











### "FANTASTIC BEASTS"

#### makes \$75M debut

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" dominated the weekend box office, debuting to a boisterous \$75 million and launching a new cinematic franchise.

It confirms Warner Bros.' high hopes for the property and its decision to back five installments in the fantasy series. "Fantastic Beasts" is a spinoff of the Harry Potter films, but instead of Hogwarts, it unfolds in 1920s New York City and features an entirely new cast of wizards and mythical creatures.

The studio spent \$180 million to make the picture, enlisting Harry



Potter creator JK Rowling to write the screenplay and bringing back David Yates, the director of several previous boy wizard outings. Eddie Redmayne stars as Newt Scamander, a textbook writer and collector of the titular beasts.

Audiences may have embraced the return to Potter-dom, but they gave the cold shoulder to several new films, among them the boxing drama "Bleed for This" and the Iraq War drama "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk". "Edge of Seventeen" didn't fare much better than the other struggling new releases.

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# Celebrating Life 2016 Gala tonight



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Samina Husain Prema



Joler Gaan

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The grand gala ceremony of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life 2016 Film, Photography and Lyrics Contest will be held tonight, at the Noborattri Hall of the International Convention City Bashundhara.

The photo exhibition will be inaugurated by Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor. He will be accompanied by Mahfuz Anam, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star -- and Abrar Anwar, CEO of Standard Chartered, Bangladesh.

This year's Celebrating Life Lifetime Achievement Award recipients are Ferdausi Majumdar, Reza Latif and Alam Khan. They will be honoured for their contributions in their individual fields. The winners of Celebrating Life 2016, three from each category -- film, photography and lyrics will also be handed their awards at the ceremony.

Apart from the awards, the Gala will feature a vibrant cultural programme, beginning with Rabindra Sangeet, "Anondoloke", led by



Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya

Rezwana Choudhury Bannya and her group, along with a dance performance in sync with the song conducted by Samina Husain Prema and her troupe. "Tumi Nirmolo Koro Mongolo Kore" will be presented by Ferdous Ara and her group, which will be choreographed by Abu Nayeem and his team. "Joy Houk, Shotter Joy" will be led by Sadya Afreen Mallick and her troupe, and the dance performance for this choir will be conducted by Rachel Priyanka.

There will also be performances by Tahsan, Arnob, Chirkutt and Joler Gaan, who will give their voices to the winning lyrics of Celebrating Life 2016 and more.



## Artcell, Lalon and Warfaze captivate CU

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Noted Bangladeshi rock bands Artcell, Lalon and Warfaze enthralled music lovers with a mind-blowing musical performance on Chittagong University (CU) campus on

Chittagong University CU organised the musical event, marking its golden jubilee celebrations at Central Playground of CU. A large 30,000-strong audience turned out for the programme.

CU Vice-Chancellor Professor Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury inaugurated the cultural event.

The programme began with a song "Shader Low Banailay" performed by renowned singer Dinat Jahan Munni. She mesmerised the audience, singing "Kurnofulir Sampanwala Amar Mon", "Bonde Maya Lagaise" and "Ore Sampanwala, among others.

After her performance, eminent singer Tapan Chowdhury took the stage and captivated the audience with melodious songs "EiMukhoritoJibonerCholarPothe", "Mon shudhu mon chuyeche", "Sonar moynaghorethuia" and a local Chittagonian song "Modhu Hoi Hoibish

Hawaila". The main attraction of the programme was an extraordinary performance by the

country's eminent rock bands Artcell, Lalon and Warfaze. When famous rock band Artcell came on stage, the audience welcomed them much applause.

The rock band started their performance with their song "Dukkhobilash". They also sang their hit numbers "TomarJonno", "Amar Poth Chola" and "Onno Somoy". The popular band also covered a rock version of the Nazrul Sangeet "Durgam Giri Kantar Moru". After the concert, Artcell posted on

Facebook: "In our almost 16-year career, this was the first time we performed at CU. Artcell is honoured to be a part of this historical event of CU. We look on it one of our best shows.". After Artcell's performance, in response

to popular demand, Lalon appeared on stage.

Lalon mesmerised the crowd with their spiritual songs and rocking beats. "Khepa" moved the audience and the raw energy of "Ek Chokhe Hason Kandey" were much appreciated.

They also sang their famous song "Jat Gelo" and "Somoy Gele". The audience gave a big round of applause when they finished their performance by singing "Pagol".

At last pioneering metal band Warfaze came to the stage and began their performance with the songs"Oshamajik"and set the show alight with crowd favourites songs like "Purnota", "Hothasha" and

"Jotodhure Robe". They concluded the show with the heavy metal song "Moharaj".

### Fahmida Nabi

in new TVC

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Popular singer Fahmida Nabi has just wrapped up shooting for a TVC for a home textile brand. In the commercial, she will be seen as herself, going about her day from morning till evening.

Fahmida Nabi said, "Viewers will see that I begin my mornings with rewaaz. And then I shall be seen admiring my reflection in a mirror before going out to see the open sky."

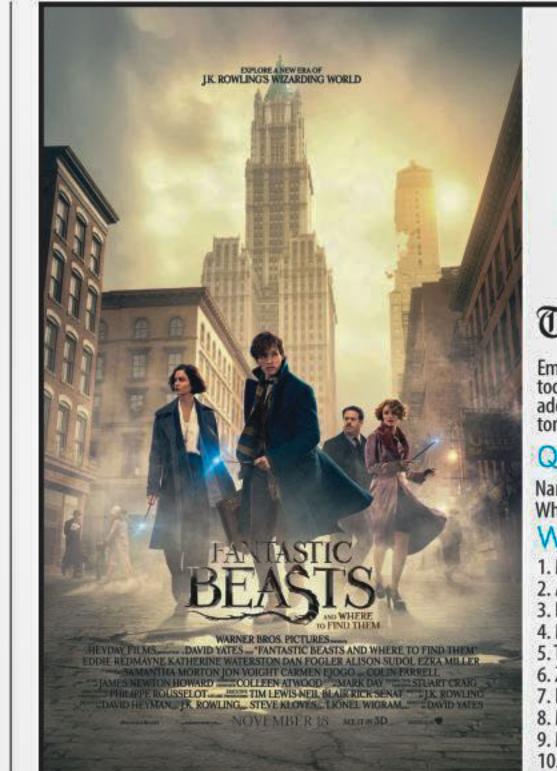
Directed by Sayeed Khandoker, the TVC is for Classical Hometex. The singer claimed she does not wish to participate in TVCs regularly from now on, saying, "I am a singer, and I don't wish to stray from my vocation. However I may act in TVCs from time to time

if I am interested." Fahmida Nabi was featured in a television commercial by a telecom company two years ago. This is the singer's second venture. "I found my experience quite enjoyable, as it is different from what I usually do," she said.





Members of Bangladesh's film fraternity came together in a grand reunion on November 19, at the silver jubilee celebration on "Chadni", the film that marked the debut of Shabnaz and Nayeem, one of the most successful on-screen duos of Dhakai cinema. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor graced the event as chief guest, where documentaries on the film's director Ehteshamur Rahman, and Shabnaz-Nayeem were screened.



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Name the production company of Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.

Winners list of QUIZ-03 1. Muhammad Jayed Al Faysal, University of Dhaka

- 2. Afreen Mahiat, Uttara 3. Rafi, Nikunjo-02 4. Mahim, Ibrahimpur
- 5. Taslima Begum Moli, Banasree 6. Zinat Kazi Tasnim, BUET 7. Rezwana Seraj, Kallayanpur
- 8. Masud Rana, Lalbag 10. Ishita Haque, Dhaka Cantonment

9. Mehdi Hasan Khan, Uttara