

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: Gyanapas Abdur Razzaq Bidyapeeth, Dhanmondi
 Date: September 30- October 21
 Time: 12-8pm



National Theatre Fest 2016
 Play: Poramati by Padatik Nattyo Sangsad
 Venue: Mahila Samity Mancha, Bally Road
 Date: October 10; Time: 7pm



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



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: METAMORPHIC - Naturally Transformed
 Artist: Rezaun Nabi
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos
 Date: October 14-28
 Time: 12-8pm



NEWS bytes

"Iron Fist" trailer revealed at NYCC

Marvel and Netflix teamed up to reveal new information about several upcoming shows, as well as a new teaser trailer for "Marvel's Iron Fist" during a New York Comic Con panel on Saturday. "Marvel's Iron Fist" is the fourth of four series from Marvel — the others are "Marvel's Daredevil", "Marvel's Jessica Jones" and "Marvel's Luke Cage" — streaming on Netflix. All four series will also team up for "Marvel's The Defenders".



Finn Jones stars in "Iron Fist" as a martial arts expert with super-human abilities. Jessica Henwick, David Wenham, Jessica Stroup and Tom Pelphrey also star. During the panel, Sigourney Weaver was also announced as playing a "significant but unspecified" role in "Marvel's The Defenders". Deborah Ann Woll will be joining "Marvel's The Punisher", where she will reprise her "Daredevil" role of Karen Page.

Source: Variety



SHAH ALAM SHAZI

Humayun Ahmed holds a special place in the heart of every discerning Bangalee, and the magic of his appeal has transcended the pages of his books on to the big and small screen. Last year, Humayun's widow Meher Afroz Shaon took up the challenge of making the first film since his demise, and created a moving film with "Krishnopokkho". Riding on the success of that, Shaon is now gearing up to bring another of Humayun's novels, "Nokkhotrer Raat", to life. Produced by Fair & Lovely, the film will tell the story of Rebeka, a young girl who goes abroad to study on a scholarship and things start to happen in her life. Mahi, who surprised everyone with her mature, sensitive acting in "Krishnopokkho", will join forces with Shaon again in the leading role, while she will be joined on screen by the winner of this year's "Fair & Handsome" pageant, Badhon, playing a character named Pasha. Although the novel is set in USA, the film will be set either in France or Switzerland, and principal photography will begin in December, Shaon told The Daily Star. "Krishnopokkho was the story of the middle class. After it, I wanted to make either a modern-setting film or one set in a rural area. While working with the reality show for Channel i (Fair & Handsome), I got the offer to

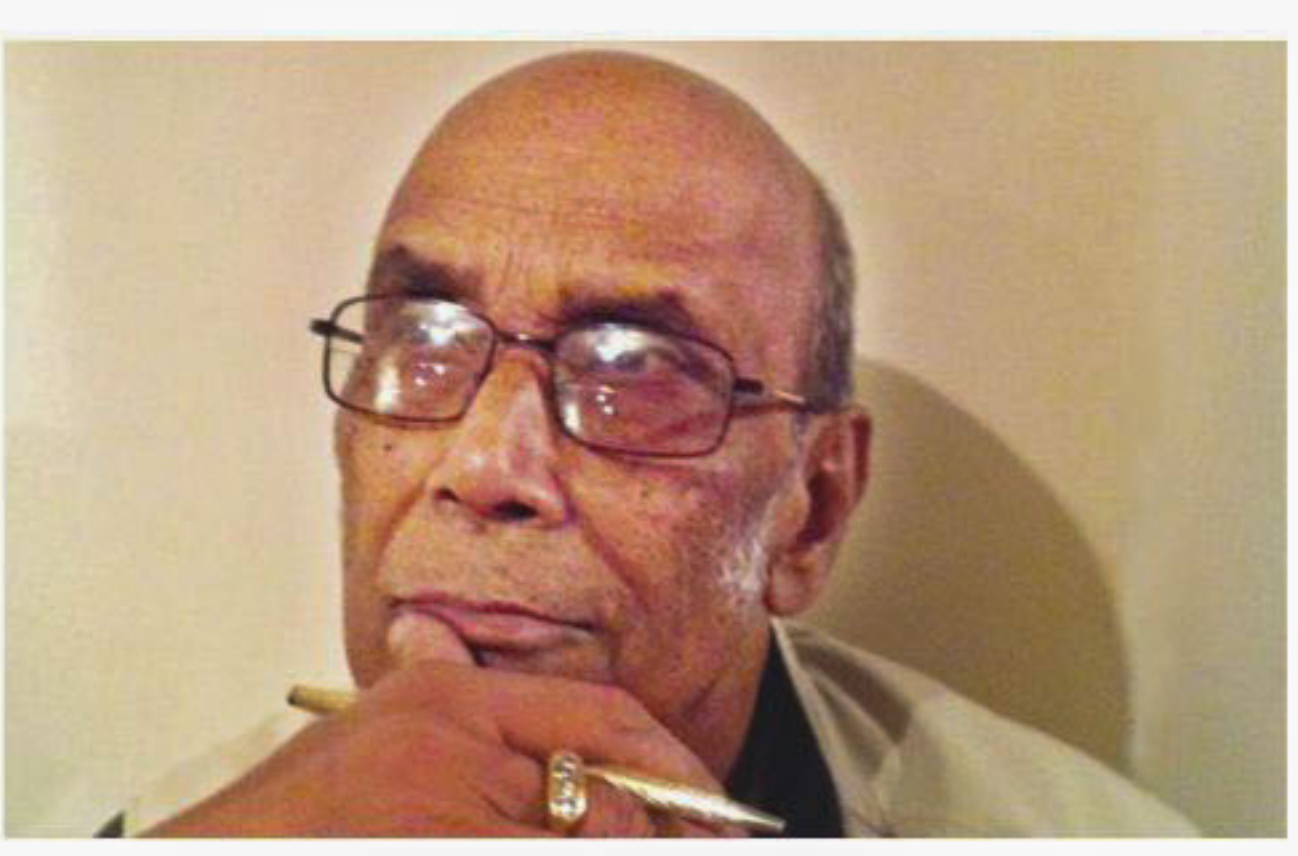
Another Humayun Ahmed classic coming to big screen

Shaon to turn "Nokkhotrer Raat" into film



Mahi will join forces with Shaon for a second time after "Krishnopokkho".

make it," Shaon informed. "Nokkhotrer Raat" is a favourite book of mine. I hope to do it justice; let's see how far I can go with it," the actress-turned-filmmaker added. About casting a newcomer for a lead role, Shaon said, "All five finalists are talented. I spoke to all of them, and felt like Badhon was fit for the role of Pasha." The process of getting other characters on board for the film is currently underway, she added.



Syed Haq memorial held in M'singh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Bangladesh Abritti Samonoy Parishad, Dhaka remembered the brilliant contribution of poet Shamsul Syed Haq to Bangla literature, at a programme held at Muslim Institute of Mymensingh town Friday evening. Shabda Abritti Charcha Kendra Mymensingh assisted the event. The programme included discussion on life and work of Syed Haq, and recitation from his poetry. The artistes of Shabda Abritti Charcha Kendra and others took part in the poetry recitation session. Poet Amjad Dulon, Rubina Azad, Saimul Haque, Kamrul Haque and Mousumi Raha took part in the recitation session, among others. Earlier, Bahurpi Natya Sangstha secretary Shahadat Hossain Khan Hilu, poet Farid Ahmed Dulal, Yazdani Quraishy Kajol and journalist Neamul Kabir Sajal took part in a discussion. Joydev Saha, president of Shabda Abritti Charcha Kendra, presided over the event. The speakers said in many of his writings, Syed Haq depicted the real picture of human life and the true history of the War of Liberation. Shamsul Haq made a great contribution to Bangla literature and his demise is an irreparable loss, they said. The speakers also remembered the popular writings of the poet, like "Payer Awaj Pawa Jay", "Nuroldiner Sara Jibon", "Stobdhotar Onubad", "Nishiddho Loban", "Stobdhotar Onubad", "Ekoda Ek Rajjey", "Khelaram Khele Ja" and "Ek Mahilar Chhobi" and so on. Bikkhon, a weekly study circle of Mymensingh Sahitya Sangsad also dedicated its 1700th session to the Shamsul Haq on Friday. The circle organised a discussion at its office on the bank of Old Brahmaputra River on Friday. The day's programme also included poetry recitation by the prominent poets of the district.



Curtains on Short and Documentary Festival
Best films awarded at closing ceremony

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The nationwide Bangladesh Short and Documentary Film Festival 2016 came to a close on Saturday evening, with the recognition of the best films. At the closing ceremony held at the National Theatre Hall auditorium of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), Commerce Minister Tofayel Ahmed attended as chief guest, while Cultural Secretary Akhtari Momtaz, cultural personality Mofidul Haq, chairman of Federation of Film Societies Bangladesh Lailun Nahar Shemi, and film researcher Fahmidul Haque were also present. BSA director general Liaqat Ali Lucky presided over the programme, while BSA secretary Jahangir Hossain Chowdhury delivered the welcome address. In the short films category, "Poth" directed by Md. Abid Mallik was adjudged best film by the five-member jury; Sadat Hossain was named best director for "The Shoes" and Md. Mamunur Radhid Srabon's "Matir Pakhi" won the special jury award. In documentaries, Maqbul Chowdhury's "Not A Penny Not A Gun" was named best film, Farzana Bobby was awarded best director for "Bishkanta" and Fouzia Khan's "Je Golper Shesh Nei" was awarded the special jury award. The winners were awarded crests, certificates and cash prizes, while filmmakers whose films were screened at the festival bagged certificates. A total of 84 films were screened at the festival, across the 64- district Shilpakala Academies from October 2. The festival was organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, and assisted by Federation of Film Societies Bangladesh, Bangladesh Short Film Forum and Bangladesh Documentary Film Association.

"People recognise me at mandaps now" ...Urmila

ZAIMA ZAHRA

Durga Puja, the biggest Hindu festival, is on. It is a special occasion for many of our celebrities and popular actress Urmila Srabanti Kar is no different. In conversation with The Daily Star, the actress shares her Puja plans:



What are your plans for Puja this year?
 Urmila: I prefer not to work during Puja, but this year due to a packed schedule, I worked until Shashthi and Saptami. However, now I will dedicate my time to my family.
Which Puja mandaps do you like to visit?
 Urmila: I visit a few Puja mandaps with my family -- Banani, Dhakeshwari, Ramkrishna Mission and Kalabagan.
What's the difference between Puja in earlier days and now that you have become so popular?
 Urmila: There is a huge difference, to be honest. Previously I used to spend time with my family but now because of work pressures, I

do not get enough time for my family. Then again while visiting mandaps, people recognise me, which is fun but sometimes a little tiring too.
What has been your most memorable Puja so far?
 Urmila: That would be last year's Puja. It was my first Puja with my in-laws. However, for the first time in my life I was away from my parents. It was a new experience.
Any Puja special projects?
 Urmila: I have worked in three projects for Puja: Anjan Aich's "Roddur Othoba Ayna", Suman Dhar's "Tithir Otithi" and Milon Bhattacharya's "Shidur".



Awardees and guests gather onstage at the grand finale of "Fair & Lovely Men Channel i Hero, powered by Bangladesh Army". Badhon was crowned winner of the reality show, while Pushan and Tanmay bagged the first and second runner up positions.

"John Wick: Chapter 2" trailer is action-packed

The first full length trailer for "John Wick: Chapter 2" was released at the New York Comic-Con on Saturday, and promises a ton of action and an all-star cast. The plot is in stark juxtaposition to its predecessor, although the story was not the strongest selling point of the film. "John Wick" revolved around Keanu's ex-hitman who had retired from the underworld in order to live a safe life with his wife. But when she unfortunately succumbs to an unknown illness, he's left on his own with a puppy she left him. The real action begins when John's puppy is killed, leading him on a strange case of revenge against a powerful Russian crime family.



But "John Wick: Chapter 2" has a more logical, although still somewhat silly, concept. John Wick will once again be forced out of retirement to kill masses of people with tactical brilliance. This time the mission is about helping a friend who is aiming (literally) to claim

control over an international group of assassins. For some reason, John is thrust into this conflict, and will therefore have to kill some of the deadliest people in the world. In addition to awesome fight and shooting sequences, "John Wick: Chapter 2" also boasts an impressive cast of actors. Alongside Keanu Reeves are franchise staples Bridget Moynahan as John's

late wife, Ian McShane as Winston and John Leguizamo as Aurelio. Joining these returning cast members are rapper/actor Common, the always-intimidating Laurence Fishburne, and "Orange is the New Black" actress/model Ruby Rose. "John Wick: Chapter 2" drops in theatres February 10th, 2017.

Source: Cinemablend