

WHAT'S ON


Concert
 Concert For Fighters
 Bands: Magsood O' Dhaka, Meghdol & others
 Venue: Raju Sculpture, DU
 Date: Jan 12
 Time: 3pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Mercury Falling
 Artist: Mustafa Zaman
 Venue: Kala Kendra
 Date: December 9-Jan 4
 Time: 12pm-8pm



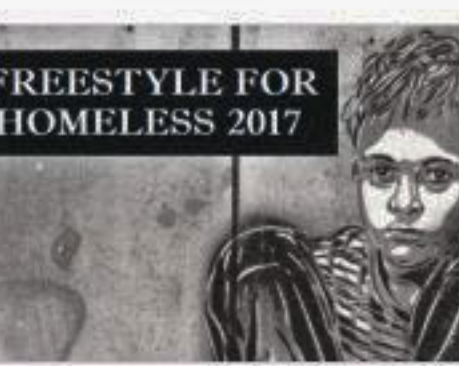
Theatre
 Play: Crutch-er Colonel
 Troupe: BotTala
 Venue: Mahila Samity
 Date: January 6
 Time: 7pm



Dylan Tribute Concert
 Blowin' in the Wind
 Venue: Edge Gallery
 Date: Jan 6
 Time: 7pm



Freestyle for Homeless
 Music, Dance, Graffiti
 Venue: Robinro Sarobar, Dhamondi
 Date: Jan 13
 Time: 4pm



NEWS bytes

Keaton, Garfield, Stone win at Capri Festival

Michael Keaton, Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone won the acting awards at this year's Capri Hollywood International Film Festival. Keaton and Garfield shared the festival's best actor award. Keaton was honored for his portrayal of Ray Kroc in the biopic "The Founder" while Garfield won for playing World War II pacifist hero Desmond Doss in "Hacksaw Ridge". Stone was honoured for her portrayal of a struggling actress in the musical comedy-drama "La La Land". Garfield and Stone have received Golden Globe and SAG nominations



for their roles. The Capri award is the first recognition that Keaton has received for his work in "The Founder", directed by John Lee Hancock. The film is about Kroc's purchase of the McDonald's fast food chain. The Capri festival has already honored "Hacksaw Ridge" with Mel Gibson chosen for best director and Bill Mechanic as producer of the year. "La La Land" also received the festival's award for best ensemble acting and best score for Justin Hurwitz.



Aloke Kumar Sen (L) and Murtaza Kabir Murad perform at the festival.



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CHHAYANAUT'S CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL ENDS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day classical music festival, organised by Chhayanaut, concluded yesterday morning at the main auditorium of Chhayanaut Shangkriti Bhaban. Through rendition of National Anthem, the festival was set off on December 29 evening. Noted music guru Ustad Saimud Ali Khan of Dinajpur inaugurated the festival while Khairul Anam Shakil, general Secretary of Chhayanaut delivered welcome address at the event. The festival, comprising two sessions, came to an end yesterday morning (December 31). Based on Raga Desh, artistes of Chhayanaut began the musical flight. The rendition captivated the audience. Chhayanaut guru Asit Dey directed the performance. On the opening day, Yakub ali Khan performed Raga Madhuvanti, Latifun Jiloi rendered Raga Chhayanaut, Salahuddin Ahmed presented Raga Jog, Satindranath Halder rendered Raga Madhukauns and Rajrupa Chowdhury offered sarod recital at the evening. The nightlong second session of the

festival started at 6am on December 30 and concluded on the morning of December 31. Directed by Murtaza Kabir Murad, artistes of Chhayanaut set off the session playing Raga Bhupali on flute. Sushmita Debnath Suchi sang Raga Multani while Salok Hossain rendered Raga Marubehag. Ebadul Huq Shaikat played Raga Jaitkalyan at the event while Tinku Shil rendered Raga Puria Kalyan. Sanjiban Sanyal Shubho performed Raga Durga. Khairul Anam Shakil beautifully rendered a romantic Raga Behag at the festival. Priyanka Gope next took the stage and rendered Raga Jog. Her performance of beautiful ragdari, long meend, drut taan and murki was fantastic. Noted flautist Murtaza Kabir Murad captivated the audience with his superb recital of Raga Abhogi. The artiste, along with the tabla accompanist Swarup Hossain earned accolades from the audience as the artiste styled some evocative melodies. Murad ended his presentation with a folk dhun. Accomplished classical vocalist Aloke Kumar Sen stood out in his performance.

Gripping the apt mood and majesty of the Raga "Jogkauns", he enthralled the audience with a dramatised performance. The artiste precisely portrayed the ragdari and established the bandish of the raga elaborating bistaar ang of his rendition. He performed his vilambit bandish "Sughar Baar Payo" (on vilambit ektaal) and drut bandish "Peer Parayi" (on teentaal) at the festival. Aloke Sen's weaving of the bandish together with drut aakar taan, pukar, bolbut, meend and melodic resting on swar of three octaves were fascinating. His vistar presentation was an evocative of meaningful musical phraseology. Sen's ecstatic presentation of a chhoto khayal on Raga Kaushik Dhvani diffused the pristine melody in the early morning. Goutam Sarkar on tabla and Bizon Chandra Mistry on harmonium embellished the performance. Among others, Abhijit Kundu rendered Raga Shankara, Shekhar Mandal rendered Raga Bageshree, Liton Das presented Raga Malkauns and renowned artiste Asit Dey wrapped up the festival through vocal music performance.

MASUDA ANAM releases three albums

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned singer Masuda Anam Kalpona released three new solo albums yesterday, on the last day of the year. The albums were launched in a ceremony at Biswa Sahitya Kendra. Two of the albums are of Nazrul Sangeet – titled "Jani Pabo Na Tomaye" and "Usha Elo Chupi Chupi", while the other album is of her original 'adhunik' songs, titled "Krishnochura". Noted Nazrul Sangeet expert Sadhya Aftreen Mallick launched the two Nazrul albums at the event, while eminent composer Anup Bhattacharya launched the other album, "Krishnochura". Bhattacharya also arranged music for three tracks of the album. Kalpona, an established exponent of Nazrul songs, performs regularly in radio and television. She is also an instructor of Nazrul songs at Chhayanaut. "My goal, as always, is to ensure that we continue to nurture and sustain the rich Bengali musical tradition for the young generation," Kalpona said. "This is an important part of our cultural tradition, an essential part of who we are." Kalpona received musical training from several musical stalwarts including Anjali Roy, Sohrab Hossain, Sudhin Das, Selina Hossain, Asit Dey and noted Indian Hindustani music expert Ustad Saghiruddin Khan. The albums were released under the banner of Laser Vision.



IN MEMORIAM: STARS WE LOST IN 2016

The year 2016 was a wretched one for the global entertainment industry, with more deaths of global entertainment icons than possibly any other year in recent history. Be it film, television or music, some of the brightest stars in their respective fields left us in the year.

Alan Rickman, one of the most prolific actors of the last two decades, died of pancreatic cancer at age 69 on January 14. Rickman made his big screen debut in 1998's "Die Hard," and took on varied roles, most memorably as the antihero Severus Snape from the "Harry Potter" movies. Emma Thompson, who starred with Rickman in five films, called him "the finest of actors and directors."

"Star Trek" actor Anton Yelchin was killed in a freak car accident on June 19, just weeks before the release of "Star Trek Beyond". He was only 27. The young actor had assembled quite an impressive resume up to that point; in addition to the blockbuster "Star Trek" series, Yelchin had roles in films ranging from "Alpha Dog" to "Terminator Salvation" to "The Smurfs".

Another prolific actor, Gene Wilder, died on August 29 from complication from Alzheimer's. Gifted with impeccable comedic timing, Wilder brought the laughs in many memorable roles, including "Young Frankenstein," "Blazing Saddles," and the title character in "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory".

Legendary Hollywood actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, whose 60-year career of playing herself helped paved the way for today's celebrity-obsessed

culture, died on December 99, at age 99. While Gabor had multiple acting credits, her greatest performance was playing herself: She was famous for her accented English, eccentric name, off-screen antics, nine marriages and ex-husbands. Gabor appeared in films including the 1952 "Moulin Rouge", 1953's "Lili", Orson Welles' "Touch of Evil" and the 1958 camp classic "Queen of Outer Space". The mother-daughter duo of Debbie



Leonard Cohen

Reynolds and Carrie Fisher died in late December. Carrie, who famously played Princess (and later General) Leia in four "Star Wars" films, died after a heart attack at age 60. Fisher's mother Debbie Reynolds, a Hollywood icon in her own rights, died on December 28, a day after her daughter's death. She was 84. The music industry was hit particularly hard in 2016, with the passing of many nota-

ble artistes, producers, and managers. The year got off to a rough start with David Bowie, who died two days after his 69th birthday on January 10. The pioneering British rocker had been diagnosed with liver cancer 18 months earlier but did not disclose his illness. Perhaps knowing that his days were numbered and as a parting gift to his fans, he released his 25th and final album "Blackstar" on his birthday. The album was nominated



Carrie Fisher

for the 2017 Best Alternative Music Album Grammy, and many consider it one of the best albums of the year. April marked the unexpected death of Prince Rogers Nelson, best known by just his first name. Like Bowie, Prince was known for his incredible showmanship, style and musicianship. Prince died of a fentanyl overdose on April 21 in his Paisley Park recording studio and home in Minnesota. He was just

57. His magnum opus, the 1984 soundtrack to "Purple Rain," earned him two of his seven career Grammy Awards and an Academy Award for Best Original Song Score in 1985. Country music legend Merle Haggard also died in April. His career spanned five decades and spawned 38 No. 1 hits on the country charts. He died on April 6, his 79th birthday, in California. Iconic musician Leonard Cohen died on



David Bowie

November 10. The Canadian poet and novelist, who became a singular international presence as a singer-songwriter with songs like "Suzanne", was 82. Only a month before, he released his final album, "You Want It Darker", a deeply introspective work that focused thematically on mortality. George Michael died on December 25, at age 53. The pop star was part of the popular '80s duo Wham! before branching out into

his solo career. His powerful stage presence and overt sexuality were balanced by a giving spirit and desire for privacy. He was one of the earlier celebrities to come out as openly gay. Numerous notable producers and managers died in 2016, including Beatles producer George Martin and Celine Dion's husband and manager Rene Angelil. A Tribe Called Quest's Phife Dawg, The Surfer Blood's guitarist Tom Fekete, and rising star Christina Grimmie all died too young. Grimmie was murdered by a deranged fan at the age of 22. Other influential musicians lost in 2016 include musician and songwriter Leon Russell, who died November 13, and two-thirds of progressive rock trio Emerson, Lake and Palmer: Keith Emerson in March and Greg Lake earlier in December. 2016 also saw the passing of many notable television actors, including a TV mom and dad that many grew up watching, Florence Henderson, who played mother Carol Brady on "The Brady Bunch" and was a talented stage performer and singer, died on November 24 at age 82. In December, Alan Thicke, the patriarch on "Growing Pains", died at age 69. He died on December 13 after suffering a heart attack while playing hockey with his youngest son, Carter. A charismatic actor with a distinctive voice, Thicke played the father of four on the sitcom, which aired on ABC for seven seasons.



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