

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

**Concert**  
 Get Unplugged 2  
 Organiser: Get Amped  
 Venue: Food Republic, Banani  
 Date: November 18  
 Time: 3pm

**Sachin Dev Burman Music Fest**  
 Organiser: Bonhishikha  
 Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library, Shahbagh  
 Date: Nov 11-13  
 Time: 6pm daily

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Reflections by Lubna Charya  
 Venue: Galerie Zoom, AFD  
 Date: Nov 10-17  
 Time: 3-9pm

# STAR MELODIES' HOMAGE TO 25 GREAT COMPOSERS OF BANGLA MUSIC

Soiree held at The Daily Star Centre

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Although it rained for several days in the first week of November, passionate music lovers were as assiduous as they were before attending musical soirees organised by Star Melodies.

Commemorating 25 years of The Daily Star, Star Melodies held a special musical programme, paying tribute to 25 noted composers of Bangla Nagorik songs at AS Mahmud Hall of The Daily Star.

This was the first segment of the soiree that featured performances of songs composed by Tagore, DL Roy, Atulprasad Sen, Rajanikanta Sen, Kazi Nazrul Islam along with stalwarts Raichand Boral, Sailesh Dutta Gupta, Sachin Dev Burman, Himangshu Dutta, and Kamal Dasgupta. Renowned singers Shaheen Samad, Sumon Chowdhury, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Laisa Ahmed



(From L) Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Sumon Chowdhury, Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Nasima Shaheen and Shaheen Samad perform at the programme

Lisa and Nasima Shaheen rendered songs of the golden era. Laisa Ahmed Lisa set off the event with a Tagore Song "Tomarei Koriachhi Jibiner Dhrubotara". She also beautifully rendered several songs "Malay Ashia Koye Gekhhey" (DL Roy), "Ke Go Gahile Poth-e" (Atulprasad) and "Jagao Pothikey" (Rajanikanta). The improvisational and masterful rendition of the song

"Jagao Pothikey" earned Lisa rounds of applause. Fahim Hossain Chowdhury started off with a DL Roy song "Oi Mohasindhur Opar Thekey". He also sang a Tagore song and a popular song "Enechhi Amar Shoto Jonomer Prem" composed by Sailesh Dutta Gupta; he stood out in rendering the song "Tomari Pocho Paney Chahi", composed by

sur sagar Himangshu Dutta. Seasoned artiste Sumon Chowdhury loves to add interesting information prior to performing any song. Other artistes also followed suit at the event. He melodically performed a Rajanikanta number "Ami Akriti Adhom" set on an intermingling of Ragas - Behag and Khamaj. He beautifully performed a Kazi Nazrul Islam song "Aji E

Kushum Haar" and a Raichand Boral number. He won many hearts with his brilliant performance of a Sachin Dev Burman song "KaNdibona Phagun Gele".

Nasima Shaheen commenced her part with a raga-based Nazrul Sangeet "Bhoria Poran Shunitechha Gaan". She also rendered three others songs including a Kamal Dasgupta song "Jani Bahirey Amar Tumi Ontorey Nou".

Ekushey Padak recipient versatile singer Shaheen Samad performed four songs - "Ke Tumi Boshi", "Eto Jol O Kajal", "Tumi Je Giyachho" and one of her favourite songs "Tumi Ki Ekho Dekhichho Swapan" that she recorded with Kaderi Kibria. The soiree wrapped up with a choral rendition of a DL Roy song "Dhono Dhanno Pushpa Bhora".

Biswajit Sarkar (tabla), Rooptanu Das Sharma (keyboard) Ekram (esraj), Dipan (guitar) and Mitu (octopad) accompanied the entire performance instrumentally.

Sadya Afreeen Mallick compered the programme, sharing relevant anecdotes of the songs in between performances. Among distinguished guests, Nilufar Mahmud - wife of Mediaworld's founding Managing Director AS Mahmud, spoke at the event.

The programme was organised with assistance from Simantic Creative Concern and Eastern Bank Limited. Iftekharul Islam, on behalf of Simantic, elaborated on Bangla Nagorik songs.

## NEWS bytes

### "A Star Is Born" gets 2018 release date

Warner Bros. has set Sept. 28, 2018, as the release date for "A Star Is Born", starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. Cooper will also helm the film, which will mark his directing debut. He will produce through his production company 22 and Green, along with Jon Peters, Bill Gerber and Basil Iwanyk. The project, based on William Wellman's 1937 film starring Janet Gaynor and Fredric March, centres on a fading movie star who helps an aspiring actress while his own career spirals downward. James Mason and Judy Garland starred in a 1954 version and Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson toplined the 1976 version. Gaga has already made a name for herself as one of the world's biggest pop stars, but has been focusing more in recent years on her acting career. She is coming off an acclaimed performance in "American Horror Story: Hotel", which earned her a Golden Globe for best actress in a miniseries.

Source: Variety



## THE WEEKENDER

# "Weekends are my favourite days!" ...Noble



ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

Adil Hossain Noble is known for his versatility; an actor, a model, and a full time professional in the corporate sector, he has maintained a presence in the showbiz industry while excelling at his job. Such a busy person therefore makes sure his time off is taken valuably, and today he shares with The Daily Star fun stories of how he spends his weekends and vacations.

How do you usually spend your weekends?

Noble: Weekends are my favourite days! I start looking forward to it mid-week, as this is the time I get to spend time with my loved ones and have good food. I also make up for lost sleep. Sometimes I do have work schedule during those days; like this coming weekend I have a shooting. During this time, I always feel feverish on the day before, much like a child before exams! But I always ensure one of the days during the weekend is free so that I can be with family.

What was the last movie you saw?  
 Noble: Since I am so busy, we only get to watch movies when we are out of the country. My wife is a movie buff but even she rarely gets the time as she is

busy with work. The last movies we watched were "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" which stars Tom Cruise, my favourite Hollywood actor. We also watched "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil," which we enjoyed as well.

Out of all the places you have traveled to, which is your favourite?  
 Noble: I have visited many places at



home and abroad, but Cox's Bazaar will always be my favourite destination. I find it very relaxing there. Recently, we visited the Rocky Mountains in Canada, and it was a breathtaking experience.

You have recently traveled to Europe; what were some of your most memorable experiences?  
 Noble: When traveling abroad, I

immensely enjoy meeting fellow Bangladeshis around the globe who work hard for their families back home. This summer we visited three countries - Spain, Switzerland and Italy. When in Italy, we did not enjoy our hotel stay at Venice; when traveling to Rome, I booked a hotel last-minute through a hotel-booking website and I was unsure about it, but it turned out to be a most pleasant surprise. It was a quaint place that served authentic Italian cuisine, called Sugo d'oro. There we were greeted by a waiter who was Bengali-Italian. He was a vibrant fellow who was excited upon recognising me. We had some amazing grilled food and he later informed us that the chief chef was also Bangladeshi! The chef led me into the expansive kitchens of the restaurant and was quite flustered as to what to cook for me. I told him I loved authentic Italian, and he served us the most delicious seafood pasta. My daughter, a foodie, was very happy. I would urge my fellow Bangladeshis to visit Sugo d'oro whenever they have a chance to visit Rome.

If you had the power to change something in the country, what would it be?  
 Noble: I would like people to be more considerate towards others, and it would enrich all areas of life. For example, traffic etiquette here is quite poor, but if people were considerate and gave each other space, it would restore a lot of order and peace on the roads. I hope that we see better times in the coming generation.

# When does "Fantastic Beasts" plan to release its sequels?

Ever since JK Rowling revealed that "Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them" will have four sequels after the first installment is released later this month, moviegoers have been wondering when they will actually be released. Turns out that they will be coming quite thick and fast, because Cinemablend spoke to producer David Heyman at the New York press junket for "Fantastic Beasts", he said they will be release every two years.

"Yep, every two years. Well, let's see. Let's hope people come to this one. If they come to this one, we'll make the next one. That's quite an intense schedule every two years. So I'm hoping that it'll be every two years, but if it bleeds into two and a half years so be it."

He also revealed the second film will begin filming July/August next year. Considering that the eight Harry Potter films grossed a combined total of \$7.723 billion at the box office between 2001 and 2011, it's extremely likely that audiences will be flocking to reconnect with the Wizarding World over the next few weeks.

It might not make quite as big a smash at the box office as its predecessor "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows -- Part 2" did back in 2011, though, because it is introducing us to a whole host of new characters who are spinning off from Harry, Hermione and Ron's antics in the original films. Leading the way is Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne), who arrives in 1926 New York with a briefcase full of magical beasts that soon escape and cause a catastrophic chain of events.

The film is released on November 18, starring Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston, Dan Fogler, Alison Sudol, Ezra Miller, David Heyman and David Yates.

Source: Cinemablend

