

**WHAT'S ON**  
**6th Oriental Painting Exhibition 2016**  
 Organiser: Oriental Painting Study Group  
 Venue: Zainul Gallery-1 & 2, FFA, DU  
 Date: Nov 08-13; Time: 11am-8pm  
 Inauguration: 3pm on Nov 8




**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




**Dhaka Int'l Folk Fest**  
 Organiser: Sun Events  
 Venue: Army Stadium, Dhaka  
 Date: Nov 10-12  
 Time: 6pm-12am



**Solo Photography Exhibition**  
 November in Paris  
 Photographer: Sumon Yusuf  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
 Date: Nov 4-15; Time: 2:30-9pm



**Theatre**  
 Play: Dui Je Chhilo Ek Chakor  
 Troupe: Natyakendra  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
 Date: Nov 9  
 Time: 7pm



**NEWS bytes**

**DEPARDIEU joins "Bach" cast**

Gerard Depardieu has joined the cast of "Bach", an upcoming biopic on the 17th century classic composer Johann Sebastian Bach.



Max Von Sydow, Axel Milberg and Marianne Sagebrecht will co-star in the feature from "That Good Night" director Eric Styles. The role of Bach in the film, which will chart the beer-fueled rebellion of one of the world's greatest composers, has not yet been cast. Styles is directing from a script by Jeffrey Freedman who will also produces alongside S J Evans of Dark Art Films. The \$21 million feature is set to be shooting next year for a late 2017 release.

Source: THR



Matiur Rahman visits the exhibition, along with the photographer.

**SUMON YUSUF'S "November in Paris" at AFD**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second solo photography exhibition by photographer Sumon Yusuf, titled "November in Paris", is now on at La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Sophie Aubert, Ambassador of France to Bangladesh inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest while Matiur Rahman, Editor, Prothom Alo and Abir Abdullah, photojournalist, European Press Photo Agency were present among other distinguished guests at the opening ceremony held on November 4. Every artistic heart around the world years for Paris to imbibe the inspiration it exudes. For an artist residency programme, Sumon Yusuf was in Paris in November 2015. He was mesmerised by the city of love and started photographing the poetic humane side of Paris.

But on November 13, a series of heinous terrorist attacks left 130 innocents dead and over 368 injured. For Yusuf, a city brimming with love and warmth all of a sudden transformed into a place of blood, tears and sadness. In the face of such inhuman cruelty, Yusuf's photographs became the context he could hold onto: he decided to capture life. Sumon Yusuf graduated in English Literature and studied Visual Literacy at Asian Centre for Journalism of Ateneo de Manila University from Philippines. He also attended a one-year diploma programme on Photojournalism at South Asian Media Institute, Pathshala. His works have been exhibited in USA, Australia, Japan, Bangladesh and 9th Angkor Photo Festival in Siem Reap, Cambodia and in France. Yusuf was awarded the first prize

in an International Photo Contest titled "Climate: State of Emergency" organised by Alliance Francaise Foundation in Paris. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his work including Top Prize of IREX Photo Contest in Washington DC, USA; 1st Prize in the "Creation" category of the 1st JP's Prize for Contemporary Photography Competition in Bangladesh; 3rd place of Anti Corruption Youth Photo Contest of Transparency International, Berlin, Germany; Winner of The 73rd International Photographic Salon of Japan, Asahi Simbun; Winner of CGAP Microfinance Photo Contest in USA and Winner of People & Planet Photo Contest in Australia. The exhibition is open from Monday to Thursday from 3pm to 9pm and from Friday to Saturday from 9am to 12 noon and 5pm to 8pm, till November 15.

**Citibank pays tribute to RUNA LAILA**

A CORRESPONDENT

As a tribute to renowned singer Runa Laila, Citibank NA honoured the artiste in a ceremony on November 5. The event was held at the Radisson hotel where the singer was presented with a portrait, crest, and a cheque by former Governor of the Bangladesh Bank Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed and event organiser Managing Director and Citi Country Officer Rashed Maqsood.

At the start of the event, noted singer Ferdousi Rahman spoke about the celebrated singer: "Runa Laila did not get to where she is in a day. She worked hard beginning at the foundational level and here she is today. Not everyone is capable of doing that, but she is. Her voice still fills listeners with soul and I pray that she continues the way she has been for many years ahead. She is truly legendary." The singer also expressed her gratitude saying, "I am deeply thankful towards Citibank for this programme. This is even more special because my birthday is later this month on November 17, and this is the best gift I could receive. I would also like to thank my listeners because of whom artistes have the courage to move forward, and I am thankful to God for letting me spend my life singing. My family has been the greatest support for which all this has been possible."

Popular singer Konal presented a number of Runa Laila's hits at the event. Citibank has been honouring prominent singers annually since 2004. Previous recipients of the honours include the late Nilufar Yasmin, Farida Parveen, Feroza Begum, Sanjida Khatun, the late Sohrab Hossain, Ferdousi Rahman, Sabina Yasmeen, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Subir Nandi, Shahnaz Rahmatullah, Syed Abdul Hadi and Mitali Mukherjee.



**Registration closes for Folk Fest**

Names of foreign performers remain a surprise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Online Registration for the hotly-anticipated second edition of the Dhaka International Folk Fest, (scheduled November 10-12 at the Army Stadium) closed on Saturday, less than five days after opening. Like last year, the event, as announced on October 30, is free to all but a registration is required. Registration opened at 6pm on November 1, and closed shortly after 1pm on November 5, according to the Festival's official Facebook page. The page yesterday posted that their registration capacity was full in the short time, prompting them to close the registration.

Many people responded on the page saying they could not register, or did not get a confirmation. Registration numbers were limited for every day as well; according to the Facebook page, only a definite numbers of registration were allowed per day, and interested people were asked to try the next day if they could not register on their first try. The organisers, however, did not disclose the number of registered participants, when contacted. The massive interest in the festival among the general people can be attributed to last year's festival that saw some big names of folk music perform: Farida Parveen, Momtaz, Rob Fakir, Shafi Mondal and Kiron Chandra Roy from

Bangladesh, and Paban Das Baul, Parbathy Baul, Arko Mukherjee, Abida Parveen and Saieen Zahoor from abroad. Bangladeshi artistes performing this year will be Momtaz, Bari Siddiqui, Baul Shafi Mondal, Tuntun Baul, Abdur Rahman Baul, Latif Sarkar, Sunil Karmakar, Islam Uddin Kissakar, Shahnaz Bely, Labik Kamal Gourab, Taposh and Friends and Jalal (flute). However, organisers said they will announce the names of the foreign performers only on the days of the festival. The Dhaka International Folk Fest is presented by Meril, in association with GP Music, powered by Dhaka Bank and supported by Microsoft. Sun Events is organising the event.



Momtaz, whose performance was one of the highlights last year, will return to the folk fest stage.



**Salma and Sajed Akbar perform at BNM**

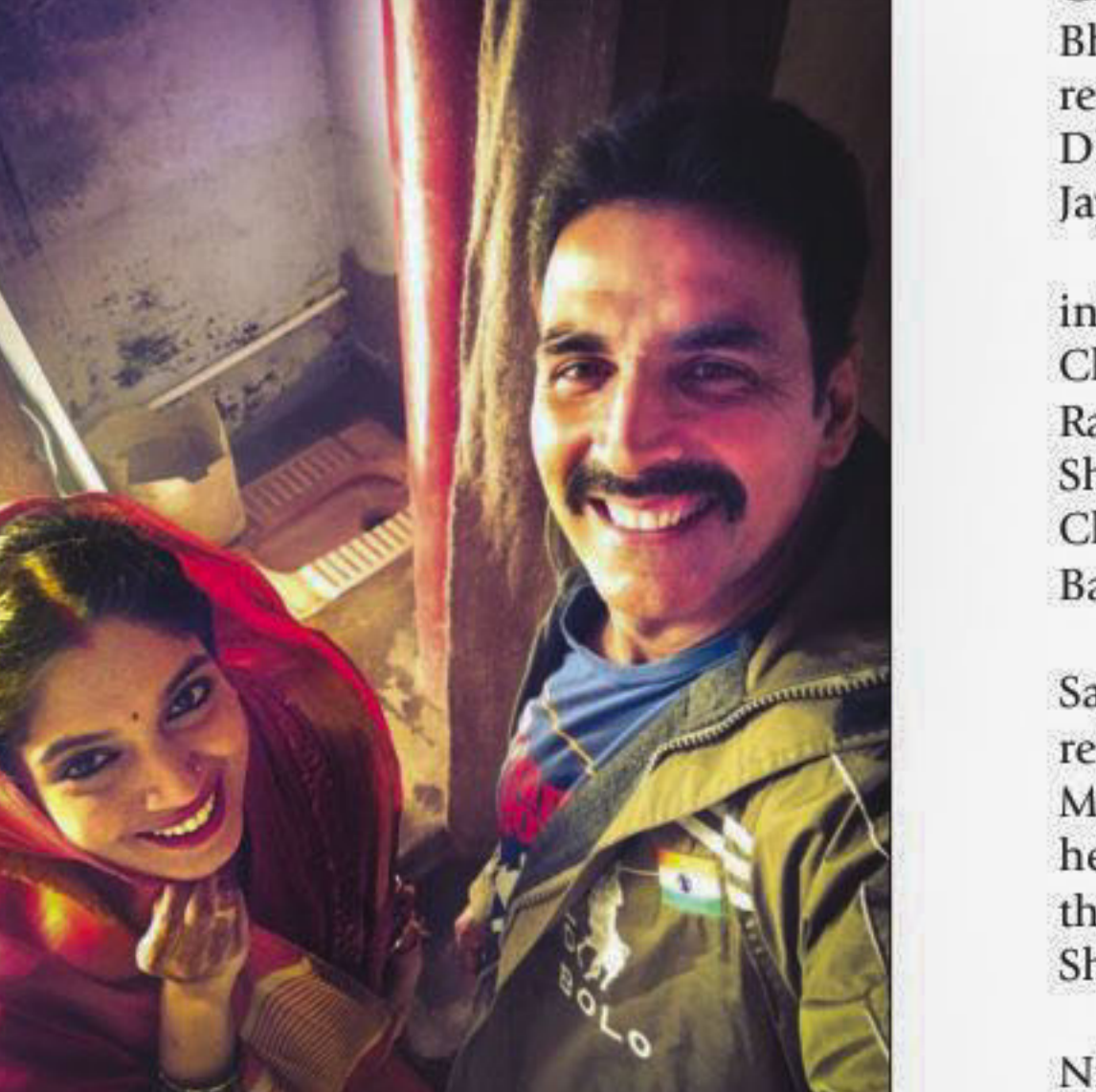
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) organised an evening of Rabindra Sangeet by singer couple Salma Akbar and Sajed Akbar at Sufia Kamal Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum (BNM), Dhaka on November 5.

The singers started off the programme with a duet song "Joy Tobo Ananda Bichitra". They performed 24 solo songs at the event. Salma Akbar's repertoire included "Kar Milon Chao Birohi", "Jogotey Anandajogey", "Adhek Ghum-e Nayon Chum-e", "Anandadhara Bohichhey Bhuboney" and "Ogo Nodi Apon Begey". Sajed Akbar rendered 12 songs, including "Amar Shokol Rosh-er Dhara", "Amar Molin Lagi Tumi", "Oli Barbar Phirey Jaye", "Tomar Gopon Kothati" and "Apni Obosh Holi". Salma Akbar studied at Chayyanaut and received her initial training in classical music from Ustad Narayan Chandra Basak and Ustad Azad Rahman. She trained in Rabindra Sangeet under legends such as late Karim Sharafi, Sanjida Khatun, Sadi Mohammad, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya in Bangladesh and under Late Konika Bandopadhyay, Nilima Sen, Sanghamitra Gupta in India. Encouraged by his Freedom Fighter parents -- Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury and Gholam Akbar Chowdhury, Sajed received initial training in Hindustani Classical Vocal Music from Ustad Fazlul Hoque in 1969. Subsequently, he trained in Rabindra Sangeet under late Atikul Islam at the Bulbul Lalitkala Academy, Abdul Ahaad, Kalim Sharafi, Ajit Roy and Sadi Mohammad. Salma Akbar and Sajed Akbar visited Kolkata, Shanti Niketan and Guwahati in 2013 for musical concerts under ICCR sponsorship. Their musical concerts were appreciated by music lovers of these three Indian cities.

**Akshay, Bhumi start filming TOILET: EK PREM KATHA**

Actors Akshay Kumar and Bhumi Pednekar have started shooting for their upcoming film "Toilet: Ek Prem Katha". Akshay tweeted a photograph of himself with Bhumi on Sunday to announce the news: Bhumi, who made her debut in acting with the National Award-winning film "Dum Laga Ke Haisha", retweeted the picture. It was earlier reported that the film is based on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Campaign). The film will be a light-hearted comedy revolving around this campaign directed by Neeraj Pandey.



Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) and cultural personality Liaquat Ali Lucky performs in a programme, commemorating iconic singer Bhupen Hazarika, on his fifth death anniversary (November 5). The programme, organised by BSA, was held at its National Art Gallery Plaza.

Source: NDTV Movies