

**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-8pm

**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: Porompora  
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

**NEWS bytes**

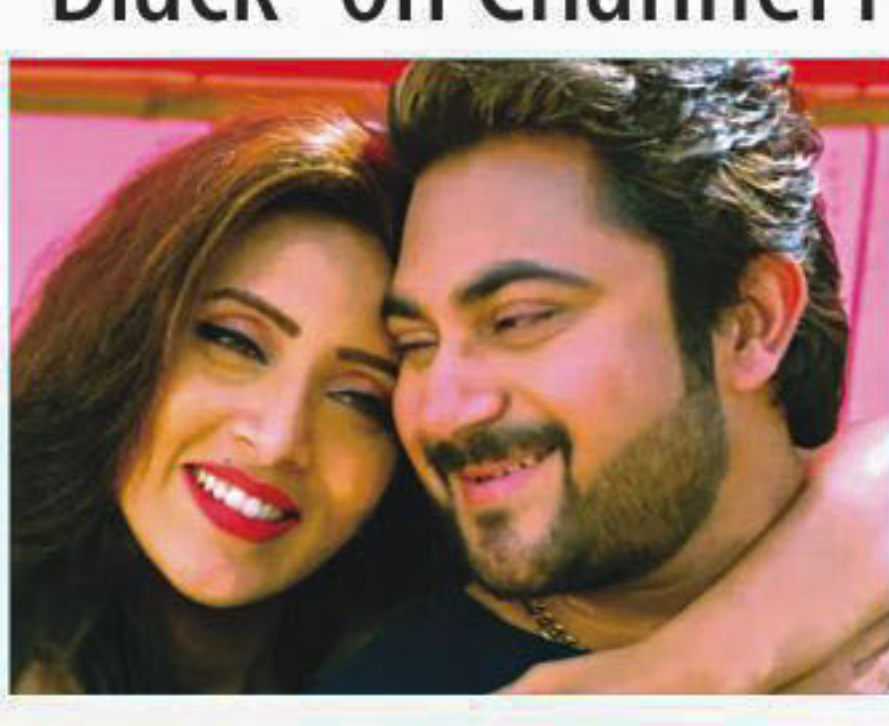
**Neil Young preps new album**



Neil Young will release a new album, "Peace Trail", featuring primarily acoustic songs this December. Young wrote and recorded "Peace Trail" not long after the release of "Earth", a massive record featuring songs recorded during his 2015 tour with "Promise of the Real" and mixed with wildlife sounds. The more conventional "Peace Trail" is reportedly a primarily acoustic effort, with Jim Keltner on drums and Paul Bushnell on bass. Young co-produced the LP with John Hanlon (who also mixed the record.) The album is available to pre-order through Young's website and online music store PONOmusic. All pre-orders come with an instant download of the title-track. "Peace Trail" will also be available on CD and cassette, while a vinyl edition will be released in January. In September, Young released a new song and video for "Indian Givers" in support of Native American protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Source: **Rolling Stone**

**TV WATCH**  
**"Black" on Channel i**



**A CORRESPONDENT**  
Today at 3:05 pm Channel i will telecast film "Black". Directed by Raja Chanda and story and dialogues written by Manzil, the film features popular Bangladeshi actress Bidya Sinha Saha Mim and West Bengal's renowned actor Soham as the lead characters.



**BRAC BANK NAZRUL MELA UNDERWAY**



(Top) Anindita Kazi performs at the programme; a snapshot of "Badol Borishone", and Shahin Samad renders a solo.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The three day (October 27-29) BRAC Bank Nazrul Mela, organised by Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad, concludes today at Bangla Academy Premises.

On the opening day (October 27), the organisers launched a CD featuring 70 Nazrul songs, originally recorded by Abbasuddin Ahmed, as well as an album of Nazrul Sangeet by child artistes of NSSP. The opening day's event was dedicated to legendary singer Abbasuddin Ahmed.

Several noted artistes performed solo songs at the event. Among others Anindita Kazi, granddaughter of Kazi Nazrul Islam, rendered a bhatiali number "Gangey Joar Elo Phirey", popularised by Abbasuddin Ahmed.

Priyanka Biswas, a promising artiste of the Khulna Branch of NSSP, beautifully performed a raga based song "Eki Oshimo Piasha".

Armeen Musa with her troupe fell rather flat in their performance of two songs "Bulbuli Nirob" and "Rum Jhum Rumujhmo Ke Bajaye". Eminent artiste Shaheen Samad rendered two songs including "Modhur Nupur Rumjhum Bajey" while noted singer Yakub Ali Khan also rendered a solo.

Under the artistic direction Lubna Marium, Shadhona's presentation of a dance-drama "Badol Borishon-e" was the highlight of the opening day's event. Shabbir Ahmed Khan Biju choreographed the production with a different presentation based on a Kazi

Nazrul Islam story on the same title.

The story of the dance-drama follows a woman who waits for her lover and eventually embraces melancholia. The production also highlights the end of the monsoon. Rokon Emon and Nirjher Chowdhury have done music for the production on Nazrul's monsoon songs. The music for the production was refreshing, and the dancers' costumes, props and performance were scintillating.

Performance of solo songs, dance and recitation continued on the second day (October 28).

Sadya Afreen Mallick and Nasim Al Rashid will host the concluding day's (today) programme dedicating to legendary artiste Sohrab Hossain.

Artistes of Rewaz Performers' School will set off the event 6pm performing a dance piece. Sheema Islam will recite at the event.

Solo presentation of songs will start at 6:30pm. Daughter of Sohrab Hossain Roushan Ara Shoma will first take the stage followed by soloists -- Shahjahan Patwary, Vice President, NSSP; Yousuf Ahmed Khan; Badrunnessa Dalia; Ashish Kumar Sarkar; Bulbul Mohlanbish, Vice President, NSSP; senior artiste Muntareen Mahal; Nousheen Laila; Alpna Roy; Nasima Shaheen Fancy and Rahat Ara Geeti, another daughter of maestro Sohrab Hossain.

The day's featured solo artiste Yasmin Mushtari will start performing at 8pm.

**HBO to produce crime series based on Rowling novel**



*HBO and J.K Rowling are joining forces again. The pay-cable channel has acquired the US and Canadian rights to "Cormoran Strike", the limited series based on the Harry Potter author's crime novels, The Hollywood Reporter has confirmed.*

"Cormoran Strike" centers on Strike ("War and Peace" star Tom Burke), a war veteran turned private detective operating out of a tiny office in London's Denmark Street. Though he's wounded both physically and psychologically, Strike's unique insight and his background as a Special Investigation Branch investigator prove crucial in solving three complex cases which have eluded the police.

"Cormoran Strike" will be broken up into three separate event series, starting with the three-hour installment "The Cuckoo's Calling", followed by "The Silkworm" and "Career of Evil", each of which will run two hours.

Michael Keillor will direct the first chapter. Rowling will executive produce through her banner, Brontë Film & TV, along with Neil Blair,

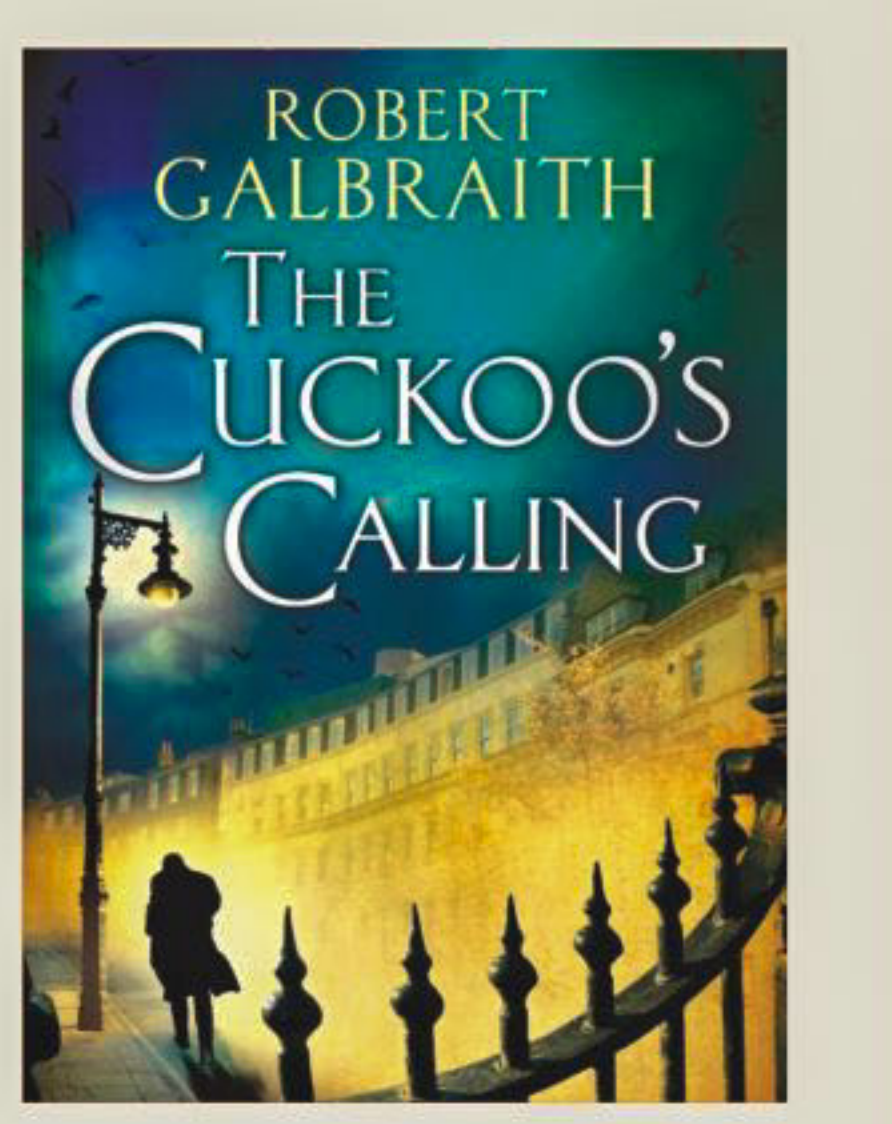
Ruth Kenley-Letts and Elizabeth Kilgariff.

The project was first announced by BBC One in fall 2015, and filming will begin this fall in London.

"Cormoran Strike" brings Rowling back to HBO, which also aired the miniseries adaptation of her novel "No Vacancy" in 2015 (also produced by BBC One).

Rowling published the "Cormoran Strike" novels under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith, beginning with "Cuckoo's Calling" in 2013 (she was not revealed as the author until three months after the book's release). The three books are best-sellers, with a fourth expected in 2017.

In addition to "Cormoran Strike", Rowling is also busy with the "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" film series, the first of which



is set to hit theatres November 17.  
Source: **Hollywood Reporter**



**Theatre Murari Chand stages "Rang Mahal"**

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, *Sylhet*

A stage play "Rang Mahal" was staged by Theatre Murari Chand of the Murari Chand College at Kabi Nazrul Auditorium, Sylhet on Friday afternoon. The drama is written by Rubayet Ahmed, and directed by Yakub Ali and Bidhan Singha.

The story of the drama revolves around a conflict of Beauty and the Beast; it is the story of two blind beggars Rajab and Khusbu, who got blessed with the light into their eyes by a mysterious saint.

The play, based on a Netrokona dialect, represents life, conflict, dreams and heartbreak, and depicts the eternal search of humankind to achieve more.

Yakub Ali, director of the play said, praised the dedication of the performers, and expressed gratitude to all well wishers.

**Kiran Chandra Roy's CD to launch today**

**A CORRESPONDENT**

Bengal Foundation is set to launch an album by eminent folk singer Kiran Chandra Rai, titled "Megh Jamini". The event will be held today at The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct at 6pm.

The album features ancient devotional songs of the Padabali Kirtan, written by poets Bidyapati, Gobinda Das and Gyan Das. The artiste has recorded a total of 10 songs for the compilation.

The CD will be unveiled by renowned journalist and poet Abul Momen and will be followed by a live performance by Kiran Chandra Roy. The event is open to all.

