

WHAT'S ON
Group Art Exhibition
 Marking 13th Anniversary of Galleri Kaya
 Venue: Galleri Kaya, Uttara
 Date: May 5-28
 Time: 11am-8pm



Concert
 Richard Marx Live in Dhaka
 Organiser: Creinse
 Venue: BICC
 Date: May 16
 Time: 7pm



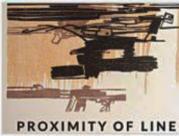
Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Can the Divine Presence be Felt So Easily?
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka
 Date: May 5-17; Time: 3pm-9pm



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



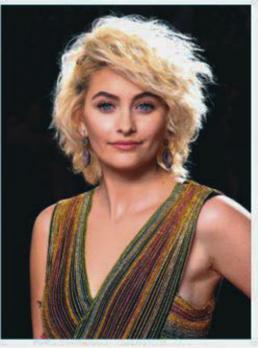
Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Proximity of Line
 Artist: Ruhul Karim Rumeen
 Venue: Shilpangan, Dhanmondi
 Date: Apr 21- May 5
 Time: 3-8pm



NEWS bytes

Paris Jackson making feature debut

Paris Jackson, who made her television debut on Fox's drama "Star", is set for her feature film debut in Nash Edgerton's untitled comedic thriller for Amazon. The feature also stars Charlize Theron, David Oyelowo, Amanda Seyfried, Thandie Newton, Sharlto Copley and Joel Edgerton also will star in the untitled comedic thriller. The film centers on a businessman, Harold (Oyelowo), who while in Mexico gets unwittingly entangled with drug lords, international mercenaries and the FBI. Anthony Tambakis and Matt Stone wrote the project, which will be produced by



Edgerton and Theron, along with Rebecca Yeldham, Anthony Tambakis, Beth Kono and AJ Dix. The daughter of late pop star Michael Jackson has been looking to break into a career in front of the camera. A week after signing with IMG Models, she signed with WME in all areas.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

PURNIMA AND MAHFUZ REUNITE FOR EID PLAY

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

After a year, popular television actors Purnima and Mahfuz Ahmed are reuniting on screen in a new single episode TV play titled "Talpatar Pakha". Helmed by Chayanika Chowdhury, the play will air on Maasranga TV during Eid ul Fitr.

The actors will pair up as a married couple in the narrative, where Purnima plays a character named Shumona and Mahfuz plays Ananda. Other cast members who share screen space include Nazira Mou and Azam Khan. Shooting for the play began at a filming residence in Uttara recently, and some scenes will be shot in Pubail as well. "This is the first time I have cast Purnima in one of my ventures," stated

Chayanika. "She is a wonder to work with and her commitment is admirable." This correspondent met with Mahfuz Ahmed at the filming location, who said, "It has been a year since I acted in a TV play, and I can tell you I have really missed working. I am enjoying my experience back on set very much." Mahfuz added, "I have worked with Purnima many times before, and our

last venture was for a TV play released during Eid last year. She is a very talented actor and it has been a pleasure working with her." Purnima also shared a few words about her experiences. "I was moved by the story. Chayanika Chowdhury's direction is flawless, and Mahfuz Ahmed is an amazing co-artist. I've been having a great time working on this play."

SYED ABDULLAH KHALID critically ill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Professor Syed Abdullah Khalid, one of the pioneer sculptors of Bangladesh, is critically ill. He is now admitted to Central Hospital, Dhaka.

The eminent sculptor has been suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), chronic lungs infection and diabetes for a long while. His younger brother Dr. Syed Ahmed Mortada, said, "My brother's physical condition is critical now. He is now under ventilation at ICU of the hospital. Dr. Yusuf, ICU's chief doctor and Dr. Mahbub, a pulmonologist, are constantly monitoring his physical condition." The sculptor was honoured with Ekushey Padak – the second highest civilian honour in the country - this year for his lifetime contributions to arts. "On an invitation from 'Sylhet Bibek', a local social organisation, Syed Abdullah Khalid went to Sylhet on April 21



PHOTO: STAR

to receive a reception on his receiving Ekushey Padak. He felt ill there and was admitted to Royal Hospital, Sylhet. Later, he was shifted to Central Hospital on May 2," added Syed Ahmed Mortada. Syed Abdullah Khalid is predominantly recognised for his brilliant work "Aparajeyo Bangla", one of the most iconic sculptures in our country (made between 1973-79). It was rare to find such a life-sized sculpture at that time. A versatile artist, Khalid has not only excelled in sculpture but also made a great impression with his vibrant paintings. Imagination, love for nature and the motherland continue to drive his artistic endeavours. Khalid feels that a strong urge from within, together with artistic conceptualisation are necessary for the creation of great works. The reflection of time and the conspicuous connotations of life and nature are noticeably highlighted in his creations. "Life and death are not the themes I think much on. The greater truth is the feeling of time. I accept that truth in my life," said the sculptor in a recent interview with The Daily Star.



Guests along with the artiste at the event.

Joyita launches album of Tagore songs

A CORRESPONDENT

Promising singer Farheen Khan Joyita launched her new album of Tagore songs, titled "Koto Modhushomire", on Tuesday. The CD was unveiled by eminent musicologist Dr. Sanjida Khatun at the Chhayanaud auditorium, while director general of Bengal Foundation, Luva Nahid Choudhury compered the programme. The event saw a turnout of cultural personalities, including renowned Tagore exponent Mita Haque, who is also Joyita's mother.

Farheen Khan Joyita performed at the inaugural programme, accompanied by Ruptanu on keyboards, Ashit Biswas on esraj and Pradip Rai on mandira. The album, released from Bengal Foundation, consists of eight tracks, including "More Baare Baare Firale...", "Choronoddhoni Shuni Tobo...", "Prochondo Gorjoney", "Shukhohin Nishidin", "Hridaybashona Purno Holo Aji", "Amar Mon Jokhon Jagli Na", "Baaje Baaje Rommobina Baaje" and "Khelar Shathi, Bidaydwar Kholo".

Anushka Sharma teams up with Parambrata for next film



On her birthday (May 1), Bollywood sweetheart Anushka Sharma announced her new project "Pari", co-starring prominent Kolkata-based actor Parambrata Chatterjee. The film, to be directed by debutant Prosit Roy, goes on floors this June. "Pari" will be produced under the banners of Clean Slate Films (which is owned by Anushka Sharma and her brother Karnesh Sharma) and KriArj Entertainment. While speaking about the film, Anushka Sharma said, "At Clean Slate Films, we focus on a good, engaging story above all else. With new talent, we get to work on newer ideas and innovative concepts. 'Pari' is a great script, and I have complete faith in Prosit's vision as well as this collaboration with KriArj Entertainment."

"I was impressed with the script and team of 'Pari', and loved the idea of working with Anushka Sharma. This film holds great promise and I look forward to its shoot soon," said Parambrata Chatterjee, who gained prominence in Bollywood industry after his role in "Kahaani". After films like "Phillauri" this year and "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" and "Sultan" in 2016, Anushka has proved herself to be one of the leading ladies of Bollywood with an

impressive box office record and tremendous acting prowess. After sharing the screen with Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh, she will be working with another regional star hailing from West Bengal. The actor shares a blood relation with iconic director Ritwik Ghatak. He has delivered several popular films like "Hemlock Society", "Kadambari" and "Zulfikar" to name a few, and have recently worked in two Bangladeshi films – the already-released "Bhuban Majhi" and the upcoming "Bhoyongkor sundor".

Source: Hindustan Times



Syed Hasan Imam and Laila Hasan honoured

A CORRESPONDENT

Eminent actor and director Syed Hasan Imam and his wife, renowned dance artiste and choreographer Laila Hasan were conferred honorary awards by the online news portal bbarta24.net. The event took place at Showkat Osman Auditorium on May 2. The award was bestowed upon the artistes by former Foreign Minister Dipu

Moni and Editor of bbarta24.net Bani Yasmin Hashi. Minister of Information Hasanul Haq Inu was present at the ceremony as chief guest. Syed Hasan Imam, who was elated to receive this honour along with his wife stated, "It always feels good to receive an award, but to have your wife accepting the same award alongside you, is a special matter altogether. My wife and I do most

things together, so this makes me extremely happy. I am grateful towards all who have supported us along this journey, and for giving us this honour." Laila Hasan stated, "It does not end with winning awards, but you must justify the honour throughout your life by persevering in your work. One must hold our culture dearly, and uphold the traditions as well as promote our identity internationally."