

WHAT'S ON

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




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



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



Concert
Sodium Bati' Gaan
Venue: TSC, Dhaka University
Bands: Meghdol, Shohorbandi & Others
Date: November 10; Time: 4pm



NEWS bytes

New cast named for "Stranger Things" S2



"Stranger Things" season 2 keeps getting stranger. Days after the first photo of the original cast members' return, a batch of new names have been revealed to join the continuation of the tale in Hawkins, Indiana.

Danish actress Linnea Berthelsen will play Roman, "an emotionally damaged, magnetic young woman who suffered a great loss as a child." Sean Astin will play Bob Newby, "a kindhearted former nerd who went to high school with Joyce and Hopper and now manages the local Hawkins RadioShack." Finally, Paul Reiser will play Dr. Owens, "a high-ranking member within the Department of Energy on a 'clean-up' assignment, tasked with containing the events of last year."

Nothing else official was revealed about these characters.

In addition to the return of Finn Wolfhard, Gaten Matarazzo, Caleb McLaughlin, Noah Schnapps, Natalia Dyer, Charlie Heaton, and Joe Keery, Sadie Sink will play the 'tough and confident' tomboy Max, while Dacre Montgomery will play Billy, her 'hyper-confident' older step-brother.

The new season will premiere on Netflix next year.

Source: Collider

Curtain rises for the 2nd Dhaka Int'l Folk Fest today

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Curtain for 2nd Dhaka International Folk Festival rises today. Following the grand success of last year's maiden festival, Dhaka International Folk Festival 2016 – organised by Sun Events – will feature music performances by folk artists and troupes from six countries: Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Spain, UK and Canada. The three-day event, with an aim to introduce the world to the opulent folk music heritage of Bangladesh, will be held from November 10 to 12 at Bangladesh Army Stadium in Dhaka. The festival will run daily from 6pm to 12am.

Bangladeshi artistes – Abdur Rahman Baul, Tuntun Baul and Momtaz Begum will perform on the opening day along with Pakistani artiste Javed Bashir. The inaugural day will also feature performances by Simon Thacker's



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Svara-Kanti (UK), Raju Das Baul (India) and Farida Yasmin (Bangladesh).

The second day (November 11) of the festival will feature solo

performances by flautist Jalal (Bangladesh), Latif Sarkar (Bangladesh) and Prosad (Canada). November 11 will also feature duet performances by Bangladeshi artistes

Baul Shafi Mondal and Labik Kamal Gaurob; Spanish artistes Karen Lugo and Ricardo Moro. The line-up also includes Indian Ocean; Kailash Kher (India) will

perform a solo as the showstopper.

Bangladeshi artistes – Sunil Karmakar, Islamuddin Kissakar and Bari Siddiqui – will perform solos while the Nooran Sisters (India), Taposh and Friends (Bangladesh) will present their numbers on the concluding day. The day's proceedings will have Sam Mills (UK) featuring Susheela Raman (UK) and renowned Indo-Franco artiste Paban Das Baul perform as the showstopper at the festival.

Audiences willing to attend cannot enter the venue with any type of bags. Moreover, there will be no parking facilities for private cars at the festival venue.

The Dhaka International Folk Fest is presented by Meril, in association with GP Music, powered by Dhaka Bank and supported by Microsoft. Maasranga Television is the broadcast partner, with The Westin Dhaka as hospitality partner and Square Hospital as medical partner.

Rajeeb's homecoming for the Folk Fest

BANGLADESHI PERCUSSIONIST TO PERFORM WITH PROSAD



Rajeeb (R) with Prosad.

FAHMIM FERDOUS

On this year's Dhaka International Folk Fest lineup, the name Prosad is a total wild-card entry. This born-and-raised Canadian multi-instrumentalist with a penchant for sitar is probably going to be a surprise element for the festival, but his ensemble has another surprise: one of his band members is a Bangladeshi musician living and working in Toronto.

Tanveer Alam Rajeeb flew in with Prosad to Bangladesh this week to perform in the Folk Fest, for the first time in seven years. "As a Bangladeshi, it is a huge deal for me to be coming back home to perform, on a stage like this," Rajeeb told The Daily Star. He met Prosad in Toronto many years ago, and performs with him there. They sent their videos to the organisers of

the Folk Fest, and eventually finalised the gig.

But what is a Canadian musician going to play at a folk music festival in Dhaka? "Prosad plays the guitar, flute and sitar, and I will be playing tabla and percussion with him. We will be doing some of his original songs -- country-styled music, and some reggae, but in a fusion style incorporating the sitar and tabla," Rajeeb says. "It is going to be interesting, and I hope the audience likes it."

Prosad has toured across Canada, Europe and South Pacific, and composed for films in Hollywood. He learned sitar from Shambhu Das (a senior disciple of Pt. Ravi Shankar) and also plays the didgeridoo (a wind instrument developed by indigenous Australians). A hallmark of his music is the use of ancient instruments to create music for the modern age.

6th Oriental Painting Exhibition inaugurated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The inaugural ceremony of the 6th Oriental Painting Exhibition, organised by Oriental Painting Study Group (OPSG) in association with The Daily Star, took place at the Bakultala, Faculty of Fine Art, Dhaka University (DU) on November 8.

The event also marked the award giving ceremony, beginning of a five-day long Oriental Wash Painting Workshop and launching of a website, dedicated to the oriental style of painting: orientalpainting.org.

The proceeding of the event began with a dance sequence based on songs by Tagore, performed by Monira Parvin Happy, and her two students. Raka Paul followed with another presentation.

Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor, Dhaka University inaugurated the event as chief guest. Abul Khair, Chairman, Bengal Foundation,

graced the occasion as special guest, while noted art critic Moinuddin Khaled, art connoisseur and collector Mikhail I Islam and Indian artists - Sameer Ray and Swapan Das, were present as honourable guests.

On behalf of the organisers, Dr Malay Bala - convener and curator of Oriental Painting Study Group (OPSG), delivered the welcome address.



Award recipients (back) with the guests at the event.

PHOTO: STAR

With a goal to popularise Oriental Art amongst students of FFA (Department of Oriental Art), DU and FFA (Department of Oriental Art) Rajshahi University (RU), the OPSG has declared an 'Oriental Painting Award' this year.

Nipa Rani Sarkar, of DU received the top prize for her artwork "Saga of Celestial Romance" and received a cheque worth Tk50000. Raihan

Ahamad, of RU was adjudged the runner-up, and received a prize money in the order of Tk.30000. Second runner-up, Samina Zaman, of DU was handed over a cheque of Tk.20000. Apart from the three winners, artists Hasura Akther Rumky and Abu Hossain (both from DU) received honourable mention and a cash prize of Tk.5000 respectively.

All awardees received crests, certificates and books from the esteemed guests.

The exhibition, inaugurated by art patron Abul Khair, is showcasing 99 artworks by 80 artists of Bangladesh and India.

The show will remain open for all (between 11am and 8pm) until November 13, 2016.

Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean, Faculty of Fine Art, DU, who also presided over the programme, said that through this exhibition which has participants from Bangladesh and India, OPSG has etched a mark in the international scene. He concluded proceedings of the evening by thanking the audience for their passion for art.

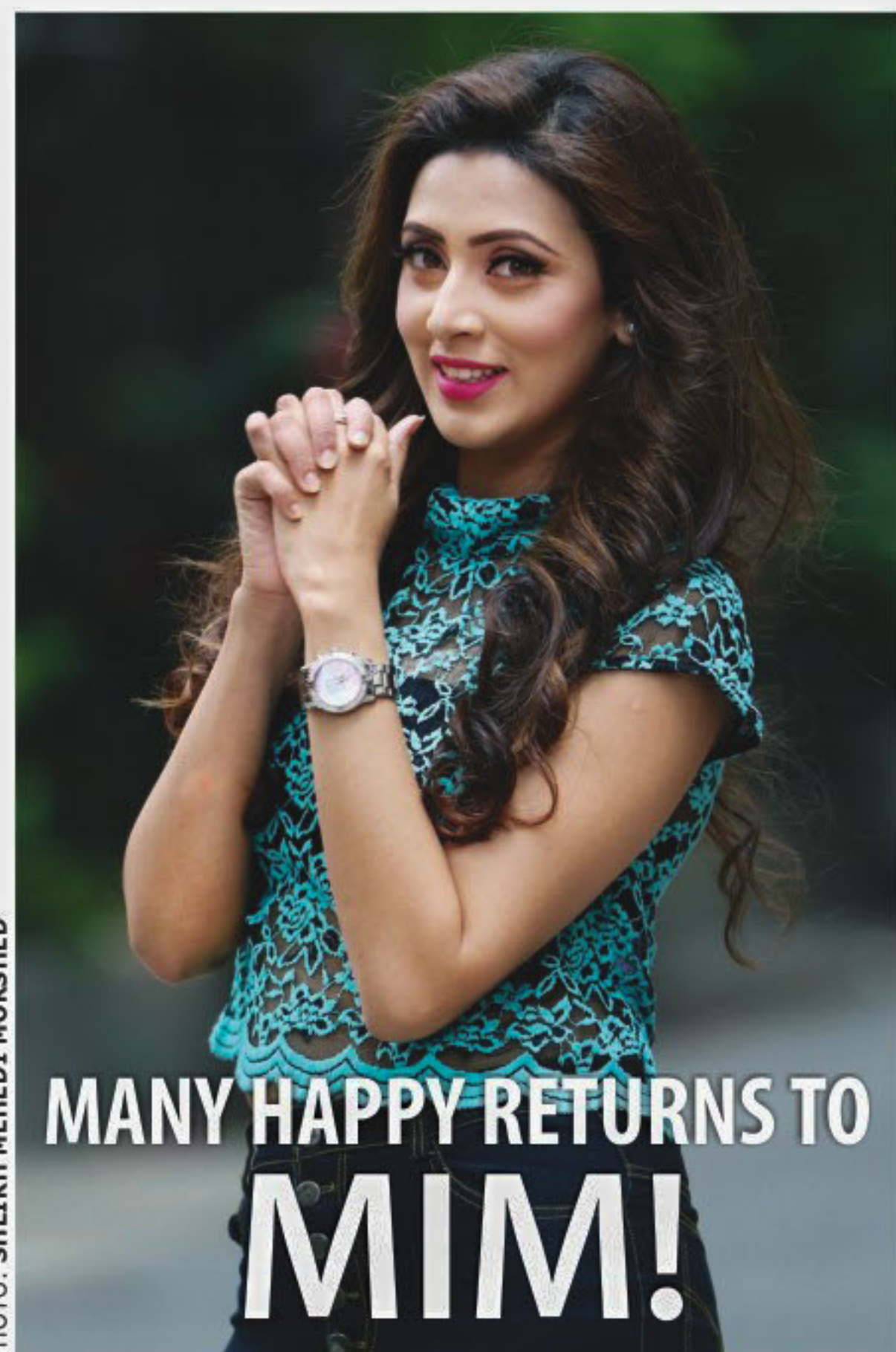


PHOTO: SHEKH MEHEDI MORSHIED

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO MIM!

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

National award winning actor Bidya Sinha Mim has her beginnings in film before moving onto the small screen. The actor also has modeling experience under her belt, and has garnered much popularity over the years. Today is the busy star's birthday, and she shares her memorable birthday experiences as well as other stories with The Daily Star.

What were the most memorable birthday celebrations in your life?

Mim: The best birthdays to have happened were during my childhood. Birthdays were celebrations then, with lots of preparation going on, and that is something I miss today.

After becoming a celebrity, what has been the most memorable birthday experience for you?

Mim: I have had quite a few birthdays after becoming an actor, and each one had been different and therefore special in their own way. One that stands out in particular is the time when my birthday was during Ramadan. We had been working on a film release then, and I spent my birthday in an orphanage where we shared a meal together during Iftar. That is something I shall always remember.

What do you love receiving most on your birthday?

Mim: I am not that particular about gifts, but I love it when someone lovingly presents me with flowers, or greets me fondly. Love is everything, and there cannot be a bigger gift than that.

What are your plans for this year's birthday?

Mim: I do not have much of a plan. I am going to spend the day with my family, and I know that as soon as the clock strikes one minute past midnight, my family will gather together to cut a cake. It is something they do every year, and I look forward to spending the day with my family very much.

Success is like Candy Crush ... PRIYANKA

Bollywood's leading lady Priyanka Chopra has become a star in the US, after her hit TV show "Quantico".

Priyanka recently opened up about life and success in an interview and said that it is like 'playing Candy Crush', a game where one 'never plays the same level' again.

"If you start thinking you're successful, you'll never aim for success, because you've already achieved it. I like winning. Once I've done something, though, I don't even think about it," she said.

"It's like playing Candy Crush. You never play the same level again you just keep looking ahead," she added.

The star also mentioned how she is just a girl, trying to make a living. "I'm just a girl who speaks her mind in a world where women shouldn't be so outspoken. I'm just a girl who works for a living, tries to survive. I'm not manufactured in any way. I'm a real person who was thrown into this world, like a baby being thrown into water. I'm just trying to stay above water," she expressed.

Source: Hindustan Times

