

WHAT'S ON

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



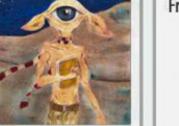
Solo Quilt Exhibition
 Title: Colours in Quilt
 Artist: Jahan Firoz
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One
 Date: January 6-15
 Time: 12 pm-8 pm



17th Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Eternal Bengal
 Artist: Balodeb Adhikary
 Venue: Zainul Gallery, FFA, DU
 Date: Jan 08-14
 Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: My Dream World
 Artist: Iranian Painter Sarah Hojjati
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
 Date: Jan 8-20
 Time: 3pm-8pm



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



NEWS bytes

Coen Brothers coming to TV

Joel and Ethan Coen are the latest auteurs moving into television, with a new event anthology set in the Old West. Annapurna Television is partnering with the Coen brothers on a limited series Western called "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs". Variety reports that Annapurna intends to pursue an innovative approach that could combine television and theatrical.

The reputed film director brother's duo wrote the script from an original idea and will direct the project. The Coens will produce "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs"



through their Mike Zoss Productions label. Plot details are unknown, though it will intertwine six different story lines. The brothers are no strangers to the genre, with "True Grit" and "No Country for Old Men" on their resume.

The brothers join a list of elite directors who have crossed over to television to further develop stories that could not make it to the big screen. David O Russell is currently working on a series for Amazon starring Julianne Moore and Robert De Niro, and JJ Abrams is writing and directing a limited series with Meryl Streep that is currently being shopped.

The Coens most recently wrote and directed "Hail, Caesar!" and also penned the script for George Clooney's next directorial effort, "Suburbicon".

Source: Variety



Speakers at the press conference at Dhaka Club.

Curtains rise on DIFF today
President Abdul Hamid to inaugurate

FAHMIM FERDOUS

The 15th edition of the Dhaka International Film Festival is set to begin tomorrow. President Abdul Hamid will inaugurate the festival at the main auditorium of the Bangladesh National Museum at 4pm. Finance Minister AMA Muhith and Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu will be special guests at the event, along with International film critics' organization FIPRESCI president Alin Tasciyan. A number of noted filmmakers, critics and journalists are expected to be present at the ceremony.

The festival will open with Academy Award-nominated film "3000 Nights" by Mai Masri that chronicles the story of a Palestinian woman in an Israeli prison. The disclosures were made at a press conference

Rainbow Film Society, the organiser of the festival, is also celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. A total of 188 films from 67 countries will be screened at the nine-day festival (that concludes on January 20), under various categories: Asian Competition, Retrospective (featuring films of legendary Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami and

noted Turkish helmer Yesim Ustaoglu). Cinema of the World, Children's Films, Spiritual Films (in association with Italy's Religion Today Film Festival), Short and Independent Films, Nordic Film Session (with cooperation from Norwegian International Film Festival Haugesund) and Women Filmmakers' Films - at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium of Central Public Library, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Star Cineplex and EMK Center.

A number of foreign filmmakers will attend the festival as delegates. As part of DIFF, Rainbow Film Society and Bangladesh National Museum will organise "Seventh Dhaka Cine Workshop" from January 5-20. Renowned Iranian filmmaker and critic Professor Majid Mowasseghi will conduct the workshop participated by young filmmakers of Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Nepal, Iran and Tajikistan.

A "Third Dhaka International Conference on Women in Cinema 2017" will also be held as part of the festival, in cooperation with Dhaka University's Women and Gender Studies. Women filmmakers, actors and other noted personalities will take part in the two-day conference at the Alliance Francaise from January 13-14.

'Concert for Fighters' at DU today

Maqsood O' Dhaka, Meghdol, Krishnokoli and others to perform

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An open-air concert paying tribute to poet-musician-journalist-cultural activist Sanjeeb Chowdhury will be held today at the Raju Sculpture near TSC of Dhaka University. A number of indie bands and musicians are performing in the concert that begins at 2pm. Maqsood O' Dhaka, Meghdol, Kafil Ahmed, Pothik Nabi, Krishnokoli, Shayan, Sohojiya, Madol, Shohortoli, Somogeet, Chitkar, Monshoroni, Leela, Gaanpoka, Sina Hasan and indigenous girls' band F Minor are on the concert lineup.

The concert is free and without any sponsors, with organisers raising funds through selling of posters, t-shirts and stickers. The first 'Concert for Fighters' was held in 2005.

A 'Road to Concert for Fighters' touring concert have been going on since November, starting at TSC and taking place so far in CUET, Jahangirnagar University, Sylhet, Jagannath University, Bangladesh Agricultural University and Robindro Sarobar.

A part of the raised funds will be donated to the Santal community of Gobindoganj, who suffered from communal violence in recent months.



A touring concert preceded today's main event.



"Onneshon" premieres on Rtv today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deutsche Welle's science and technology show in Bangla, "Onneshon", will premiere on Rtv today. The show will air every Thursday at 6:05 PM and Sunday at 1:40 AM. The show previously ran weekly on Ekushey TV. The announcement was made in a press conference on Monday.

Deutsche Welle, a German public international broadcaster, offers their services in 30 languages. "This is another milestone for DW in Bangladesh," said Tobias Grote-Beverborg, DW's Distribution Executive for South Asia. "We have been broadcasting in Bangla for more than 40 years, and providing television programming with a local emphasis was the next logical step. Now we have a Bangla news service on the web, mobile app, website etc."

Rtv CEO Sayed Ashik Rahman said, "Recently, Rtv has celebrated its journey of 12 long years. 'Onneshon' is a new and special program for Rtv and we are happy to create a partnership with Deutsche Welle."

"Onneshon" is being produced by DW's Bangla team in Bonn, Germany and covers various aspects of science and technology - with a special focus on the latest developments in Germany and Europe. Multimedia content from the series will also be available online at www.dw.com/bengali as well as being distributed by DW's online partners.

10th Int'l Children's Film Fest to begin Jan 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The tenth edition of International Children's Film Festival Bangladesh is all set to take place from January 24-30 in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Rangpur and in Chittagong on February 3-4. The event will run simultaneously at 11 venues in the three major cities this month.

The inauguration ceremony will take place at Shawkat Osman Auditorium of Central Public Library on January 24. Finance Minister AMA Muhith will attend as chief guest, while Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor and Minister of Information Hasanul Haque Inu will be the special guests. Chairman of Bangladesh Shishu Academy Mustafa Monowar will preside over the event.

Four film screenings will take place each day during the course of the festival at 11am, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm. Over 200 films from 54 countries will be screened at the fest. The festival is open to all.

The disclosures were made in a press conference on Tuesday. Eminent filmmaker Morshedul Islam, Munira morshed Munni and festival director Abir Ferdous spoke at the event.

Children's Film Society Bangladesh is organising the festival to open a new horizon of cinema for Bangladeshi children and give them exposure to the culture and tradition of other countries through films. Through this festival, children will have basic ideas on films and their role in building awareness on social issues to build a better society.

For Bangladeshi participants, the categories include: Child Filmmakers' Competition, Young Bangladeshi Filmmakers' Competition, Social Film Competition and International Film Competition. The theme for this year's Social Film category is "Climate Change and Environment". For international submissions, the categories include Child Filmmakers' Competition and International Film Competition.

There are also a number of awards in the international category: Best Director, Best Feature Film and Best Short Film. And for Bangladeshi children, there are Best Film, 2nd Best Film, 3rd Best Film and two Special Awards. The event will also include a Young Talent Award in the Young Bangladeshi Filmmaker category and a Social Film Award in the Social Film category.

Besides film screening, a variety of interactive sessions and workshops with prominent guests are part of the festival.



Morshedul Islam speaks at the press conference.



Popular FM radio stations ColorsFM 101.6 celebrated their third anniversary on Tuesday. Raquib Md. Fakhru, Managing Director; Tasnuva Ahmed, Head of Operations; media personality Abdun Noor Tushar, listeners, participants of different shows, guests, hosts, performers, musicians and well-wishers of ColoursFM joined in the celebration at their office.

Moby laughs off offer to DJ at Trump inauguration

US electronic musician and DJ Moby, who called Donald Trump an 'actual sociopath' in an op-ed piece he penned for Rolling Stone last year, has turned down an inexplicable offer to DJ at one of Trump's inauguration ball.

The artist revealed on Instagram that a booking agent approached him recently to see whether he would be open to providing music for an inauguration event, despite Moby's well-known support of Hillary Clinton and distaste for Trump.

"Hahahahaha, I was just asked by a booking agent if I would consider djing at one of the inaugural balls for #trump...," Moby wrote. "Hahahahaha, wait, Hahahahaha, really? I guess I'd DJ at an inaugural ball if as payment #trump released his tax returns..."

So #trump what do you think, I DJ for you and you release your tax returns?"

Trump's inauguration team is having difficulty drawing A-list talent for the January 20 event, with only the Rockettes (begrudgingly), the Mormon Tabernacle Church Choir (also reluctantly), Big & Rich and America's Got Talent singer Jackie Evancho signing up for the inauguration.

Moby is in good company to be denying the offer, as a number of stars of the music industry have turned down an offer to perform at Donald Trump's inauguration Ball, including Sir Elton John, Kiss, Andrea Bocelli, Celine Dion, Rebecca Ferguson and Charlotte Church.

Source: Rolling Stone

