


Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Rooted in Soil
 Artist: Kamruzzaman Shadin
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD
 Date: Oct 14-29
 Time: 3-9pm (Mon-Thurs),
 9am-12noon and 5-8pm (Fri-Sat)



Book Launch Ceremony
 Title: Dark Diamond
 Writer: Shazia Omar
 Venue: Red Shift Café, Gulshan Avenue
 Date: October 22
 Time: 5pm



Drawing Exhibition
 Manifestation of the Human
 Artist: Md. Mainuddin
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
 Date: October 8-20
 Time: 9:30am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Unraveling Transformed
 Artist: Kazmin Samia
 Venue: Kala Kendra
 Date: Oct 4-18
 Time: 12-8pm



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



NEWSbytes

WALKING DEAD renewed for season 8

AMC has ordered another season of monster hit "The Walking Dead". The news comes a full week before the series returns for its seventh season. The 16-episode Season 8 will premiere in late 2017; all 16 episodes of the next season will be followed by episodes of Chris Hardwick-hosted aftershow "The Talking Dead". Ratings for the series declined a little in Season 6 from its highs in Season 5, but its average rating in the 18-49 demographic, a 6.5, was way ahead of its scripted competition on broadcast and cable, and its total viewership average of 13.15 million also dwarfs much else on the guide.



The show, like many others these days, also tacks on a significant number of delayed viewers. Season 6 of "The Walking Dead" premieres Sunday, Oct. 23 at 9/8c, followed by a 90-minute installment of "The Talking Dead" to break down every moment of the carnage.

Source: Variety



TAHSAN'S BIG DAY IS ALL ABOUT LOVE

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Tahsan is one of the most popular singers in Bangladesh, establishing his reputation since the release of his debut solo album. Since then he has seen a successful career in acting and modeling as well. His versatility does not stop there; the singer is also a lecturer at a private university. Today marks the star's birthday, and he shared some tidbits about his life with The Daily Star.

How do you plan to spend your birthday this year?
 Tahsan: I plan to share the day with my fans, by vlogging (video blogging) the day's antics through YouTube, in hopes of getting closer to them. Their support is very important to me, and I wish to show them gratitude in some measure.

Which year has been the most memorable birthday celebration for you?
 Tahsan: It would be the one that occurred 12 years ago, following the release of my debut solo album. Many fans had gotten to know my home address, and I received much love from them. Habib and I were the youngest celebrities in the industry, and I received so many gifts at the door that the security

guard had to turn many people away in the end. I also received a plethora of text messages in my phone. I won't ever forget that year.

What if a fan wishes to meet you on your birthday?
 Tahsan: I will try my best to fulfill my fan's wishes, but sadly I won't be able to fulfill every single one. This year a fan had come all the way from Feni to meet me. Since he has traveled so far to just meet me, I cannot deny his wish. I look forward to seeing him.

What do you love most about being a celebrity?
 Tahsan: What I love most is my fan's appreciation and love for me and my work. There is nothing bigger than people's love.

Do you enjoy cutting cake on your birthday?
 Tahsan: For me it is not really about the cake, and the cake is a symbol of love. Last year, my students insisted on getting a cake for me, and they would have even if I had resisted.

Are you acting less frequently nowadays?
 Tahsan: I have been acting less frequently since I have not come across any projects that I would be interested to take up. I plan to take a year off from acting and focus more on my vlogs.

Is it true that you are now the brand ambassador for a university?
 Tahsan: Yes, it is true. I am now the brand ambassador for the Canadian University of Bangladesh, as well as for Grameen Phone.

Lily Islam sings picturesque melodies

IGCC holds Tagore's festival songs at BNM

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Noted Rabindra Sangeet artist Lily Islam performed in a solo musical soiree at Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum (BNM) recently. Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) organised the event where the featured artist rendered 17 songs that Tagore composed and made the singers perform in various festivals: Borsha-mongol Utshab, Sharad Utshab, Hemanta Utshab, Poush Mela, Basanta (Holi) Utshab and finally Pahela Boishakh, celebrating the Bengali New Year along with poet's birthday.

With the grace of Autumn in the air, Lily Islam started off with the song "Amra Bendhechhi Kash-er Guchchha", heralding the season. She also wrapped up the soiree with singing a picturesque melody in another autumnal song "Amol Dhole Paley Legechhey". In the middle, she beautifully performed another 15 festival songs including "Tumi Sandhyar Meghomala", "Aji Joto Tara Tobo Akashey", "Aji Shubho Din-e-Pitar Bhoney", "Kon Alotey Praner Prodig", "O Amar Chander Alo", "Tumi Nobo Nobo Roop-e" and "Kon Puraton Praner Taan-e".

Lily Islam's informative interpretation of the festivals kept the audience engrossed. Music lovers received her words very well in between her renditions.

Tagore conceived the utshab (festival) as a celebration of diversity that excluded none. He therefore organised festivals in Santiniketan heralding different seasons. The celebration of the seasons through songs, dance and fairs became a regular event in the Santiniketan calendar. In addition to these, Tagore would also introduce with great beauty and splendour, special commemorative events like the Brikkho-ropon (tree planting) as a part of an annual environmental awareness campaign, preceded by Halkarshan (ploughing).

Lily Islam mesmerised the audience with her presentation of a Halkarshan song "Phirey Chol Matir Taan-e" and a lesser-known monsoon melody "Badolodhara Holo Shara". Esraj artiste Asit Biswas played a piece followed by guitarist Sakil Mohammad Dipon's melodic elaboration on it entertained the audience on the song.



MICHAEL JACKSON out-earns every living celeb

Long known as the King of Pop, Michael Jackson can now lay claim to another honorific. Forbes has released its annual list of top-earning dead celebrities, and Jackson sits at the top by a country mile — in fact, his haul sets a record for any annual take for any celebrity, dead or alive, according to Forbes.

Jackson, who died in 2009, earned an astonishing \$825 million. Most of that is attributable to the sale of his Sony/ATV music-publishing catalog, which fetched \$750 million in March.

The world's top-earning living celebrity this year, not surprisingly, Taylor Swift, with \$170 million. Boy band One Direction is second on the list with \$110 million. The top ten featured people from a variety of backgrounds, from writer James Patterson, footballers Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi, to Adele and comedian Kevin Hart.

Taking a far-distant second on the dead celeb's list is "Peanuts" mastermind Charles Schulz, who earned \$48 million, despite having died in 2000 at age 77. Coming in third was recently deceased golf great Arnold Palmer, who pulled in \$40 million.

Fourth-place Elvis Presley nabbed \$27 million, while Prince, who died at age 57 in April, had a \$25 million haul.

Source: Forbes

"Niruddister Sondhane" staged in Rajshahi

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

A stage drama titled "Niruddister Sondhane" was staged at the concluding ceremony of the two-day Unimed Unihealth 5th National Medical College debate and quiz festival in Rajshahi, organized jointly by National Debate Federation Bangladesh and Rajshahi Medical College (RMC) Debating Club.

Nogen Paja waved a pincer and jumped on the old man for extracting his teeth with it, at the end of the drama at Rajshahi Medical College Auditorium on Saturday night. The audience applauded as both the husband and wife present on the last scene raised eyebrows and advanced to stop Nogen.

Prof Obaidullah Ibne Ali, the



physiology department chairman of RMC, directed the drama and played the role of the old man.

"The story depicts plight of senior citizens and criminal activities", he said.

Students of Shah Makhdum Medical College played the other roles in the drama.

The festival was dedicated to the

memory of Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, who sacrificed his life in a rare display of human spirit during the Gulshan cafe terrorist attack.

RMC principal Prof Masum Habib presented a song while other students of different medical colleges across the country performed songs, dances and recitation of poems.

SHOPNO DEKHE CHOKH on Gtv

In an effort to raise awareness on blindness and the struggles it entails, Gtv in collaboration with Sight Savers has undertaken the successful efforts to help one victim regain his eyesight, says a press release. Through the programme "Shopno Dekhe Chokh," they will share the journey of Samiul and his new life as he ventures forth to explore his love for cricket.

Losing his sight at the tender age of six months, Samiul is now able to embark on life's adventures as he regained his sight, and through the help of Gtv and Sight Savers, he was able to attend the one day cricket match between England and Bangladesh on October 9.



Intense looks of SARKAR 3 characters revealed

Filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma unveiled the first look of major characters of his upcoming film "Sarkar 3" late Sunday, with individual character stills on Twitter.

While Amitabh Bachchan as Subhash Nagre is seen in a familiar look, what surprises are the ferocious looks of Manoj Bajpayee, Yami Gautam, Ronit Roy and Amit Sadh in the film.

The third film in the Sarkar franchise is all set to go on floors by the end of 2016.

Shroff, who has previously worked with the director in "Rangeela", will play one of the main antagonists referred to as Sir in the movie. Manoj Bajpayee will essay the role of Govind Deshpande.

Ronit Roy plays the right hand man of

Subhash Nagre, called Gokul Satam. Amit will be seen portraying Shivaji aka Cheeku. Bharat Dhabolkar will essay the role of Gorakh Rampur in the movie.

Yami Gautam will be seen as Annu Karkare, who wants to take revenge on Sarkar for killing her father.

Amitabh Bachchan will reprise his role but Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan will not be a part of the film.

Source: Hindustan Times