

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Star Melodies Gaan Unplugged By Established & Young Artists Venue: AS Mahmud Hall (Level 3), The Daily Star Centre Date: January 28; Time: 6pm</p>	<p>Group Art Exhibition Title: Exploring Mind Matters Venue: 58/E Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Floor 13 Date: January 27-28; Time: 11am-8pm</p>	<p>Theatre Play: Shibani Sundori Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA Date: January 27; Time: 6:30pm</p>	<p>Classical Music Soiree Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshtli Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra Date: January 25, 26, 28 Time: 5pm</p>	<p>Int'l Children's Film Festival Organiser: Children's Film Society Venue: Various Date: January 24-30 Time: 10am onwards</p>
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NEWSbytes

STEPHEN COLBERT to host 2017 Emmys

CBS has tapped Stephen Colbert to emcee the 2017 Primetime Emmy Awards, marking at least the fourth marquee award show to be hosted by a late-night personality this year. He'll follow Jimmy Fallon (The Golden Globes), Jimmy Kimmel (The Academy Awards) and James Corden (The Grammys) in what will surprisingly be the veteran comic's first time hosting a live awards telecast.

The network also used the relatively early host confirmation to set the 2017 date for the Academy



of Television Arts and Sciences' biggest night. The Emmys will tape live, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, on September 17.

"This will be the largest audience to witness an Emmys period," Colbert said in a Monday statement, clearly mocking the weekend's false claims about inauguration attendance from new White House press secretary Sean Spicer. "Both in person and around the globe."

Source: **Billboard**



Armeen Musa, Soulmate and Lurrie Bell are among this year's performers at the festival.



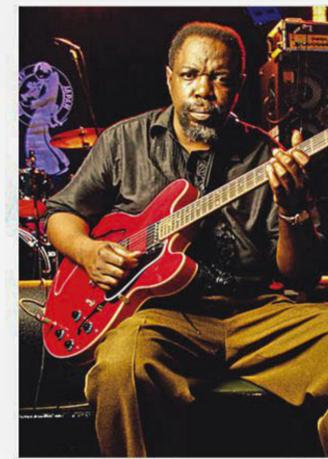
JAZZ & BLUES FEST FROM JAN 29

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Music has been a big part of the Bangalee way of life for centuries, and along with the music of our own roots, various genres of world music have also seeped into our musical taste and influences, particularly in recent years. Particularly since 2012's Bengal Classical Music Festival, international-level music festivals have become fairly regular. And the first of the year is around the corner. The second edition of the Jazz & Blues Fest is set to be held January 29-31 at the Infinity rooftop of the Le Meridien Dhaka in Dhaka.

Blues Communications is following up November 2015's first edition of the festival that was a success with fans of the genre. Considered the two earliest forms of world music, jazz and blues have a burgeoning following in Bangladesh.

Lurrie Bell's Chicago Blues Band will be headlining this year's festival, with Gary Husband, Deepak & Friends, Oz Noy Group, Ranjit Barot and 'Slang', Armeen Musa, Soulmate, Malted Milk, and Jacob Dinesen being the featured performers. The artistes will also do a collaborative jam together, celebrating



the music of jazz legend Miles Davis. "We planned to hold the festival last month and at a bigger scale," Blues Communications CEO Farhadul Islam told The Daily Star. "But we faced a number of obstacles in terms of venue availability," he added. He also said if such constraints continue, they might think of shifting the festival abroad. "Sri Lanka and France have expressed

their interest to hold the festival there. But we wanted to do it here this year, to cater to our audience."

Armeen Musa, the only Bangladeshi performer on this year's bill, could hardly contain her excitement while talking to The Daily Star. "It's great to have a festival of jazz and blues music here in Bangladesh," she said. Armeen will mostly be doing her originals, but it will be a little different from her usual set. "I will perform some of my works that I don't often get to perform live here. Rehearsals are going on full swing, and I'm really excited to meet the awesome musicians who will be coming."

Tickets for the event are available at select restaurants in the capital, as well as multiple online ticketing platforms. Details of the tickets can be found on the Facebook page of Jazz & Blues Festival Dhaka, as well as their web site, jazzxblues.com.

The festival is being held in association with IFIC Bank, with the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources as its strategic partner. Channel i is the broadcast partner of the event, with Le Meridien Dhaka as its hospitality partner.

Art exhibition commences at CU Fine Arts Institute

MD. ABBAS, CU

A four-day annual fine arts exhibition began in the port city at Shilpi Rashid Chowdhury Art Gallery of Institute of Fine Arts of Chittagong University (CU) on Monday. CU Vice Chancellor (VC) Professor Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest.

CU Arts and Humanities Faculty's Dean Prof Sekandar Chowdhury, artists Professor Fayezul Azim, Professor Monsur Ul Karim and Institute Director Shaela Sharmin attended the inaugural programme.

A total of 159 artworks, both applied art, sculptures, graphics and paintings by students of the institute are on display at the exhibition.

The exhibition will remain open from 11am to 5pm every day and will end on January 26.

Complimenting the Institute's teachers' and ex-students' artworks, CU VC Professor Iftekhar called on the Institute Director to include such exhibitions in their academic syllabus so that students can gain a practical orientation as the main objective of fine arts is developing the creativity of the artist.

Institute Director Shaela Sharmin said this exhibition is a part of academic activities. Such exhibitions will help sharpen the latent creativity of students who want to pursue different fields of art, she added.

A total of 17 students were given prizes for their outstanding artworks. Mohammad Mujahidur Rahman Sarkar, a Master's student of the Institute, won the best prize.



Guests visit the exhibition. PHOTO: STAR

"It's my right to be in an interview with Shah Rukh" ... Mahira Khan



"Why is it I get told that I am asking for too much?" asks Shah Rukh Khan's leading lady Mahira Khan, who is unable to promote her upcoming film "Raees".

Following the ban on Pakistan actors in India as a result of the Uri attacks last year, the actress recently let out her frustrations while speaking to a Pakistan daily.

"I also want to promote the film. I also want to be in an interview with Shah Rukh Khan talking about it. Why not? Why is it I get told that that's asking for too much? It isn't! It is my right. This was also my film," she said.

When asked if she feels disappointed about "Raees" not likely to release in Pakistan, Mahira said, "I want my country to see this. I want everybody to see it, every person in the world. My friends keep saying you did it, it's enough. You can just keep it in a box somewhere. I do that, but there's a part of me that says, no, I want everybody to see my blood sweat and tears for these two years, because it's been tough and I want people to see it even if I fail at it."

Source: **TANS**

MOUSHUMI IN NEW FILM VENTURE



A CORRESPONDENT

After "Ondho Bhalobasha" in 2004, actor Moushumi and director Montazur Rahman Akbar are teaming up again for a new film titled "Dulabhai Zindabad". Produced by Nadir Khan and Rajesh Films, the film is slated to release in mid-February this year. Scripted by Abdullah Zahir Babu, actor Dipjol will appear alongside Moushumi as the male lead.

The National Film Award-winning actor has previously worked in 14 films with the director. "I absolutely loved the script for this film. I get numerous scripts and offers for roles, but I am choosy. I am a huge fan of Akbar's works and have immense respect for him. I am quite hopeful about the new film," said Moushumi.

Director Montazur Rahman Akbar described the camaraderie he shares with the actor, saying "Moushumi is working on a film directed by me after such a long time; it is quite hard to believe all that time has flown by. It is impossible to imagine anyone else playing the role we assigned for her, and her performances have always held me in thrall. One performance in particular that stands out in my memory was when she acted in my film titled 'Shorbadhik'."

The actor has her hands full with other projects and is also lending a hand to her husband's campaign for director at the Artist's Association in their upcoming elections.

Moushumi made her first appearance in a film directed by Montazur Rahman Akbar in "Baghini Konnya" in 1995. Currently she is gearing up for a new film directed by Kazi Hayat titled "Ghum", as well as for a Valentine Day's special single episode TV play titled "Midnight Love" directed by Tarik Muhammad Hasan.

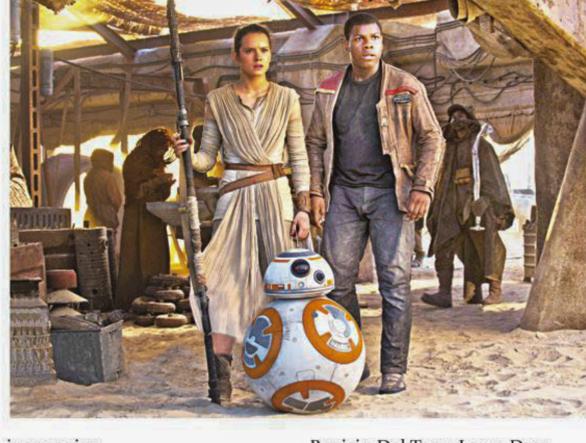
"Star Wars: Episode VIII" title announced

The title for "Star Wars: Episode VIII" has finally been revealed. Disney and Lucasfilm announced on Monday that the next chapter in the space opera saga will be named "Star Wars: The Last Jedi".

"The Last Jedi", written and directed by Rian Johnson, immediately follows the events of 2015's smash hit "Star Wars: The Force Awakens".

The film stars Mark Hamill, Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Lupita Nyong'o, Domhnall Gleeson, Anthony Daniels, Geraldine Christie, and Andy Serkis. The cast also includes the late Carrie Fisher, who died on Dec. 27. The actress, who played Princess Leia Organa, had wrapped shooting before her death. Lucasfilm said earlier this month that it won't digitally recreate Fisher in upcoming movies.

Leia was also originally slated to appear in the ninth movie, which begins filming in 2018.



view that the epic will explore the motivations of the hero trio — Rey, Finn, and Poe — and Rey's connection with Luke.

"I wanted to know more about each of them, and that doesn't just mean information or backstory," Johnson told USA Today. "Figure out what's the most difficult thing each of them could be challenged with now — let's throw that at them and dig into what really makes them tick by seeing how they handle that."

The film is produced by Kathleen Kennedy and Ram Bergman, and executive produced by "The Force Awakens" director JJ Abrams, Jason McGatlin, and Tom Karnowski.

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" hits theatres on December 15, 2017.

Source: **Variety**

Benicio Del Toro, Laura Dern, and Kelly Marie Tran will also appear in "The Last Jedi". Johnson said in a recent inter-

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