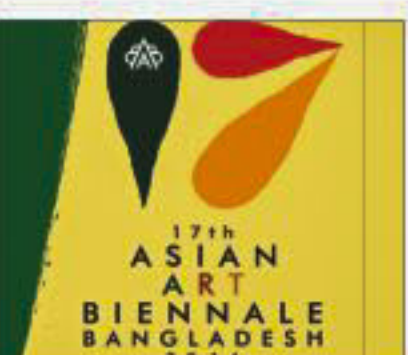


WHAT'S ON



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



Classical Music Concert
Title: 2016 Charm of Korea VIII
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date and time: December 22 (6pm) & December 23 (3pm)

Group Painting Exhibition
Title: Joloj -2
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: December 17-29
Time: 3pm-8pm



BD Hip-hop Festival
Organiser: Rendezvous
Venue: Le Meridien Dhaka
Date: December 25
Time: 5pm onwards

Classical Concert
Organiser: MAWW
Performer: Aashish Khan
Venue: Chhayanaut
Date: December 23; Time: 6pm



Snapshots from the evening, where every artiste poured in that little extra bit of emotions into their performance.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

An evening of timeless classics

Star Melodies wraps up 2016 with memorable soiree

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Star Melodies wrapped up its 2016 programmes this week with a memorable soiree, in the second installment of its musical endeavor to honour the 25 greatest composers of Bangla 'Nagorik' songs. The celebrations, marking The Daily Star's 25th anniversary, saw a full house at the AS Mahmud Seminar Hall, as a mix of established and promising artistes crooned some of the most familiar tunes of Bangla music of the last century.

A total of 15 stalwarts were featured in the second episode – Khan Ataur Rahman, Subal Dasgupta, Robin Chattopadhyay, Abdul Ahad, Manna Dey, Hemanta Mukhopadhyay, Nachiketa Ghosh, Satinath Mukherjee, Sudhin Dasgupta, Shyamal Mitra, Satya Saha, Robin Ghosh, Khondokar Nurul Alam and Alauddin Ali. Their hits were performed by Iffat Ara Nargis, Tanveer Alam Shawjeeb, Aloke Sen, Muhin, Aniruddha Sengupta, Suptika Mondal and Eva. Sadya Aftreen Mallick anchored the programme.

Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star, Mahfuz Anam delivered the welcome address, highlighting the importance of the cultural movement during the late '60s, and said this kind of music needs to be nurtured because it develops taste and culture among the people.

Fitting to the month of Victory, Eva opened the soiree with Khan Ataur Rahman's "Ek Nodi Rokto Periyē" (from the film "Abar Tora Manush Ho"), and one by one the artistes performed evergreen songs like "Amar



Swoptne Dekha Rajkanya Thake", "Kotha Dao Abar Ashbe", "Ami Jhorer Kache Rekhe Gelam", "Nishi Raat BaNka ChaNd", "Eki Sonar Aloye", "Eto Sur Ar Eto Gaan", "Tomare Legechhe Eto Je Bhalo", "Tumi Na Hoy Rohite Kachhe" and others, transporting the audience to fond nostalgia of the golden age of Bangla music. Masud Ahmed, Comptroller and



Auditor General of Bangladesh and an avid connoisseur of music, termed these songs as 'standing the test of time', adding that it is the composers who have taken the careers of singers like Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle and Sandhya Mukherjee to great heights. Alauddin Ali, the only living composer on the list, was also present at the soiree. He said he will continue to

make music with the blessings of his well-wishers. The veteran also lamented the fact that good instrumentalists, an integral part of music composition, are fading away and no new musicians are coming up to fill that void. He said it takes 15-20 years for a recording musician to reach the top level, and these musicians deserve more recognition and patronization.

As Iffat Ara Nargis closed the event to the song "Aj Tobe Eituku Thak", the words became the perfect closing words, almost as if telling the audience that there is such a treasure trove of music these great men have given us, that it would take many days and nights to even scratch the surface of their musical prowess, but this would be enough for today. The audience left the auditorium slowly but the music continued to ring in their ears; the greatest testament to the power of good music, that it stays with you.

The event was organised with assistance from Eastern Bank Limited and Simantic Creative Concern.

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EXPENDABLES

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in the works

Kicking off in 2010, "The Expendables" franchise has provided off-the-rails insanity to pay homage to the action movies of the 1980s and 90s, and while they haven't been critical darlings, they've collected quite a lot of money. Following the third movie's release in 2014, there's been talk about "The Expendables 4" happening, and now it looks like it's closer than ever to becoming a reality, but with one caveat: it will be the final entry of the series.



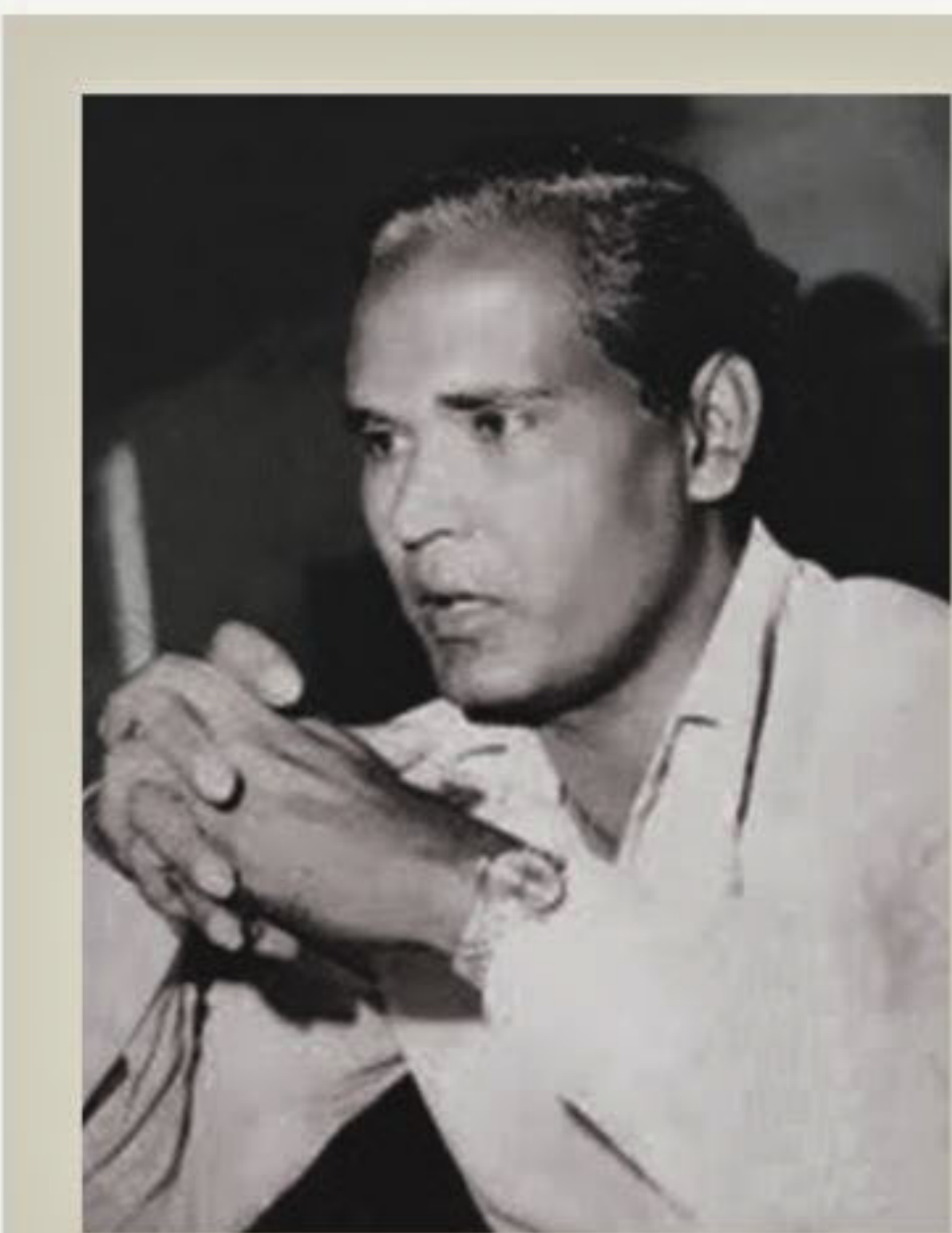
THE EXPENDABLES

While reporting on how Splendid Film has picked up the rights to screen "The Expendables 4" across German-speaking Europe, Hollywood Reporter mentioned that Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham and Arnold Schwarzenegger will reprise their respective roles. This is the first major update regarding the 'fourthquel' in over a year, when it was reported that a financing deal had been secured. No other actors have been confirmed to appear yet.

It's fitting that Stallone, Statham and Schwarzenegger are the first actors to be confirmed for the film, as they've been part of the series since the beginning. Jet Li, Randy Couture, Dolph Lundgren and Terry Crews have also appeared in all three movies, so presumably the chances of them returning for "The Expendables 4" are strong.

The Expendables 4 is expected to hit theaters sometime in 2018.

Source: **Cinemablend**



A tribute to MAHMUDUN NABI by his children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Paying tributes to the legendary singer Mahmudun Nabi, his children will be taking the stage on December 23 for the programme "Shurer Ayna", a weekly programme hosted by Fahmida Nabi and aired by Banglavisian at 5:45pm. They will also perform live on Desh TV at 11:45 pm. Mahmudun Nabi was born on December 16 and his death anniversary is on December 20, 1990. His children Fahmida Nabi, Samina Chowdhury, Tanzida Nabi and Pancham Nabi are also singers who seek to carry on their father's legacy at the programmes.

Why hasn't Shah Rukh Khan won a National Award?

The actor has a rather blunt explanation

Bollywood's global superstar Shah Rukh Khan, who recently launched the Indian Academy Awards (IMA) in Mumbai, said that he loves awards and considers them to be collective applause for his work. The 51-year-old actor shares the record for most Filmfare Best Actor wins with Dilip Kumar. However, Shah Rukh Khan's collection of trophies is missing one crucial honour - he's never won the National Award and, he says, it's because he hasn't deserved to.

Shah Rukh Khan's critically acclaimed performances include his roles in "Chak De! India" and "Swades" but, at the launch event, he said his work so far hasn't been National Award-worthy. "If I didn't get it, I didn't deserve it. I don't think any of my performances so far deserve a National Award," SRK said.

On a lighter note, asked if he would retire after winning a National Award,

Shah Rukh Khan quipped, "I think that's why I haven't received any yet."

SRK has 15 Filmfare Awards to his credit, eight of them for Best Actor. He also has an eye-watering array of trophies from several other film awards. "After working for some time in the industry, we all reach a point from where we need some kind of applause and recognition. My awards are the collective applause for the work that I have done that year or on a film," Shah Rukh Khan said to news agency IANS.

Shah Rukh Khan made his Bollywood debut in the year 1992 with "Deewana" and is now one of Bollywood's busiest actors. Just this year, he appeared in "Fan" and "Dear Zindagi" and will be starring in next month's "Raees".

The Indian Academy Awards will be held in California to celebrate the cinema of three major film industries -

Bollywood, Tollywood and Hollywood. SRK asked people not to compare it to the Oscars and said, "Bollywood films are hugely respected by American artistes. Creating this kind of platform will help us to not only promote our Indian films of different industries, but also create awareness of our work."

His next film, Rahul Dholakia's "Raees", co-stars Pakistani actress Mahira Khan and Nawazuddin Siddiqui. The film is set in Gujarat and Shah Rukh plays Raees Alam, a liquor baron. The song "Laila Main Laila", featuring Sunny Leone, was also released very recently.

"Raees" will release on January 25 alongside Hrithik Roshan's "Kaabil".

After Raees, Shah Rukh Khan will be seen in Imtiaz Ali's untitled film opposite Anushka Sharma.

Source: **NDTV Movies / IANS**



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BUBLY

turns heads

SHAH ALAM SHAZI

Television news anchor-turned actress Shabnam Bubly is a new face on celluloid with two films behind her. Bubly made her debut in "Bossgiri," before turning to another production titled "Shooter." The actress is also pursuing her MBA at Dhaka University.

Bubly also stands out for being the sole actress who has debuted two films at the same time during their release on Eid ul Azha. In both films she starred alongside Shakib Khan. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working in both the films," said Bubly.

After the release of "Bossgiri," she attended its premiere at Chompakoli Cinema Hall in Tongi. The actress expressed her desire to watch the film with regular theatre goers, as opposed to upscale cinema halls such as Star Cineplex and Jamuna Blockbuster.

"Bossgiri" met with great success and Bubly received much praise for her role, a character also named Bubly. "I attended the premiere in a burkha, so that the audience would not recognise me," she said.

As for the future, the actress says she wants to be more selective about her roles and act in films that appeal to the audience, as well as boost her career. "Bossgiri" has garnered a lot of praise. I want to maintain that reputation and will focus on quality, instead of quantity," quipped the actress.

Shakib Khan will rejoin her on the sets for "Ohonkaar" in the first week of January. The film will be directed by Shahadat Hossain Liton. The actress has also signed on to work for another film titled "Ma."

Bubly cites Shabnoor, Salman Shah, Zafar Iqbal and Shakib Khan as her idols. She also has great admiration for Nayak Raj Razzak.