

Photography Exhibition
 Bangladesh In Frames 8
 Organiser: TTL BD
 Venue: Drik Gallery
 Date: Mar 24-26
 Time: 3pm-8pm



Contemporary Art Exhibition
 Title: An Abstract Affair
 Artist: Mohammad Eunus
 Venue: EDGE Gallery
 Date: Mar 18-31
 Time: 10am-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



Watercolor Exhibition
 The Water Impala
 Artist: Liza Hasan
 Venue: Crystal Palace, Gulshan-1
 Date: Mar 24-26
 Time: 9am-9pm



NEWS bytes

Schumer drops out of "Barbie" movie

Amy Schumer has parted ways with Sony's live-action "Barbie" over a scheduling conflict, Variety reports. "Sadly, I'm no longer able to commit to Barbie due to scheduling conflicts," the actress said in a statement to Variety. "The film has so much promise, and Sony and Mattel have been great partners. I'm bummed, but look forward to seeing Barbie on the big screen." The big screen adaptation of Mattel's iconic toy line was expected to start production this summer on June 23, but Schumer's busy schedule includes a lengthy promotional tour for her new Fox comedy "Snatched", which opens in May, as well as an upcoming shoot for Rebecca Miller's "She Came to Me" opposite Steve Carell. "We respect and support Amy's decision," a spokesperson for Sony said in a statement. "We look forward to bringing Barbie to the world and sharing updates on casting and filmmakers soon." Sony is still trying to find a director for the comedy. In it, the main character gets kicked out of Barbieland for not being perfect enough and lands in a real-world adventure.



Source: Variety



BRACU holds soiree of patriotic songs

A CORRESPONDENT
 With the advent of the month of Independence reinvigorating the spirit of patriotism and celebrations, BRAC University (BRACU) organised a programme on Thursday, where students and teachers sang Bangla songs and poems that resonate the spirit of patriotism and independence. The programme, titled "Desh, Mati o Shwadinatar Gaan" was held at the Brac University Auditorium as part of their regular Bangla musical programmes aimed at igniting cultural awareness among the students by highlighting the rich musical heritage of Bangla songs. Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Dr. Syed Saad Andaleeb inaugurated the programme and called upon students and faculty members to come forward and engage with their cultural heritage and values. The programme was also attended by a large number of students and faculty members of the university. He also said the aim was not only to please the auditory senses but also to know the history associated with each song and their creators. This will help to uphold the traditions of Bangla poems and music among BRACU students and remind them about the rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh, he said. Pointing out that such practices also promote religious tolerance and creates unbiased, better human beings, he hoped to organise similar events every semester. The students of the University rendered nine songs, which included patriotic songs of Pancha-Kobi and others. The songs were "Aji Bangladesh Hridoy Hote", "Dhono Dhano Pushpo Bhora", "Bongo Amar Jononi Amar", "Moder Gorob Moder Asha", "Eki Oporup Rupe Ma Tomay", "Amar Desher Matir Gondhe", "Ma Go Bhabna Keno", "Teer Hara Ei Dheuyer Sagor" and "Purbo Digonte Surjo Utchehe". Aside from the students, Dalia Nawsheen, an artiste of the Swadhin Bangla Musical Troupe and renowned Nazrul Sangeet exponent, also performed at the programme as a guest artiste. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sharmin Neelotpol, Asst. Prof. of Pharmacy Dept of the University and supported by Simantic Creative Concern as the event management partner.

Two decades of Moushumi From one milestone to another

A CORRESPONDENT
 On March 25, 1993, viewers were greeted by a new, graceful presence on the big screen at the release of "Keyamat Theke Keyamat." The film starred the late Salman Shah, joined by the fresh-faced Moushumi. Nearly two and a half decades later, Moushumi has continued to captivate audiences with her performances since her debut, garnering numerous accolades along the way including three National Film Awards. The artiste is full of gratitude regarding her momentous journey. "I have no idea how so much time has flown past so quickly. My heart pines for my father the most today. Memories of people I met during my early days, the late heroes Salman and Manna bhai, flood to the mind. Without Chanchal Mahmood, the photographer who had given me my first exposure in front of the camera, my journey would not have been possible, as well as Rafiqur Rahman Reku. Chairman of Cassandra Limited, Shakib Lohani, Director Sohanur Rahman Sohan as well as the others through whose films I have won the National Film Awards, I am deeply indebted to them all. I would not be where I am today without the undying love and support of my parents, my two sisters, and my husband Omar Sani," she says. Director of "Keyamat Theke Keyamat" Sohanur Rahman Sohan says, "Moushumi is one of a kind. I am in awe of her capacity to respect others, and her ability to mould herself into any character required for the film. This makes her incomparable and a legend in her own right." The artiste is currently working on Muntazur Rahman Akbar's "Dulabhai Zindabad" and AK Sohel's "Pobitro Bhalobasha".



Intense "Justice League" teasers ramp up the hype

By the look of things, this is going to be a huge year for DC films. Not only will Patty Jenkins' "Wonder Woman" debut this summer to give Diana Prince (played by Gal Gadot) an opportunity to take center stage, but Zack Snyder's "Justice League" will give DC's biggest and best team its first chance to assemble on the silver screen. With everyone in anticipation of the new trailer set to drop tomorrow, two new teasers - one focusing on Batman, the other on The Flash -- arrived yesterday. As with the Aquaman teaser released recently, they all have the same title - "Unite The League". Clocking in at a mere fifteen seconds in length, the Batman teaser manages to pack in a serious dose of intensity. It's vintage Batman, as seen in "The Dark Knight" brooding on a gargyle. There's even a quick shot of Gotham's favorite hero violently facing off against a horde of Parademons with his trusty Batmobile -- which somehow seems to have more guns on it than the last time it was seen. The Flash teaser, as expected, zooms by faster than anyone can pick up details. Flash's super-speed is the usual highlight, but it also shows a transition from Barry Allen to the full in-gear Flash. Although not much is known about the plot of "Justice League", but the quick glimpses in this teaser points that the film will borrow liberally from the 'New 52 Justice League' origin story. With the forces from Apokolips barreling down on Earth, Batman and Wonder Woman will recruit the various superheroes from Lex Luthor's (Jesse Eisenberg) meta-human registry to protect the planet from an intergalactic threat. The Parademons already showed up once during the Knightmare sequence in "Batman V Superman", so Bruce Wayne has finally started to realize that his worst fears may be coming true. Ben Affleck has also released a poster to accompany the Batman teaser as well. Between the three teasers, it's beginning to become apparent that DC is going to make sure each hero gets a moment in the spotlight. Each of the released teasers has concluded with the Justice League heroes standing shoulder to shoulder, and fans can expect even more of that imagery as the film's marketing campaign ramps up closer to its release. "Justice League", Zack Snyder's superhero epic will debut in theaters on November 17.



Source: Cinemablend

Prachyanat's "Laljatra" today A tribute to martyrs of March 25 genocide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 To observe the dark night of March 25, 1971 when the Pakistani occupation army cracked down on Dhaka and launched one of the most heinous genocides in this part of the world, Prachyanat School of Acting and Design is bringing out a unique procession. Titled "Laljatra", the procession will start from Soparjito Swadhinota Chattar at TSC, Dhaka University at 5pm and circle back from Fuller Road, in commemoration of the lives lost on that fateful night. This procession has been a regular annual event by Prachyanat, a moving tribute to all the lives lost in the genocide on that night, of which Dhaka University itself was a crucial part of. In past years, the procession has included a long piece of red fabric to symbolize the bloodshed, with members of Prachyanat playing musical instruments and singing along. The event was conceptualized by musician-theatpian Rahul Anand, who will lead this year's procession as well.



An exclusive evening of Jazz music A return to the root
 Date: 23rd March, 2017 | Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka.
 24th Annual



UK's Oxford University-based jazz ensemble "The Donut Kings" performed a solo concert in the capital on Thursday. The concert, titled "A Return to the Root" was organised by the BCS Forum and held at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

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