

Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Beautiful Bengal
 Artist: Mokhesur Rahman
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
 Date: Jan 28- Feb 10
 Time: 3-8pm

Solo Sculpture Exhibition
 Title: Rhythm of Form by AAM
 Artist: Kaoser Hassan Toor
 Venue: Zainul Gallery, FFA, DU
 Date: Jan 25-31
 Time: 11am-8pm

Classical Music Soiree
 Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi
 Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra
 Date: January 25, 26, 28
 Time: 5pm

Int'l Children's Film Festival
 Organiser: Children's Film Society
 Venue: Various
 Date: January 24-30
 Time: 10am onwards



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Star Melodies' unplugged musical soiree today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The Daily Star's Star Melodies will host a special unplugged musical evening of popular Bangla songs of yesteryears. The event will be held at 6pm today at the AS Mahmud Hall of The Daily Star Centre.
 Prominent and talented singers Romana Islam, Tanveer Alam Shawjeeb, Anupoma Mukti, Prithwi Raj and Ritu Raj will present songs of the golden era. Sadya Afreen Mallick will complete the programme. The event has been organised with assistance from Eastern Bank Limited and Simantic



Creative Concern. Invitation passes can be collected from The Daily Star Centre. Seats are limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis.

FUN AND FERVOUR AT CHILDREN'S FILM FEST

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN
 Denizens of Dhaka took advantage of the light traffic of a Friday morning to flock to the locations hosting the 10th International Children's Film Festival Bangladesh. The venues were abuzz with activity from early in the morning, showing signs of growing crowds later in the day. The festival opened on January 24 and will continue till January 30 in Dhaka, Rangpur and Rajshahi. Organised by Children's Film Society Bangladesh, the festival seeks to actively involve Bangladeshi youth in cultural exchange through filmmaking, and promote the nurturing of artistic skills and hobbies.
 The main festival venue, Shawkat Osman Hall of Central Public Library in Shahbag raised the curtains at 11am with the screening of "Red Line", and concluded with "Dipu Number 2" at 6pm. A workshop, held by eminent director Amitabh Reza, as well as a seminar on Climate Change, and a celebrity session with actor Nusrat Imrose Tisha was on the cards later in the day. The films are pro-

duced by young filmmakers from 54 countries below the age of 18 and up to the age of 25. Most of the content centres on the everyday lives and concerns of the youth, but the complexities of the themes address mature issues and wider socio-political tribulations.
 Shot in different languages across the globe and displaying diverse cultural heritages, the nuances in acting expressions as well as the moving plot lines break barriers in understanding and being able to relate to the characters portrayed, unifying the audience with the films. Nie-year old Sawtha, in the audience, said, "I enjoyed the Iraqi film 'The Boss' the most. Since the films are made by children, it makes me wonder if I can do the same."
 The five-member jury from the Junior Filmmakers' Section comprises of young individuals, with eighth-grader Nirjhor Ahsan being the youngest and university student Achuyat Saha Joy the seniormost. "To judge a film we examine three criteria; 40 for storytelling, 40 for treatment which examines how the story is portrayed, and 20 for production

value," said Autoshi Imdad, a jury member. "Over the years, the quality of films submitted has vastly improved. The filmmakers are also becoming more courageous, addressing current social problems from child marriage and rape to Rampal protests," said Joy.
 "In addition to honing filmmaking skills among the youth in Bangladesh, we are also seeking to build bridges and create a dialogue with international filmmakers," stated Abir Ferdous Mukhor, Festival Director, "Over the years, there has been a steady increase in the number of film submissions, and we are having more participants under the age of 18. Previously, the festival was more Dhaka-centric, but for the past four years or so there has been a growth in the number of international participants." Acclaimed film director Amitabh Reza, also present at the festival venue, appreciated the festival's initiative, saying, "As a director I plan on working with children more in my films, and I feel there are vast possibilities to be explored if we cultivate their creativity and skills."

ASK ME ANYTHING Rahul Ananda on Facebook Live at The Daily Star!



STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Save the date! Celebrated musician-artist-actor, the front-man of Joler Gaan and overall awesome human being Rahul Ananda is coming to the January session of The Daily Star's Facebook Live Ask Me Anything (AMA) session.

He will be joining the Live session to interact with the Facebook fans of The Daily Star (facebook.com/dailystarnews) at 7pm tomorrow, January 29, from The Daily Star Centre. You can ask him anything you want, or tell him something you have always wanted to, and Rahul Ananda will respond to all your comments.



Shanu tries her hand at poetry

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 Shanarei Debi Shanu is an actor and dancer. Besides this, the former Lux Superstar is also a poet by hobby. For the first time, Shanu is publishing a book of poetry named "Nil Foring Kabbo" at this year's Ekushey Book Fair. Publishing house Anannya is bringing out the book.
 Shanu grew up in a cultured family. Her father, AK Sheram has been an avid poet for a long time. Shanu used to watch poetry reading gatherings at their home once a week since childhood. At that time, she also joined the sessions sometimes, where she read her own poems.
 During her days in Sylhet, Shanu also wrote for a quarterly magazine, and published other write-ups. The was magazine for kids.
 "I have been writing for many years. But after coming to the show business through Lux-Channel i Superstar in 2005, I became very busy with TV shootings and due to this, I could not manage time for writing poems," Shanu told The Daily Star.
 However, she buckled up and started writing poems again in 2016.
 Asked about her feelings on her first book, Shanu said "It is like I'm holding a dream of mine in my hand, after receiving the book from Bangabazar."
 "There are 58 poems in the book, and my dear ones have already been informed about it through Facebook," she said.
 Shanu has been regular visitor at the Ekushey Book Fair, and will go this time too, although she will be enjoying it from a different perspective this year.

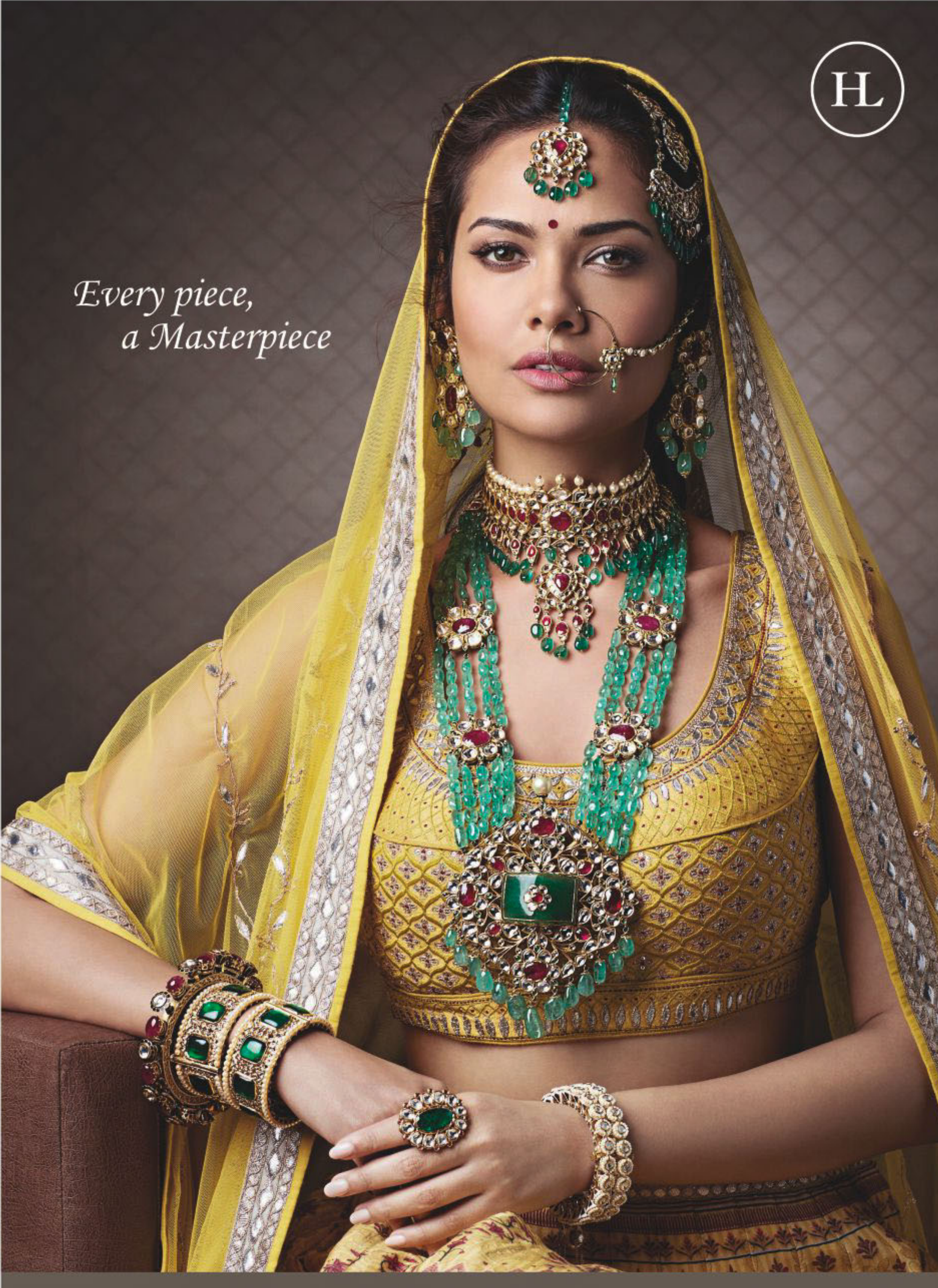
"Black Panther" goes into production

Full cast and synopsis revealed

The Marvel Cinematic Universe is gearing up for some serious action. "Avengers: Infinity War" kicked off filming on Monday and now, close on its heels, Ryan Coogler has commenced production on "Black Panther". Chadwick Boseman returns as the king, superhero and spiritual figure T'Challa, following him back to his homeland of Wakanda in the wake of "Captain America: Civil War".
 This marks the first time that Marvel Studios has had two films underway at Atlanta's Pinewood studios, and marks a noticeable uptick in the studio's output. Starting this year, Marvel is pumping out three films a year, at least for the foreseeable future. T'Challa will be in "Infinity War", and given the events of "Civil War", it seems likely Bucky and Captain America pop up in "Black Panther" in some capacity, so the dual track filming schedules likely provide a convenient opportunity to have the shared cast members in the same place at the same time. According to the press release, "Black Panther" will film in Atlanta, and unexpectedly, South Korea.
 The official announcement also revealed the first synopsis for the film, teasing the return of an "old enemy". There are a whole lot of actors playing various levels of villains in this movie, so it's



not totally clear which enemy that could be, but Michael B Jordan's Killmonger, Black Panther's longtime comic book nemesis seems like a good bet.
 "Black Panther" follows T'Challa who, after the events of "Captain America: Civil War", returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation of Wakanda to take his place as King. However, when an old enemy reappears on the radar, T'Challa's mettle as King and Black Panther is tested when he is drawn into a conflict that puts the entire fate of Wakanda and the world at risk.
 Black Panther also stars Sterling K Brown as N'Jobu, a figure from T'Challa's past; Lupita Nyong'o as the Wakandan warrior, Nakia; Angela Bassett as T'Challa's mother, Romonda; and Winston Duke as a key villain, M'Baku, aka "Man-Ape". Other cast members include Forest Whitaker as Zuri, an elder statesman of Wakanda; Daniel Kaluuya as W'Kabi, a loyal friend to T'Challa; and the return of Andy Serkis as Ulysses Claw and Martin Freeman as Everett K Ross, with Danaï Gurira and Florence Kasumba as members of T'Challa's personal guard, the Dora Milaje.
 Black Panther will land in US theatres on February 16, 2018.
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