

**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**  
The Empire of Dream  
Artist: Ripon Saha  
Venue: Kala Kendra, Mohammadpur  
Date: May 6-30  
Time: 5-8pm



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**NEWS bytes**

**"13 Reasons Why" renewed at Netflix**

Netflix's watercooler hit "13 Reasons Why" will be back for a second season at Netflix, Variety confirms. The first season of the series, based on the young adult novel of the same name, revolves around the suicide of a high school girl, Hannah, played by Katherine Langford. Dylan Minnette, Christian Navarro, Alisha Boe, Brandon Flynn, Justin Prentice, Miles Heizer, Brian d'Arcy James, and Kate Walsh also star. Season 2, which will again consist of 13 epi-



isodes, will pick up in the aftermath of Hannah's death and as the other characters start their complicated journeys toward healing and recovery. The second season is set to debut on Netflix in 2018. Brian Yorkey will continue to serve as showrunner. Although Netflix doesn't release ratings, the series became the most tweeted about show of 2017.

Source: Variety



**"Richard Marx in Dhaka" concert gathers momentum TDS to give away tickets via Facebook contest**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The buzz surrounding US pop-rock star Richard Marx's upcoming concert in Dhaka is getting louder, as the concert date gets nearer. Tickets are already out on sale for the May 16 concert, to be held at the Hall of Fame of the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Creinse, consumer engagement, music and entertainment company, are organising the concert. Tickets are available in five price ranges, starting from 2,500 taka for 'Bronze' category to 20,000 taka for 'Titanium', in which ticket-holders will be able to do a meet and greet with Marx, as well as get a goodie bag. Tickets are available online on Bagdooom.com, JeteChao.com and Boupon.com, as well as outlets of Yellow, BFC, Coffee Bean and at The Westin. Pre-booking of tickets began last week, and tickets are selling out fast (with the Titanium category already sold out), organisers informed. The Daily Star, a partner of the event, will also give away a number of tickets via a Facebook contest. Details of the contest will be announced on The Daily Star's Facebook page (facebook.com/thedailystar.net) today.

**Tagore in Mymensingh POOR PRESERVATION OF MEMORIES**

**AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh**  
Locations replete with memories of Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore should be preserved, say locals who pinpoint Alexander Castle, popularly known as "Lohar Kuthir" or "Rang Mohol"; and "Shashi Lodge" in Mymensingh town and Atharabari zaminders' palace in Ishwarganj upazila of Mymensingh. Tagore arrived in Mymensingh by train from Dhaka on February 15, 1926, on a four-day visit. The then zaminders of Muktagacha arranged special programmes under a banyan tree at the castle premises now known as "Rabindra Botomol" to welcome the poet. "Shashi Lodge" of then Muktagacha zaminder Maharaja Shashikanta Acharya Chowdhury is now under the wing of the Department of Archaeology. The poet was accorded several receptions during his stay, including by Mymensingh Municipality, Mymensingh Sarswato Samity, Mymensingh Nagorik Samaj, Vidyamoyee Girls School, City Collegiate School and Mohila Samity. Maharaja Suryakanta Acharya Chowdhury constructed the castle on 27.50 acres of land at a cost of Tk 45,000 in 1879. Apart from Tagore, many other great personalities including Russian Grand Duke Boris, Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas Chandra Bose stayed at the castle, sources said. After partition in 1947, the 14-room house has been used as the library of Teachers Training College for men and teachers' dormitory. Now the ground floor, also in a precarious condition is used as college library, sources said.

Officials of Ministry of Cultural Affairs contacted the college authorities with a proposal to renovate the castle but there was no follow up, said Professor AKM Nasir Uddin, principal of TTC. Despite its rich history, not many of the present generation are aware of the castle's glorious past and it should be preserved, said Professor Rokeya Begum, ex-vice-president of Rabindra Parishad, Mymensingh. On invitation of Promod Chandra Roy Chowdhury, the then zaminder of Atharabari, Tagore visited the zaminder palace on February 19 in 1926, as part of his Mymensingh tour. At a grand reception, the zaminder presented the poet a "Golden Key" of Kacharibari, adjacent to the main palace on 21-acre of land to inaugurate the Kacharibari, now in pity state. The Kacharibari was being used as Atharabari Degree College established in 1968 but later the college was shifted to new buildings on the palace premises in 1998 as Kacharibari's condition went beyond use, said college sources. Mitu Mariyam, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Ishwarganj said, local administration informed the Department of Archeology last year to take over the charge of the palace for its preservation but no response yet. The places are rich with Tagore's memories but poor on preservation, lamented young Tagore artiste Mamunul Islam, also secretary of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilon Parishad here. He also urged the government to take immediate steps to protect the places associated with Tagore's visit.



Eminent singer-composer Bappa Mazumder added to his already illustrious portfolio on Sunday, when he signed up to be a celebrity radio jockey for ABC Radio FM 89.2. His signature show, "Bappa'r Bayanno Tash" (a call-back to one of his biggest hits, "Baji") will air every Tuesday from 9-11pm. Bappa signed the contract at the ABC Radio office, where head of programmes of the station Ehsanul Huq Tito and others were present.

**Radio Next 93.2FM's second anniversary**

**A CORRESPONDENT**  
May 6 marked the second anniversary of Radio Next 93.2 FM, and the day saw lively celebrations at their premises. Beginning in the morning, the first half of the event was open to adoring fans and listeners who had a chance to interact with the Radio Next Team. This was followed by a variety of performances after lunch, which included a stand-up comedy act by Yamin Khan and a magic show by Ghalib. Musical artists that performed on the day include Sufi from Arbovirus, Zefer Rahman, Faisal Ruddi, Tanveer Alam Shawjeeb, Pantho Kanai, Jajabor Rasel, Autumnal Moon and more. Prithwi Raj, who is the creative producer of the station stated, "We had fans visit us from all over the country, and it was quite special to see our hard work pay off that way." The event was uploaded live on Facebook and YouTube. Prithwi Raj also went on to describe Radio Next's journey: "I have been involved as a creative producer right from when we had started acquiring the necessary equipment towards the end of 2014. On May 6, 2015 we had our initial launch. I would describe Radio Next as a much evolved form of radio broadcasting, as we are quite interactive with our listeners by opening up additional platforms on Facebook. Before the start of any show, we post an update along with a relevant image, and the RJ reads comments left by those tuned in. SMS is a thing of the past, now that most people use smart phones, and we have had great response so far with our approach." He further added that Radio Next is not just a radio station, but a production house where they produce their own dramas, short films, music videos and songs. "Our efficient and highly talented house team is able to create their own content, rather than limit themselves to play other people's music like most radio stations. In the future we plan to take it to a new level with regards to audio-visuals, and hope to produce our own feature films."



Members of the Radio Next family cut their birthday cake.



**KANGANA ready to put on a new hat**

**PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi**  
After being in Bollywood as an actress for 11 years since her debut in "Gangster", national award-winning actress Kangana Ranaut is set to begin a new innings—as a film director. The actress said she would make her debut as a director with a comedy film after she completes her work in "Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi". "After 'Manikarnika', I'm directing my film. It's going to be a comedy," Kangana said in a group interview. The 30-year old actress said after the biopic of Rani Laxmibai, she feels her life has come "full circle" and she wants to now focus on something she is passionate about, which is direction. Directed by Krish, "Manikarnika" will chronicle the life and struggles of Rani Laxmibai during the fight for independence. "I feel that there are projects and then there are films that fulfill something within

you. I remember when I was 15 and I left home, I did not know when I would feel like I have achieved something. My life has come full circle and before this no amount of success and failure could make me feel like an achiever." "Now I feel I don't want to just waste time on this (going in a loop). I am also moving on to the next phase, which means that I will focus on my career as a filmmaker and I'll act in my films. So, I was telling Krish that 'you're the last director I'm working with'," said Kangana. Asked what would be the title of her biopic if it is ever made, Kangana said, "I feel I have a long way to go. I feel that I still haven't got into the field that I actually feel very passionate about, which is filmmaking." "As an individual, I feel that I will be known as a filmmaker, not as an actor. I still have to get into that," said the actress, who won national awards for best actress for her roles in "Queen" and "Tanu Weds Manu."