

**AT A GLANCE**

# SYMON

**WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE AN ACTOR?**

Actually, I never wanted to be an actor. Everything was made possible by the renowned director, Zakir Hossain Raju sir. It all began in 2006, when I was standing in the Shewra bus stand. I bumped into Raju sir, who told me to try out acting in films. I said no at first, as at that time the state of the film industry was not ideal. To be honest, I did not recognize him at first so when he told me the names of the films he directed, I was astonished. The Symon you are seeing right now would not have been existent without Raju sir, I am eternally grateful.

**WHAT IS YOUR TURNING POINT IN CINEMA?**

That would definitely be Poramon. Many still remember me by this film, and it has given me a lot.

**WHAT ABOUT YOUR OTHER FILMS? ARE THEY NOT REMEMBERED ANYMORE?**

It's not that. I am an actor, and I have to go by whatever the director says. Maybe in some films, the directors haven't been able to portray me as I would have liked and that might have been the reasons why my characters haven't been discussed that much. I cannot really do anything if the cinema's script or story is not up to the mark.

**FROM ALL THE SUCCESSFUL FILMS THAT YOU HAVE DONE, WHICH ONES ARE YOUR FAVORITES?**

It would have to be Poramon, Black Money, Pure Jay Mon, Ji Hujur and Shopno Chowra.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK NEEDS TO CHANGE IN THE CURRENT FILM INDUSTRY?**

First of all, we need to fix our cinema halls and that is an absolute must. If the halls are in a bad state, no one would want to go and watch a movie there. We also need to work on better scripts for our films.

**WHOM DO YOU IDOLIZE IN ACTING?**

I don't personally idolize anyone. However, I loved the work of Salman Shah and Manna bhai. For me, the script and screenplay of a film are what makes them successful.

**AMONG THE NEW ACTORS, WHO DO YOU THINK HAVE THE MOST POTENTIAL?**

I like Bappy and Arefin Shuvo among the new actors. But we need many more male actors for a thriving industry. I like many actresses as well, but I feel that they need more dedication. Pori Moni, Mahi and Bobby are all doing well at the moment.

**ANY UPCOMING MOVIES RELEASING IN THE NEAR FUTURE?**

My movie "Mayabini" is going to be released on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Irin is the lead actress in it. It is a horror film and I am sure the audience will genuinely like it.

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*Interviewed by Zahid Akbar*

