

WHAT'S ON

Painting Exhibition
 Bangabandhu Bangladesh
 Organiser: BSA & Samatat
 Sonargaon
 Venue: National Art Gallery, BSA
 Date: March 4-17
 Time: 11am-8pm



Photography Exhibition
 Title: London 1971: Unsung Heroes of the Bangladesh Liberation War
 Venue: British Council
 Date: March 3-31



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Journey & Images
 Artist: Ranjit Das
 Venue: Galleri Kaya
 Date: March 12-25
 Time: 11am-8pm



Duet Print Exhibition
 Title: Diversity in Duality by Ajit Seal & Uttam Kumar Basak
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
 Date: Mar 12-24
 Time: 3-8pm



7th Anniversary of Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre
 Organiser: IGCC
 Venue: Bangladesh National Museum
 Date: Mar 14; Time: 6:30pm

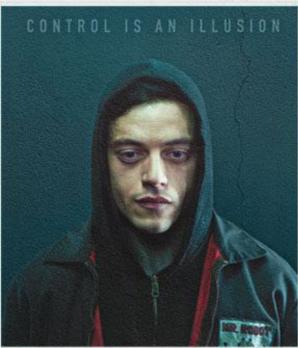


NEWS bytes

MR. ROBOT S03 delayed

When the first season of "Mr. Robot" debuted, it caught everyone off guard in a few different ways. It was a completely unexpected and serious series for USA, who had previously stocked their lineup of original series with easy, breezy, summer-y shows.

USA just announced it that the series' third season is starting pro-



duction in April and will debut in October, so while it's disappointing that "Mr. Robot" won't be back this summer, it could be a good thing. Presumably it's a chance for director Sam Esmail to give some more time to the scripts and the third season's overall strategy.

It was also announced that Bobby Cannavale will be joining Rami Malek, Christian Slater, Portia Doubleday, and Carly Chaikin as series regular Irving. Further, BD Wong was also elevated to a series regular.

The season will again run for 10 episodes, with Esmail directing all of them.

Source: Collider



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dance-drama "BaNdi-Banda'r Rupkotha", produced by Srishti Cultural Centre and Anisul Islam Hero, is traveling to Rabindra Sadan in India's Kolkata on the invitation of the Indian High Commission and Kolkata dance organisation Sukalyan Entourage, where it will be performed on March 18. The production, directed by noted Indian dancer-choreographer Sukalyan Bhattacharya, is based on the Arabian Nights story

"Alibaba and Forty Thieves".

The dance-drama is one of the most expensive dance productions done so far in Bangladesh, with elaborate sets, props and three-dimensional projection maps. Eminent dancers Shamim Ara Nipa, Shibli Mohammad, Anisul Islam Hero, Dolly Iqbal, Sabrina Nisa, Tapan and Tamim are playing the central characters, along with 60 artistes of Nrityanchal and Srishti Cultural Centre. The drama was first conceptualised at Santiniketan in December 2013, and premiered on

BANDI-BANDA'R RUPKOTHA TRAVELING TO INDIA

December 5, 2014. Since then, 12 shows of the drama have been staged in and outside Dhaka.

The music for "BaNdi-Banda'r Rupkotha" is done by noted composer Joy Sarkar, with eminent artistes Srikant Acharya, Nachiketa, Lopamudra Mitra, Anwsha, Manomoy Bhattacharya, Jayati Chakraborty, Raghab Chatterjee and Arijit Chakraborty lending their voices in the production. Indrani Halder will sing for the part of Mozina in the drama.

Busy times for BONNA MIRZA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular actor of the small screen Bonna Mirza has been juggling heavy responsibilities as a presenter, actor and a member of Film Artistes' Association. She is currently involved in a few television series, and never fails to grace the screen in single episode TV plays on special annual occasions.

Following the Film Artistes' Association elections, Bonna Mirza has been designated the responsibility of Programme Secretary. "As Programme Secretary of the



organisation I have had to invest a lot of my time to fulfill the role. It has been rewarding and I am learning many things along the way," she stated.

Bonna Mirza can be currently seen in "Ful Mahal", a series directed by Sokal Ahmed and currently aired on Banglavision. The narrative centres on the life of a zamindar, and is set in the past. The actor plays the role of a woman taking shelter in the manor, saying, "The plot is very unique and retains the authenticity of the period."

Mirza is currently preparing for a brand new TV series directed by Sumon Anwar. Shooting will commence soon.

The actor is also a morning show host twice or thrice a week on Ekattor TV at a programme titled "Ekattorer Shokal". She is currently in talks to host another programme. "I love anchoring, and it is a refreshing break from my regular acting job," said the artiste.

Bonna Mirza's career began in theatre, and she has held onto her roots throughout the years, although her on stage presence has somewhat declined with TV plays occupying her time. She has expressed her desire to revive old Desh Natok plays, as well as work in their future productions.

Irshad Khan presents sitar recital at IUB

Independent University, Bangladesh in association with Shadhona, a centre for the advancement of South Asian culture, hosted an enchanting sitar recital on March 10 at its auditorium. Renowned sitar exponent Irshad Khan gave a two-hour performance at the event, playing Ragas Yaman, Khamaj and Bhairavi, says a press release.

Dr. A Majeed Khan, President Emeritus and Founder President of IUB; Mr. Abdul Hai Sarker, Chairman, ESTCDT; Prof. M. Omar

Rahman, Vice Chancellor, IUB; trustee board members, deans and senior members of the faculty and management of IUB enjoyed the recital.

Irshad Khan is the son of Ustad Imrat Khan and nephew of the legendary sitarist Ustad Vilayat Khan. He was born in Kolkata and now lives in Canada. One of the foremost representatives of the Imdadkhani Etawa Gharana, Irshad Khan is internationally recognised as a leading sitar and surbahar exponents of his generation.



Nagarnat performs at the programme. PHOTO: STAR

KALIKAPRASAD remembered in Sylhet

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

Kalikaprasad Bhattacharjee, the eminent Bangalee folk musician who died recently in a road accident, was remembered in a ceremony by Nagarnat, a theatre-musical troupe of Sylhet. The tribute included a musical presentation decorated with the songs Kalika presented with his band Dohar.

The programme was held in front of Sylhet Central Saheed Minar on Saturday afternoon. People from many cultural walks of Sylhet shared their feelings and memories with Kalikaprasad, who was originally from Sylhet and often came to the region from his home in India to research folk music.

The musical presentation started with recently released "Bhuban Majhi" song "Ami Tomari Naam Gai", which was a creation of Kalikaprasad. The musical tribute followed with "Gari Chole Na", "Milon Hobe Koto Dine", "Amar Jokhon Jagli Nare", "Shuwa Urilo", "Bhalo Achi Bhalo Theko" and many other songs.

In the commemorating session, Sammilito Natya Parishad president Mishfaq Ahmed Mishu, its secretary Rajat Kanti Gupta, theatre activist Anwar Hossain Rony, Humayun Kabir Juwel, Sylhet Ganajagan Mancha spokesperson Debasish Debu, assistant professor of Bangla of SUST Sarkar Shohel Rana recalled their memories with the eminent artiste.

They said Kalikaprasad was not only a singer, but also a man with full heart for Bangla folk music. He brought the folk heritage of Bangladesh to West Bengal and the world and the practice of folk music he spread will keep him alive forever, the speakers said.

Game of Thrones' final season will only be six episodes long

The eighth and final season of "Game of Thrones" will be its shortest yet, with only six episodes, show-runners David Benioff and Dan Weiss have confirmed. Speaking at SXSW in Austin, Texas, Benioff and Weiss said that they were in the process of writing the outline for the show's final season now, 140 pages that will define how the TV saga of ice and fire will end.

Speaking about how the writing process breaks down, Weiss and Benioff said that they would split the load with two other writers. "Dave Hill will write the season premiere, Brian Cogman will write 802 and then we'll write the other four," Benioff said. Those four would be split between the two show-runners, who have been in charge of the HBO hit since its TV inception — a tricky process for the last season. Mashable quoted Benioff: "Usually it took two minutes to divide the halves, this time it was 18 back and forth emails: 'I'll take this scene if you take that scene,'" he said. "Because we realised it was the last time we'd be doing this for this show."

The panel was hosted by Maisie Williams and Sophie Turner, who play Stark sisters Arya and Sansa respectively, giving Benioff the chance to



poke a little fun. "We fight over who gets to write which half, who gets to kill Sansa..." he said. Weiss continued with the joke, saying that "We both wanted to kill Sansa so bad." Benioff was also able to confirm that Ed Sheeran — the British singer-songwriter — will appear in season seven after being invited onto the show as a surprise for Williams, who is a fan.

The seventh season of "Game of Thrones" will also be shorter than preceding ones, but still longer than the projected eighth, with seven episodes scheduled.

Source: The Verge

AMITABH, ALIA AND "NEERJA" win big at Zee Cine Awards



Amitabh Bachchan receives his award.

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bollywood veteran Amitabh Bachchan and actress Alia Bhatt have bagged the top honours at the Zee Cine Awards this year.

Bachchan was adjudged the Best Actor for his portrayal of an astute lawyer in the courtroom drama "Pink" at the awards ceremony held in Mumbai on Saturday night, while Alia's role as a migrant from Bihar in Punjab won her the Best Actress trophy.

Biopic "Neerja", about an Indian air hostess who showed exemplary courage during the hijack of a plane by terrorists, wowed the audience as well as the critics, winning six honours. Its director Ram Madhvani won the Best Director honour.

"Pink" won Best Film Award (Jury), while Aamir Khan's sport biopic "Dangal" won award for Best Film (Viewer's Choice). "Pink" also won Best Dialogue award, penned by its director Aniruddha Roy Choudhury who also bagged Best Debut Director trophy.

The Best Supporting Actress award went to Shabana Azmi for "Neerja", which also won Best Production Design and Best

Editing awards.

Salman Khan's wrestling drama "Sultan" won five awards, including Viewer's Choice Best Actor (Female) for Anushka Sharma and Viewer's Choice Best Actor (Male) award to Salman.

Karan Johar-directed "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" won three awards including the Best Music Director to Pritam, the Best Playback Singer (Male) to Arijit Singh for the title track while chartbuster "Chhanna Mereya" won the Best Song award.

Ajay Devgn's directorial venture "Shivaay" also won three awards in categories Best Action, Best Visual Effects and Best Cinematography.

Multi-starrer Shakun Batra's "Kapoor and Sons" bagged two awards, both won by Rishi Kapoor in Best Actor in Comic Role and Best Supporting Actor (Male) categories.

The award night saw performance by Kareena Kapoor Khan, who gave a musical tribute to the four Khans of Bollywood - Salman, Shah Rukh, Aamir and Saif, while Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan and Sunny Leone also enthralled the gathering.