

NEWS bytes "American Horror Story" renewed for two seasons

FX has renewed "American Horror Story" for two more seasons... The announcement was made Thursday ahead of the cabler's sessions at the Television Critics Association winter press tour in Pasadena, California. Created by Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk, "American Horror Story" began in 2011 with its first installment, "Murder House". Then came "Asylum", "Coven", "Freak Show", "Hotel" and the most recent season, "AHS: Roanoke", wrapped in late 2016. Over the course of its run, "American Horror Story" has won 15 Emmy awards, plus Golden Globes and AFI Awards. The fifth installment "AHS: Hotel" won two Emmys in 2016. Aside from accolades, "AHS" is also a ratings winner, topping FX's all-time telecasts. For the past five installments of "AHS," each season has ranked among cable's top five scripted series of the year in which they aired. Over the years, "American Horror Story" regular players have included Sarah Paulson, Jessica Lange, Angela Bassett, Kathy Bates, Lily Rabe, Evan Peters, Emma Roberts and Lady Gaga.

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Zahid Hasan already has a busy 2017

A CORRESPONDENT Zahid Hasan is kicking off 2017 by directing a new television series titled "Raju 420". Scripted by Zakir Hossain Ujjol, the play will include Zahid Hasan himself in the starring role. Last year, the actor-director's play "Vagabond" was met with great success, and it is currently aired on Banglavision. However, the director is also anticipating the release of "Raju 420", saying, "Raju is a very ordinary man who takes it upon himself to support those in need and stand up to those that do wrong. However there are circumstances under which cheating is justifiable; Raju will never cheat those that are honest, but he seeks out those that earn money through ill means, and cheats them out of their illegal financial gains. I am doing best to portray Raju in the best way possible, going as far as to changing my appearance. I am quite excited for the series to reach its viewers." Zahid Hasan informed the show will be aired on ATN Bangla every Saturday through Monday, and the first episode will premiere tonight at 10:45pm. The actor recently took part in a commercial for a fan brand alongside seasoned TV actors Dilara Zaman, Chanchal Chowdhury and Farhana Mili, directed by Roni Bhowmik. Zahid Hasan's momentous career began with the 1986 film "Boloban" directed by Abdul Latif Bachchu. After a hiatus spanning several years, the actor appeared in "Jibon Shongi" alongside Shyama in 1996. In 1999, Zahid Hasan was the recipient of National Film Award for his work in the Humayun Ahmed-directed "Srabon Megher Din". In the same year he began his directorial debut with "Onno Tepantor", also produced by him under the banner Pushpita Visuals.

Screening today at Dhaka Int'l Film Festival

Main Auditorium, National Museum: 10:30am - Water Lemon [Philippines] 1:00pm - Güneş Yolculuk (Journey to the Sun) [Turkey] 3:00pm - Taste of Cherry (Abbas Kiarostami retrospective) [Iran, France] 5:30pm - Untill Ahmed Returns (Iran) 7:30pm - Hailstone and Sunlight (Iran) Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum: 10:30am - The Unseen [Namibia]; Farewell Tour [Estonia, Kyrgyzstan] 1:00pm - Ang Kubo sa Kawayanan (The House By The Bamboo Grove) [Philippines] 3:00pm - Laut [Philippines] 5:30pm - Gifts [UK]; Un-Filled [India]; Chasing [Iran] Drop [Tajikistan]; Separated [Denmark] 7:30pm - Spaces Between [India]; Budan (Being) [Tajikistan]; Blessing [Tajikistan] Public Library Auditorium: 10:30am - Pitong Kabang Palay (Seven Sacks of Rice) [Philippines] 1pm - Like Someone in Love (Abbas Kiarostami retrospective) [France, Japan] 3pm - Nhà Tiên Tri (The Prophecy) [Vietnam] 5:30pm - For a Son [Italy, Sri Lanka] 7:30pm - Go Home [Lebanon, France] Alliance Francaise de Dhaka: 10am - Nhà Tiên Tri (The Prophecy) [Vietnam] 12pm - Mati'r Proja'r Deshe (Kingdom of Clay Subjects) [Bangladesh] 3pm - Daughter [Iran] 5pm - The Dark Wind [Iraq, Germany, Qatar]

TV WATCH "Kom-Unity" on Desh TV

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Desh TV will air TV series "Kom-Unity" at 9:45pm tonight. The play is aired every Saturday through Monday and is scripted and directed by RB Pritom. Cast members include Lutfor Rahman George, Kumkum Hasan, Apurba, Jovan, Abdul Hannan Shelly, Shamima Nazneen, Aparna, Shormi, Nisha, Sazzad, Abdullah Rana, Tonni, Sabrina and more. The narrative zooms in on the residents of an apartment complex and their relationships with one another. Mehreen Madam has a mysterious new occupant move into her flat, followed by a change in the name plate outside her door. Meanwhile Riyad, whose family live on the second floor, is an overseas student in Australia who completed two semesters at a private university in Dhaka, before making the decision to move back to Australia for his graduation. Each inhabitant has their own stories and struggles, and their own quirks. Their lives, however separate, all unfold under the same roof of the apartment building.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED Arup Rahee and his band Leela perform at the "Concert for Fighters", held at the Raju Sculpture Dhaka University on Friday. The concert, a tribute to singer-poet-cultural activist Sanjeeb Chowdhury, saw a number of indie bands and artists perform to an energetic audience.



People's Theatre Association yesterday organised a programme simultaneously with its 200 children's organisations and 80 youth organisations countrywide, to clean up their respective Shaheed Minar monuments. As part of the programme, about a thousand children and adolescents of 50 organisations took part in the programme at the Central Shaheed Minar, says a press release. Cultural personality and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy DG Liaquat Ali Lucky inaugurated the programme. A cultural programme was also held on the occasion, featuring music, dance and recitation.

"Deadpool 2" is bringing back three supporting characters

"Deadpool" was not only one of the most successful superhero movies of 2016, but also one of the most surprising blockbusters in general. Made off a \$58 million budget, the Merc with the Mouth's first solo adventure went on to earn over \$780 million worldwide, and earned rave reviews from comic book fans and casual viewers alike. A performance like that guarantees a sequel, and sure enough, "Deadpool 2" is currently in the works. While no plot details have been revealed yet, writers Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick have revealed three of the supporting characters from the first movie who will be back for the follow-up. First up are Colossus and Negasonic Teenage Warhead. While Reese and Wernick weren't willing to reveal to Collider how they'll fit into the plot, they did assure fans that they will appear in "Deadpool 2". "Yeah, they'll make at least an appearance," Wernick said. For the most part, Deadpool was a self-contained superhero movie, but Colossus and Negasonic Teenage Warhead served as the primary connective threads to the wider X-Men world. They first showed up to try to recruit Deadpool into the mutant superhero team, and later agreed to help him rescue Vanessa from Ajax and Angel Dust. Their personalities also played off of Deadpool's excellently; Colossus as the straight man trying to urge Wade to become a better person and Negasonic as the apathetic teenager unimpressed with the main protagonist's antics. Even if they aren't integral



to the sequel's story, it will be great to see them have more amusing conversations with the fourth wall-breaking anti-hero. Then, during an interview with Nerdist, a conversation occurred about Dopinder the cab driver's role in "Deadpool", and Paul Wernick mentioned that he would return as well for the next movie. While Dopinder's role in "Deadpool" wasn't nearly as important as Colossus and Negasonic Teenage Warhead's, he did have some amusing moments, namely with how he misconstrued Deadpool's advice and kidnapped his cousin Bandhu for stealing away the woman he loved, Gita. The last time Dopinder was on screen, he had just crashed his car, which had Deadpool's bag of guns on the front seat and Bandhu stashed in the trunk. Along with the above three characters, Wade Wilson will also share screen time with newcomers Cable and Domino in "Deadpool 2", although those characters haven't been cast yet. Behind the camera, David Leitch has taken over directing duties, and his action experience combined with Rhett Reese, Paul Wernick and Ryan Reynolds' humorous chops will hopefully blend well enough to make "Deadpool 2" just as appealing a movie as its predecessor, if not more so. The movie doesn't have an official release date, but it's expected to arrive in theaters sometime in 2018.

Bollywood gears up for double the fun this year

As Bollywood is all set to release another set of exciting films in 2017, a host of actors, such as Varun Dhawan, Hrithik Roshan and Arjun Kapoor promise 'double-dose' of fun with their twin acts. Varun Dhawan will step in the shoes of actor Salman Khan for the new version of 1997 film "Judwaa". Talking about his role, the actor had shared the final script with Salman which would help him learn about the role better. Arjun Kapoor will yet again take up a double role, this year, following his double role in the 2013 film "Aurangzeb". "I didn't choose the film only for the double role. The director, Anees Bazmee, and Anil chachu (Kapoor) were my other

reasons to take on this film. Both the characters that I play are poles apart. That was a challenge. Moreover, it is a family-friendly film. Comedy, as a genre, fascinated me as a kid," he said. It's not just the new lot of actors who will entertain with a double role. Hrithik Roshan



too will play double roles on the big screen in director Karan Malhotra's next. The film will also mark the debut of Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh's daughter, Sara Ali Khan. Hrithik played a double role in his Bollywood debut, Kaho Naa Pyar Hai", opposite Amisha Patel. Double roles in Bollywood is nothing new, as newer-generation actors such as Kangana Ranaut ("Tanu Weds Manu Returns") to veterans Salman Khan ("Judwaa"), Sridevi ("Chaalbaaz") and Shah Rukh Khan ("Duplicate") have played double roles, while Amitabh Bachchan played a triple role in "Amar Akbar Anthony".

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