

**WHAT'S ON**

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Face-to-Face  
 by Moon Rahman  
 Venue: Kala Kendra, 1/11, Iqbal Road (3rd floor), Mohammadpur  
 Date: Apr 1-24, Time: 5-8pm

**Syed Badruddin Hossain Theatre Fest**  
 Organiser: Padatik Nattya Sangsad (TSC)  
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: Apr 5-11; Time: 7pm Daily

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Exhibition 2017  
 Venue: Gallery Chittrak, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi  
 Date: Mar 28-Apr 20  
 Time: 10am-8pm

**Group Mask Exhibition**  
 Title: Mukh O Mukhosh-7  
 Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara  
 Date: Apr 8-18  
 Time: 11am -8pm

**Album Lunch**  
 Recitation Album  
 Title: Iri Rabindranath  
 Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, BNM  
 Date: April 7; Time: 7pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Perception  
 Artist: Uttom Kumar Roy  
 Venue: Radius Art Gallery, 57 Gulshan Avenue -1  
 Date: April 8- May 4  
 Time: 9am-10pm

# CHARUKALA GEARS UP FOR PAHELA BAISHAKH



Art and craft pieces are on sale at the stall of FFA; (below) Ranjit Das depicts a painting at the art camp.



**ZAHANGIR ALOM**

The time-honoured Bengali spirit of festivity and frolic is renewed again to welcome the Bangla New Year 1424. Pahela Baishakh is just around the corner and there are preparations galore to celebrate the country's largest secular festivity.

Every Baishakh -- the first month of the Bangla calendar, people wish to shake off the previous year's gloom and prepare to usher in the New Year with renewed vigour. Baishakh brings with it a whole new flurry of festivities and celebrations, the biggest of which are Chhayanaut's Borshoboron and Charukala's Mongol Shobhajatra.

To hail the Bangla New Year, Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka has been organising Mongol Shobhajatra, a unique celebratory procession of hailing Bangla New Year, from the Bangla year 1396 (1989 AD). The Mongol Shobhajatra was recently declared as the Intangible Cultural Heritage of

Humanity by Inter Governmental Committee of ICH, UNESCO. This year the achievement will be relished in jubilation.

The Mongol Shobhajatra has become an integral part of Pahela Baishakh. Every year, the procession centres on a theme relevant to the country's culture, politics, heritage and achievement. The theme for this year's carnival is "Anandalok-e Mogolalok-e Birajo Satya Sundaro", an excerpt from a Tagore song.

Artists are busy working on huge bamboo frames of the motifs that will be among the main attractions of this year's Mongol Shobhajatra.

The 18th and 19th batches of FFA are behind the wheel of this year's Pahela Baishakh celebrations. Enthusiastic preparations are on at the FFA to celebrate the festival, with work already underway in creating papier-mâché and masks. Students, teachers and alumni are busy working on the watercolour paintings, pottery, traditional dolls, decorated pots, lokkshishora and more at the

faculty premises.

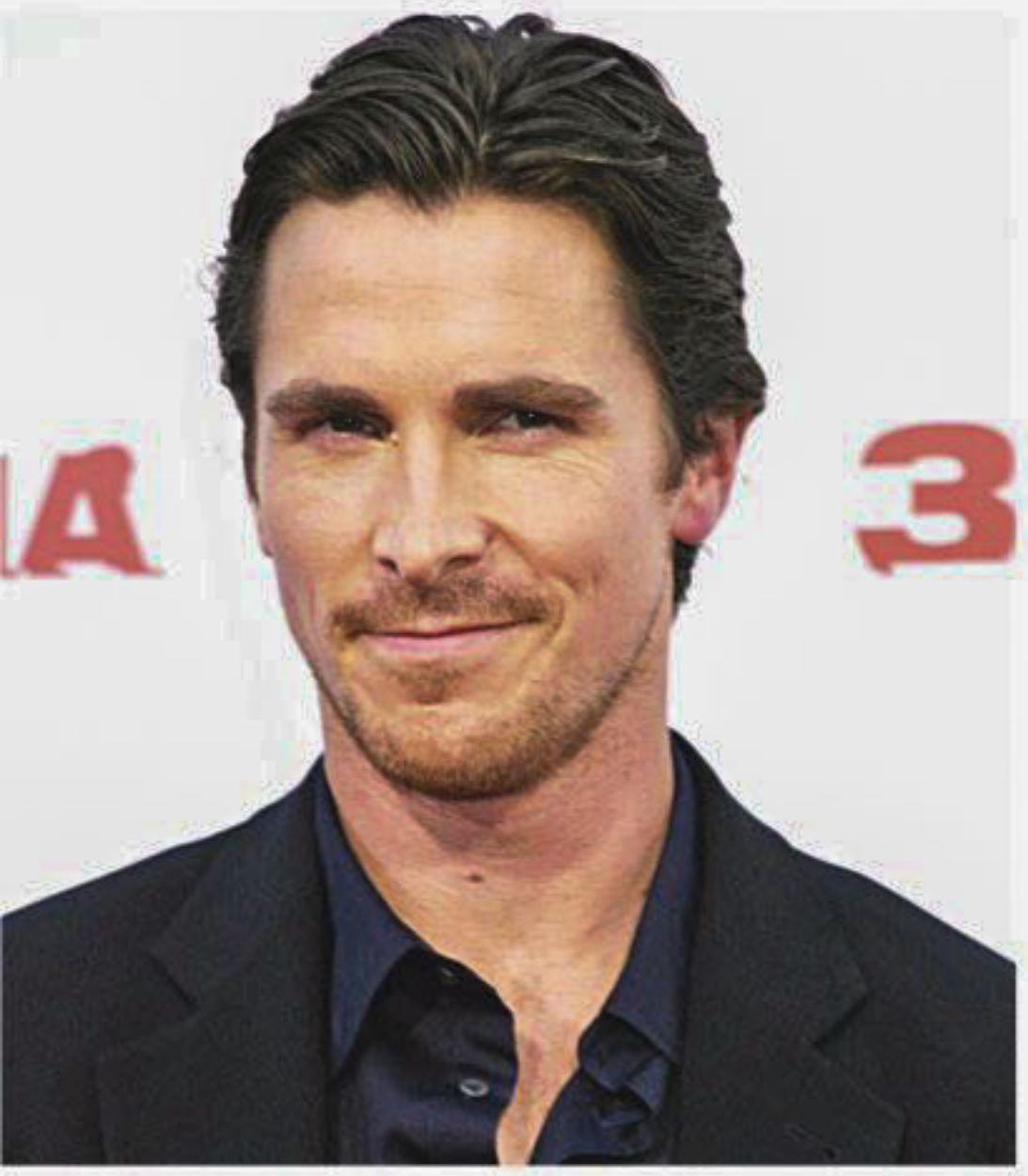
An art camp participated by the prominent artists of the country is also on at FFA. Art lovers can buy these art pieces at reasonable prices and become a part of this Intangible Cultural Heritage for Humanity, as well as support the organisation of the Mongol Shobhajatra.

Apart from Pahela Baishakh celebrations, a traditional jatrapala will be staged at FFA premises on April 15.

Leading cultural organisation and school Chhayanaut has been welcoming Pahela Baishakh at Ramna's Botomul since 1967. It has become an essential feature of the Bangla New Year celebrations.

People from all walks of life will contribute to make this day a special beginning. There are those who work hard to bring out the festivities and it's up to the rest of the people to make it worth all the effort, by buying the artworks and visiting and participating in them with open hearts.

## Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Amy Adams circling Dick Cheney biopic



Christian Bale



Steve Carell



Amy Adams

After diving into the economic crisis of 2008, "The Big Short" helmer Adam McKay is taking aim at one of Washington's most polarizing figures.

Sources told Variety that Christian Bale, Steve Carell, and Amy Adams are in talks to star in McKay's untitled Dick Cheney biopic for Paramount. Sources say Bale is on board to play the former vice president, Carell would portray Donald Rumsfeld, and Adams would play Lynne Cheney.

McKay's Gary Sanchez Productions and Brad Pitt's Plan B is on board to produce. McKay will direct from his own screenplay with the studio and producers aiming to shoot the movie in the spring for an awards-season push, similar to "Big Short".

Cheney served in the administrations of US presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and George HW Bush before becoming the CEO of Halliburton. He was VP between 2001 and 2009 under George W Bush and was at the center of foreign policy as that administration pursued post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan and Iraq along with "enhanced interrogation" programs against suspected terrorists.

McKay has been vocal recently about his countless hours spent researching Cheney and his climb to power, and has been working hard to get Bale on board as the titular politician.

Bale, who was nominated for best supporting actor for his work on "The Big Short", can be seen next in Scott Cooper's western "Hostiles". Carell recently wrapped Richard Linklater's "Last Flag Flying" and can be seen next in "Battle of the Sexes", where he will play Bobbie Riggs. Adams is coming off a busy 2016 that included "Nocturnal Animals", "Arrival", and "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice".

Source: Variety



## Tele-film "Keno Megh Ashe" on ntv

**A CORRESPONDENT**

Tele-film "Keno Megh Ashe", starring Apurbo and Prosun Azad, will air at 2:35pm on ntv. Written and directed by Goutam Koiri, it also casts Al Mamun, Momo Morshed and Shamima Tushti in central roles.

The story of the tele-film revolves around a young girl, Nabani, who comes back from South Korea after completing her studies. Although her businessman father wants her to take over one of his businesses, Nabani is more interested in research and education. She reconnects with college friend Bijoy over Facebook, who is a videographer. The two find a girl who teaches at a school for the blind, and Nabani picks it as the subject of her documentary.

## Docu-drama on martyred poet Meherunnesa released

**A CORRESPONDENT**

The bloody events of the Liberation War witnessed the deaths of 30 lakhs people, among who were poets, writers, professors, and other members of the intelligentsia. Many films and documentaries over the years have recounted various momentous events of 1971. A docu-drama highlighting the first martyred female poet Meherunnesa has recently been made.

Titled "Meherunnesa", the short film is directed by filmmaker Riaz Mahmud Mithu. "Meherunnesa" was first screened on the event of Liberation War Museum's 21st anniversary and Independence Day last month.

The short film examines all aspects of the poet martyrs life, according to the director. Cast members in the documentary include Paru, Nishi, Raju, Ali, Sabrina, Shubhra, Hasan and more. Meherunnesa's elder sister Momena Begum and lawmaker Kazi Rosy have been interviewed in the film as well.

Born in 1942 in Kolkata to parents Abdur Razzak and Nurunnesa, Meherunnesa's family made their way to the then East Pakistan following Partition in 1947. The self-taught poet had begun writing from a tender age, with her first poem "Chashi" published when she was ten years old. Most of her poems in the subsequent years were published in the then weekly magazine "Begum". She was involved in the 1969 uprisings against West Pakistan, and remained active in protests against Pakistani occupation and its oppressions. On March 23, days before the Liberation War broke out, she hoisted the flag of Bangladesh at her house. Her activism tragically ended with her murder on March 27, 1971, marking her as the first female martyr.

"Meherunnesa" was produced by Green University and Shapnokol Cultural Bhubon Foundation.



## NEWS bytes

### Adam DeVine to host MTV Movie and TV awards



Adam DeVine, known for his roles in the "Pitch Perfect" franchise and on the Comedy Central series "Workaholics", will host the newly minted MTV Movie and TV Awards.

The ceremony, which this year adds television categories for the first time, is set to air live from the Shrine Auditorium on May 7.

Also new this year, on the day of the show, MTV will hold its first Movie and Television Festival outside of the venue, with live musical acts, special guests and food. Festival attendees will also get a front-row look at celebs walking the red carpet for the awards show.

Nominations will be announced Thursday; performers and presenters will be announced at a later date.

DeVine also has starred in "Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates" opposite Zac Efron and voiced the role of The Flash in "The Lego Batman Movie". He'll next appear in "Magic Camp" and Netflix's "When We First Met".

Source: THR