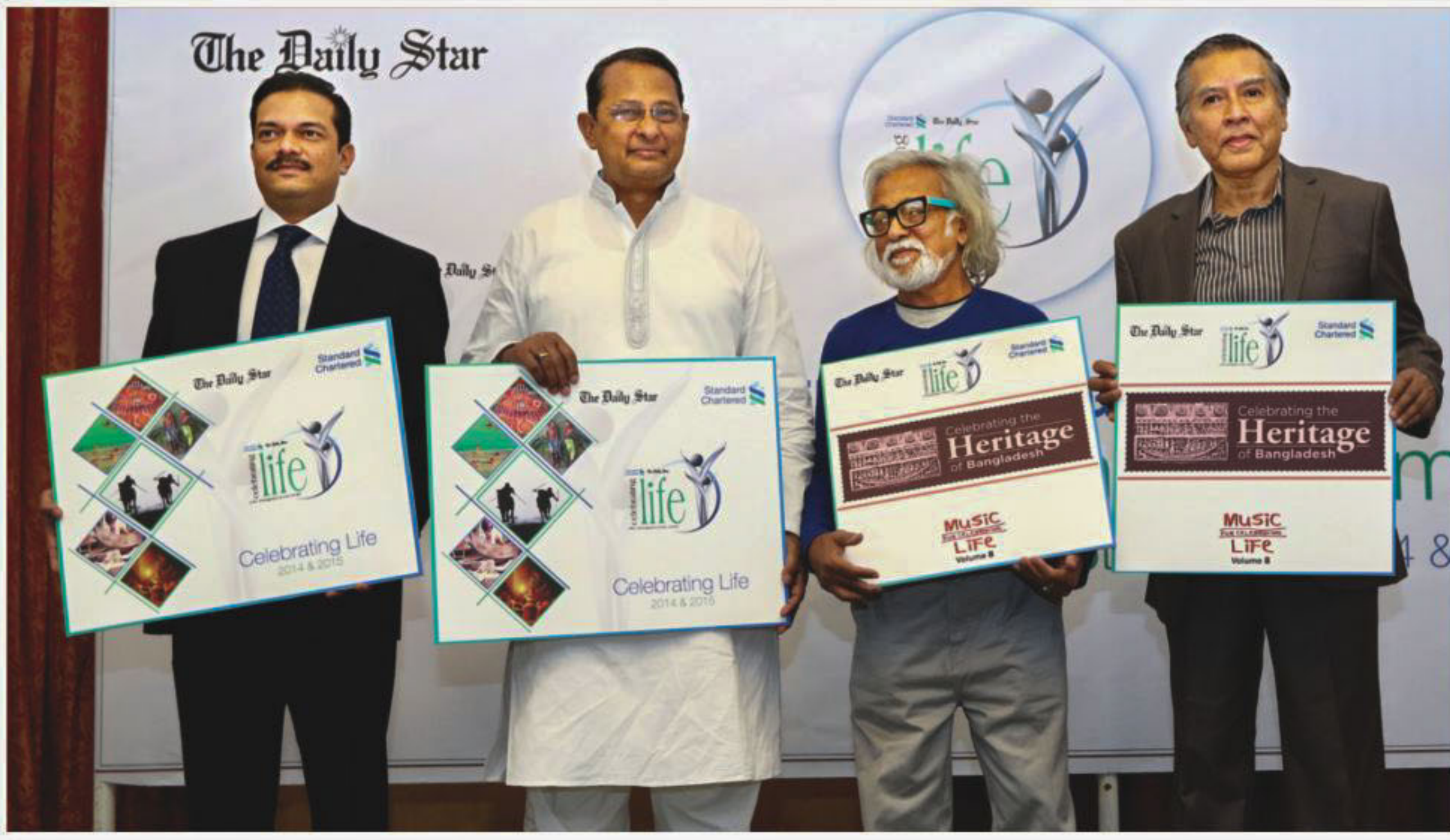


A TESTAMENT OF YOUNG TALENT

CD and Photo Book for Celebrating Life launched



Guests unveil the photo-book and CD.

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A photo-book and audio CD for Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Celebrating Life programme was launched in The Westin hotel in the capital yesterday. Celebrating Life, a contest which focuses on theme-based film, photography and lyrics is a joint initiative by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank for the last nine years. It has now become a crucial platform for young and aspiring photographers, lyricists and film-makers throughout the country. This year's theme is "Youth in Change", engaging students in university campuses across the country to submit their works. The initiative offers lucrative prize money in all three categories, and

over a dozen more will receive Honorable Mention awards along with crests and certificates.

The programme was hosted by Rafi Hossain (editor of Showbiz magazine at The Daily Star and Festival Director of Celebrating Life), and Bitopi Das Chowdhury (Head of Corporate Affairs at Standard Chartered Bank). Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu attended the event as chief guest, joined by Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Abrar Anwar and Editor of The Daily Star's Arts and Entertainment page Sadya Afreen Mallick. Renowned photographer Anwar Hossain, lyricists Rafiquzzaman and Munshi Wadud, singers Fahmida Nabi and Konal and popular actor Swagata

also attended, among others. The speakers at the ceremony emphasised on the cultural importance of the competition, and the values it seeks to promote and instill among the youth. "Bangladesh is so rich and fertile, that wherever a seed drops, there shall be harvest, and this event is the seed that witnesses the emergence of so many rising talents in the country," said Sadya Afreen Mallick.

Mahfuz Anam stressed on the need to recognise songwriters and promote the art of composing lyrics, as well as photography and film-making. "Every year we select the best photos borne from the competition and over two years, we compiled them and published as a photo-book. The objective of the book

is to help citizens fall in love with their country and teach them their heritage, as well as inspire them to take part in the challenge in subsequent years."

Ten songs from the lyrics competition are selected for the audio CD, featuring winning lyrics sung by artistes.

Minister of Information Hasanul Haq Inu greatly appreciated the efforts of the two organisations and remarked how this initiative not only promotes love of one's country, but also enables them to hold a vision for the nation's future and create positive revolutions. "The photo book shall be made part of our national archive," he said, "and the government shall make efforts to distribute and make them widely accessible to the public

in hopes of spreading this awareness."

Standard Chartered Bank CEO Abrar Anwar expressed how this platform allows aspiring participants to not only showcase their talents, but it also provides them useful exposure for future endeavors. "Every picture tells us a story of our country, and under the theme presented each year, they form a collective narrative, voiced by many," he said.

The ceremony concluded with Chirkutt presenting songs of the audio CD which featured various singers. "The songs have been jointly sung by everyone from the band as well as the other recording artistes," said Shumi, lead vocalist from Chirkutt. "We tried our best to fulfill the magnanimous responsibility put forward to us."

WHAT'S ON

Nazrul Mela
Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad
Venue: Bangla Academy
Date: October 27-29
Time: 10am-9pm

Photography Exhibition
Organiser: High Commission of India, Standard Chartered Bank & Le Meridien
Venue: Le Meridien Dhaka
Date: October 21-29
Time: 10am-9pm

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

Ganga-Jamuna Theatre & Cultural Fest
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 21-30
Time: 4pm

Duet Art Exhibition
Title: Porompura
Artists: Sreebhash Basak & Urmila Shukla
Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, FFA, DU
Date: Oct 24-30
Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Inside Out
Artist: Promiti Hossain
Venue: Kala Kendra, 1/11, Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur
Date: Oct 22-Nov 10
Time: 5-8pm



A still from "Mukh O Mukhosh", the first cinema from Dhaka.

Diamond Jubilee of Dhakai cinema

Bangalee Shamagro to hold programme at BNM

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Bangalee Shamagro Museum is set to hold a special programme today, marking the diamond jubilee (60 years) of Dhaka's cinema industry. On August 3, 1956, the first full length 'talkie' film from Dhaka was released: Abdul Jabbar's "Mukh O Mukhosh".

Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu will attend the event as chief guest, at the Nalinikanta Bhattashali gallery of the Bangladesh National Museum at 6pm. Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique will also be present as special guest, while the programme will be presided over by professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman.

Advocate Sultana Kamal will deliver the welcome address,

while Anupom Hayat will present a keynote on "60 years of Dhakai Cinema: expectations and achievements". Filmmaker Mashihuddin Shaker will also pay tribute to eminent film personality M Abdus Samad (marking his death anniversary today).

A collage of remarkable sequences from films of over the last 60 years will be on display next, followed by an exhibition of rare memorabilia - including movie camera, film stills, posters and newspaper clippings. Prominent film stars of the yesteryears Kabori and Faruque will also speak on the occasion.

The event will close with screenings of excerpts of two landmark films: Zahir Raihan's incomplete 1970 project "Let There Be Light" and Alamgir Kabir's Liberation War drama "Hangor Nodi Grenade".

Hrithik's "Kaabil" trailer released after leak



No horns and no revelry. The trailer launch of Hrithik Roshan's upcoming thriller film "Kaabil" was an understated one. At first glance, what looked like an interesting promotional strategy on the part of the makers for this grim and dark tale was soon revealed to be nothing but a bad case of cyber-crime.

According to a report in Times of India, the fact that both Hrithik and his co-star in "Kaabil", Yami Gautam, released the trailer of the film suddenly on Twitter on Tuesday evening without any previous notice was induced by the fact that the trailer was already out due to a leak generating from unknown sources.

Producer Rakesh Roshan and his team at production

company FilmKraft initially slated Wednesday for the release of the trailer, also starring Ronit and Rohit Roy. Once the trailer started doing the rounds online, however, the build-up had to be cut short. A 'shocked' Rakesh was then advised by the team to do the next best thing - release the trailer through the official handle as the damage had already been done.

Kaabil features Hrithik and Yami as a visually impaired couple, with the former having to take the role as vigilante when tragedy strikes. Directed by Sanjay Gupta, is slated for a January 26, 2017 release.

Source: NDTV Movies

STANA KATIC returning to TV

Mystery thriller "Absentia" set for Sony's AXN

Primetime TV is a little different this fall than it's been for the past eight years, thanks to the glaring absence of ABC's "Castle", which was cancelled following a tempestuous scandal involving the firing of co-lead Stana Katic. That's all in the past and the actress just locked down her next big leading role, for which she will once again be going after dangerous criminals. Katic is in final negotiations to star in the crime thriller "Absentia", for Sony's AXN network.

A solid mystery hook is at the heart of the 10-episode first season of "Absentia", which will follow Stana Katic as an FBI agent who disappeared without a trace while tracking down one of Boston's deadliest serial killers. Though she was declared dead, the agent is inexplicably found six years later, barely hanging onto life in a cabin in the middle of the woods. She has no memory of what happened during her missing years, and she's shocked to find her husband has married another woman who has taken over motherly duties for her son. But that's not the worst of it, as the agent soon finds herself in the middle of a new set of murders, with the finger possibly pointing her way.

Putting the words to the story for "Absentia" is Matt Cirulnick, who hasn't made big waves in the industry since creating the drama "South Beach" back in 2006. Oded Ruskin, known outside the US for the Israeli TV series "False Flag" and "Beauty and the Baker", will be directing all ten episodes, according to Deadline.

Given how fractured Castle's stability came during the months surrounding its widely criticized finale, it's great that Stana Katic has found a project that should not only show off her acting chops in tense situations, but also keep audiences glued to the edge of their seats.

Katic stars in the recently released action feature "The Rendezvous", with the romance "Lost in Florence" coming later this year. She also had a recently aired Lifetime movie, "Sister Cities".

Source: Cinemablend

