

WHAT'S ON

17th Asian Art Biennale
Bangladesh

Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 1-31
Time: 11am-8pm



Int'l Group Art Exhibit

Venue: Gallery Cosmos, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: Nov 27-Dec 26
Time: 12noon-8pm



Int'l Short & Independent Film Fest

Venue: Public Library, National Museum, BSA, Bishwo Shahitto Kendro, Jagannath University
Date: Dec 03-10
Time: 12noon-8pm



Solo Print exhibition

Title: Deep Print
Artist: Wakilur Rahman
Venue: Gallery Twenty One, 751 Satmasjid Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: Nov 29-Dec 16
Time: 12noon-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: An Untimely Story
Artist: Manjurul Shibly
Venue: La Galerie, AFD
Date: Dec 02-10
Time: 3-9pm (Mon-Thurs), 9am-12noon and 5-8pm (Fri-Sat)





Dilara Zaman back on the big screen!

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Prominent actress Dilara Zaman has won countless hearts with her powerful performance for decades. Besides acting in TV plays, she has ventured into modeling and cinema in her long career span. The National Film Award-winning actress has given innumerable memorable performances all throughout her career, and continues to be a busy actor of the small screen.

UTTARAYAN celebrates sixth anniversary

Tagore's travel songs in focus



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To commemorate Uttarayan's sixth anniversary, the organisation which dedicates their practices to preserving Tagore's songs and compositions, is arranging a programme celebrating the bard's "Cholar Pothey" sangeet, or travel songs. The event will be held today at 6pm at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Regarding the theme, founder of Uttarayan and noted Rabindra Sangeet artiste Lily Islam said, "Tagore traveled extensively throughout his life. He used to compose and write during journeys; on trains, boats, ships, and even bullock carts. Each song has a story that helped them materialise; for example, 'Bhubon Chora Ashonkhani' was written when Tagore was crossing the Atlantic by ship during his journey to America, when a raging storm occurred. He then wrote the song to evoke those memories. For the programme our objective is to bring forth these songs in a different light and render them in a new way."

The programme has been organised by Lily Islam, and 17 songs will be performed by the singers of Uttarayan. Elocutionists Bhaskar Bandyopadhyay and Dalia Ahmed will read from Tagore's works.

"Tasmina the Horse Girl" at Olympia Film Festival

A Bangladeshi film entry has made its way to the 19th Olympia Film Festival for Children and Young people taking place in Pyrgos, Greece, says a press release. The documentary, titled "Tasmina the Horse Girl", is directed by Faridur Rahman and is among the 64 films from 34 countries which have been selected for the competition under the theme "Cultural Difference and Tolerance of the Children achieved through Films." The weeklong festival, running from December 3-10, includes films, animations and documentaries and will screen 421 films at twelve venues in Pyrgos, as well as host workshops and seminars.

"Tasmina the Horse Girl" outlines the struggles of a young girl from rural Northern Bangladesh as she seeks to break the feminine stereotypes of her socio-cultural setting by aspiring to be a successful horse racing jockey. The film has previously received international recognition and awards, including the Best Short Documentary at the Women's International Entertainment Film Festival, and the Prix Jeunesse Theme Prize and Gender Equity Prize Nomination at the Prix Jeunesse International Film Festival at Munich, Germany.



The humanitarian side of a glam-girl

CATCHING UP WITH SHEENA CHOHAN

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Actress, model, sports anchor, human rights spokesperson ... Sheena Chohan wears many proverbial hats. Although she first drew attention as a model, she started out in theatre, and from films to music videos, she has done it all. The Kolkata-born girl has had a strong connection to Bangladesh, with one of her biggest films with Mostofa Sarwar Farooki ("Pipra Bidya"), but her biggest fan base is with the cricket-loving people, who have given her the name of 'BPL Girl', as Sheena has been a regular TV anchor for the franchise-based T20 extravaganza. She sat down with The Daily Star on a cool winter afternoon by the pool at her hotel, talking about various aspects of her multifaceted work:



You keep coming back to the BPL. What's your personal connection to it?
Sheena: I have been associated with the tournament since its birth. And I keep coming back for the love and the hospitality of the people here, and the cricket! I always say Bangladesh is no. 1 in hospitality and warmth of the people. I have also done a film here, so that connection is even stronger. My main association with cricket was a little girl, when I watched it with my family at home, and I enjoyed it. I have done presenting for cricket on other channels in India, but BPL is like my first real relationship with cricket.

Tell us about your new film, "Krishnogohor". We hear you play a scientist in it?
Sheena: I never thought I would play a scientist, and such a serious one. And there are flashbacks in the film; two timelines about 10 years apart – one when she starts out and one where she is at the top of her field. So there are two different shades of

life I am playing. Kaushik Ganguly is in it, Shaswato Chatterjee is in it, I'm working with some really amazing people. It's a drama/thriller, and my character is very challenging, but it also has certain glamour to it.

You are also closely involved with a noble cause. Could you tell us a little about it?
Sheena: Yes, it's the Youth For Human Rights, for which I am the Ambassador for South Asia. I am an actress, I do TV shows, but I am also a humanitarian. My goal for the coming year is to make the youth aware of human rights; because the youth is our future ... and also to stop violation of human rights. As a part of the youth, if we know our human rights, we can protect our human rights and help others in protecting it, we can stop things like child labor, human trafficking, and gender inequality. A lot of things in society can be improved. That's the change I want to see; the awareness being spread and to have a better society.

"Spider-Man: Homecoming" teaser shows off new suit



The full trailer for "Spider-Man: Homecoming" is set to be launched this morning (in Bangladesh time) on late-night talk show Jimmy Kimmel Live, and in preparation, Sony and Marvel just dropped this teaser, with the first look at the webslinger's upgraded suit!

The footage is extremely quick, and yet, it tells so much. Jon Favreau's Happy Hogan is back in the Marvel Cinematic Universe for

"Spider-Man: Homecoming", and that he is on hand to help Spidey (Tom Holland) out on a mission. But when Happy sees Peter at first, he's confused. Parker is wearing his old, original, pajama suit. But Happy brought him 'a case'. And in that case, from Tony Stark, contains a new suit -- with upgrades. The next shot shows Spider-Man perched atop the Washington Monument, and he performs an aerial leap over a helicopter, producing this

exquisite look at the hero's upgrades... web wings.

Anticipation continues to build for the film, and fans will be waiting to get a better look of what Michael Keaton's Vulture will look like, as this is the first time he will be seen on the big screen in a Spider-Man movie. The film opens in theatres on July 6, 2017.

Source: Cinemablend



"Raees" stirs up YouTube Storm

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

"Raees", the latest big screen venture of Bollywood super star Shah Rukh Khan appears all set to storm the box office, if the response on the internet to its trailer is anything to go by.

Khan launched the trailer of the movie, directed by Rahul Dholakia on Wednesday and in the first 24 hours it was watched over 12 million times on Youtube.

The actor plays the role of a liquor baron in the 'dry' state of Gujarat.

At about 2.45 minutes, the trailer of "Raees" is fairly long and Khan occupies most of the screen time while Nawazuddin Siddiqui as a police officer also gets a large chunk of attention. Pakistani actress Mahira Khan appears as Raees Alam's love interest Mohsina, and there is also a glimpse of Sunny Leone who makes a special appearance in a reworked version of the Zeenat Aman hit song "Laila O Laila".

"Raees" was originally scheduled for com-

mercial release in July last year but was deferred to make way for Salman Khan-starrer "Sultan". The new date has been pegged at January 25, 2017.

Shah Rukh Khan has starred in two films this year and made a special appearance in a third. He had a double role in "Fan", featured in "Dear Zindagi" and had a cameo in Karan Johar's "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil".

Rahul Dholakia shot into limelight with his 2005 film "Parzanian" based on communal riots in Gujarat of 2002.