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| <p>Ganga-Jamuna Theatre & Cultural Fest Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: October 21-30 Time: 4pm</p> | <p>Musical Soiree In Memory of Atul Prasad Sen Artists: Laisa Ahmed Lisa & Sifatullah Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct, The Daily Star Centre Date: October 27; Time: 6pm</p> | <p>Photography Exhibition Organiser: High Commission of India, Standard Chartered Bank & Le Meridien Venue: Le Meridien Dhaka Date: October 21-29 Time: 10am-8pm</p> | <p>Solo Art Exhibition Title: Rooted in Soil Artist: Kamruzzaman Shadhin Venue: La Galerie, AFD Date: Oct 14-29 Time: 3-9pm (Mon-Thurs), 9am-12noon and 5-8pm (Fri-Sat)</p> | <p>Solo Art Exhibition Title: METAMORPHIC - Naturally Transformed Artist: Rezaun Nabi Venue: Gallery Cosmos Date: October 14-28 Time: 12-8pm</p> |
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Deadpool sequel loses director

Tim Miller will not be returning to direct "Deadpool 2", dropping out of the sequel due to a series of creative differences with star Ryan Reynolds, a source confirmed Saturday morning. While Miller had not formally signed on to helm the sequel, he was in the process of developing the script and was widely expected to return. The source said the split with the project was amicable. After the massive box office success of "Deadpool", a sequel was nearly inevitable, and was announced at CinemaCon back in April. There, Fox co-chairman Stacy Snider confirmed that Reynolds would be back, as well as Miller. Miller gave Fox its biggest hit of the year with "Deadpool," which grossed a whopping \$786 million worldwide after opening on Valentine's Day earlier this year. It's the seventh-highest-grossing movie of 2016, and the highest-grossing R-rated film ever on worldwide basis. The news of Miller's exit was first reported by Deadline Hollywood.

Source: Variety

SWAGATA RETURNS AS TV HOST



SHAH ALAM SHAZU
Popular TV and film actress Swagata will take viewers down the memory lane in a new television programme, titled "Rupali Diner Sonali Golpo", produced by Nahid Biplob. The programme features highlights, song numbers and many more from the golden age of classical cinema. Shooting has already begun, with a few episodes already completed and will be aired by Banglavision. Swagata has previously hosted a programme on film on Banglavision titled "Cine Beat Shadakalo", which was an instant hit with viewers and garnered the actor much popularity. When asked what sets the two programmes apart, the actor responded, "There are a lot of differences. The last programme saw me only as a host, but in the new one I shall appear in each episode dressed in the costumes of actors, whose films will be discussed, further personifying the essence of what this show hopes to bring." Two episodes have been completed and put in the bag. The episodes will feature a discussion on the films "Nayaner Alo" and "Pichdhala Poth" respectively, where she will be seen dressed in the costume of Suborna Mustafa and Bobita in the respective films. Regarding her experiences in shooting for the programme, Swagata shared, "It has been so much fun! And it shall be even more enjoyable for the viewers as they will see me singing and acting in addition to being a host." The actor is also occupied with new television plays, which is also scheduled to air soon.

Amitava Mukherjee performs at BNM

IGCC organises solo soiree

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) organised a musical evening by noted artist Amitava Mukherjee from India at Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum (BNM), Shahbagh on October 22. The artiste performed a wide variety of songs at the event. He started off with the song "Tomar Kachhe E Bor Magi" and later presented a patriotic song "Sarthok Jonom Amar". His repertoire included "Dhakar Dhak", "Bhoy Ki Morone" and a santhal song. He also rendered a kavya Sangeet and a gano Sangeet, composed by Sukanta Bhattacharya and Bishnu Dey respectively. Two accomplished Gaudiya Nritya dancers -- Shatabdi Acharya and Rachel Priyanka Perris danced to two Gaudiya songs, rendered by Amitava Mukherjee at

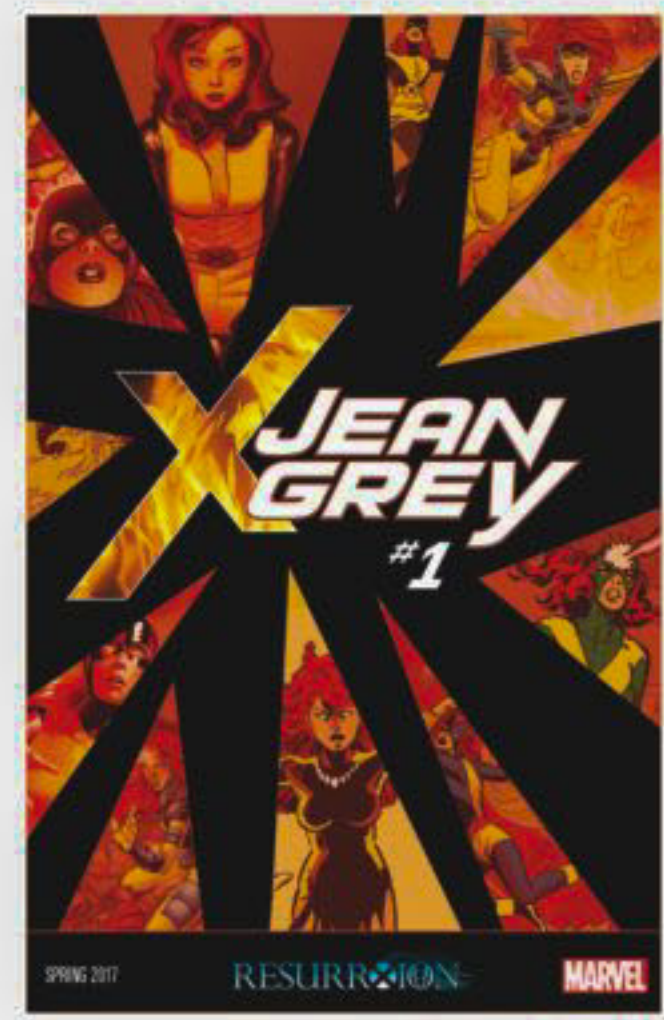
the event. Pallab Sanyal on tabla, Ruptana Sharma on keyboard, Shakil Mohammad Dipan on guitar, Partha Pratim Guha on octopad and Shahid on dhol accompanied the artiste. Amitava Mukherjee is the son of renowned music director Sunil Mukherjee and disciple of Shri Hemango Biswas. He is one of the founding directors of Gaudiya Nriya Bharati, Kolkata, a leading institute of India, engaged in research on traditional music and dance of Bengal. He is a research scholar and well-known vocalist. Mukherjee has directed and composed music for dance dramas, documentary films and other Bangla songs. He has released five music albums "Desh Bidsher Gaan", "Anandadhani Jagao", "Janmabhoomi", "Sokol Rash-er Dhara" and "Mahabishwe Mahakashe".



MARVEL TEASES MASSIVE X-MEN COMIC BOOK RELAUNCH

This spring, Marvel Entertainment is planning its biggest X-Men-related comic book push in some years, with the launch of five new series featuring fan-favorite characters and concepts as part of a promotion called "ResurrXion". The five titles — Iceman, Weapon X, Jean Grey, Generation X and Cable — were announced via promotional images released on Marvel's social media channels this week; creative teams have yet to be announced for any of the series, with the only information from Marvel being the tagline "ResurrXion: A Beginning" and the spring 2017 date on each image. Of the five titles named, three are revivals (Weapon X, Generation X and Cable), while both Jean Grey and Iceman will be receiving their first ongoing monthly solo series. Not teased as yet is the new status of the X-Men groups; as part of the fall 2015 all-new, all-different Marvel line-wide relaunch, those series were relaunched as "Uncanny X-Men", "Extraordinary X-Men" and "All-New X-Men". The promotional images are interesting in their own right, showing fragments of other images featuring title characters or groups at various points in their comic book careers — including, in the cases of Weapon X and Generation X, entirely different, previously disconnected versions of the concept or group. ResurrXion has previously been teased by Marvel as the third act in a story cycle launched by the current "Death of X" miniseries and continued by December's "Inhumans vs. X-Men".

Source: THR



Sheikh Rasel's birth anniversary celebrated

Three-day programme in Manikganj



Children participate in the painting competition.
ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj
To mark the 52nd birth anniversary of Sheikh Rasel, district administration and Shishu Academy jointly arranged three day programme (October 18-20) on Chhayabithi Mancha at deputy commissioner's office premises in Manikganj this past week. The programme included art and essay writing competition, discussions, cultural function and prize distributing ceremony. Rashida Ferousi, deputy commissioner of Manikganj, was present at the concluding event as chief guest. Monjur Mohammad Shahriar, additional deputy commissioner (General) of Manikganj, presided over the function where Md. Shariful Islam, district child affair officer, gave welcome speech. After the discussion and prize distribution, a cultural programme was held in the evening. The artists of Shishu Academy performed at the programme. Golam Mohiuddin, administrator of district council and Gazi Kamrul Huda Selim, mayor of Manikganj Municipality were present at the inaugural function as guests.

HCI organises duet photo exhibit at Le Meridien

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Commission of India, Dhaka in association with Standard Chartered Bank and Le Meridien Hotel has organised a duet photography exhibition titled "My Daughter is Precious" by Kaavya Rajesh and Rajesh Ramakrishnan at the Le Meridien Hotel in Dhaka. The exhibition was inaugurated by Harsh Vardhan Shringla, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh on October 21. The exhibition, opening from 10am to 8pm daily, will continue till October 29 at the lobby of Le Meridien, Dhaka. The exhibition, curated by Saud Al Faisal, showcases photographs taken by 15 year old Kaavya Rajesh and her father Rajesh Ramakrishnan. Each photograph features a mother and a daughter from various parts of India and Bangladesh. Kaavya and Rajesh are partnering with a Bangladesh-based NGO, Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK) to raise money for the education of the girl child through this exhibition.



Kaavya Rajesh speaks at the inauguration of the exhibition.

Trouble continues for "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil"

Theatres refuse to support release



After the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) gave green signal to the release of Karan Johar's upcoming Bollywood movie "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil", the Cinema Owners and Exhibitors Association (COEA) president Nitin Datar has refused to support the movie. "We are not going to co-operate with release of Karan Johar's movie," said Datar. The cinema owners had earlier announced that its members would no longer screen films starring Pakistani artists, including actors and music directors, in wake of the political tensions at the frontiers between the two countries. COEA is the second industry association after Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association (IMPPA) to impose a ban on films starring

Pakistani artistes after the MNS and Shiv Sena campaigned for an end of cultural relations with Pakistan. However, after a meeting with Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, filmmaker Karan Johar and other film fraternity, the MNS chief Raj Thackeray reached a truce, and said the producers casting Pakistani actors in their movie will have to pay Rs 5 crore for the Army Welfare Association. The Army Welfare Association, however, rejected the donation proposal. Bhatt also said that keeping the

sentiments of the nation first, director Karan Johar said he will run a slate before the movie starts to honour the soldiers killed in militant attacks. Karan Johar and Dharma productions upcoming movie "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil", which stars Pakistani actor Fawad Khan, was caught in a storm after the MNS threatened to block the release. The movie is scheduled to be released on October 28. After situation between India and Pakistan worsened, many political parties and that Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) have been demanding a ban on KJo's film that also stars Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Ranbir Kapoor and Anushka Sharma.

Source: Hindustan Times