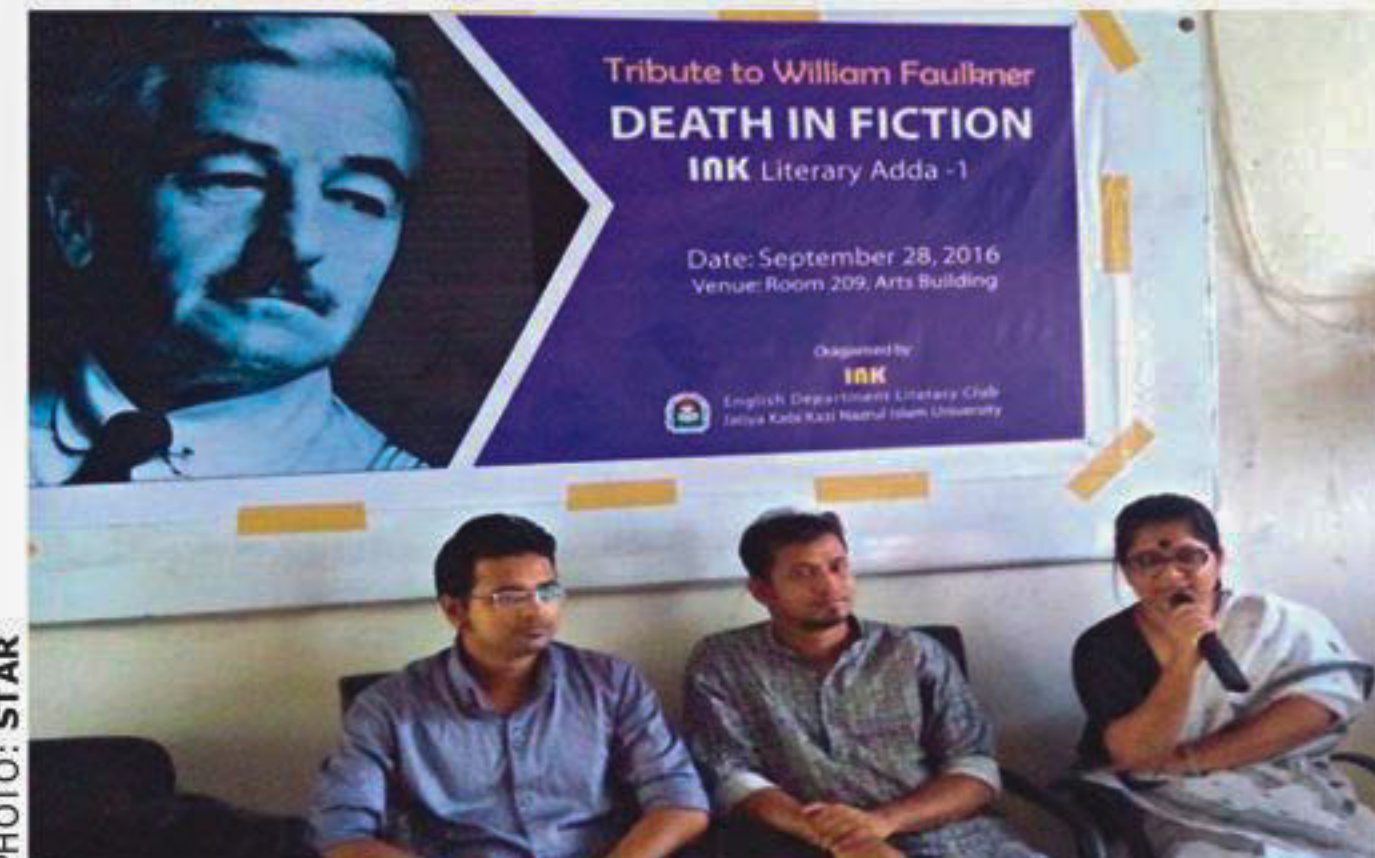
In their second frames, "The Magnificent Seven" stands in third, while "Storks" stood at no.4.

Source: Variety

William Faulkner celebrated at JKKNIU

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking the 119th birth anniversary of famed American writer William Faulkner a literary gathering was held at Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) here on Monday. Ink, a literary circle of the university's English department, organised the gathering styled "Death in Fiction".



A discussion on the life and work of Faulkner was held marking the occasion.

Professor Emdadul Haque, Professor Bijoy Bushan Das, Assistant Professors Sheikh Mehdi Hasan and Umme Farhana; Sakhawat Jamil Shaikat of the department took part in the discussion.

Ink's convener Abdullah Al Mukhtar, a lecturer of the department delivered the welcome speech.

They also dedicated the celebration to Faulkner. Modern literature is not only a mouthpiece for a selected society but has become a means of articulating daily problems and their possible solutions, said the speakers.

Paying rich tribute to William Faulkner, they also said that his challenging writings have made him the best regarded author throughout the world.

American writer William Faulkner was born in New Albany, Mississippi, in 1897. Much of his early work was poetry, but he became famous for his novels set in the American South, frequently in his fabricated Yoknapatawpha County, with works that included *The Sound and the Fury*, *As I Lay Dying* and *Absalom, Absalom!*

His controversial 1931 novel *Sanctuary* was turned into two films, 1933's *The Story of Temple Drake* as well as a later 1961 project. Faulkner was awarded the 1949 Nobel Prize in Literature and ultimately won two Pulitzers and two National Book Awards as well. He died on July 6, 1962.

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