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Han Solo film loses directors

Phil Lord and Christopher Miller are no longer directing the Han Solo Star Wars spinoff. "Phil Lord and Christopher Miller are talented filmmakers who have assembled an incredible cast and crew, but it's become clear that we had different creative visions on this film, and we've decided to part ways. A new director will be announced soon," Kathleen Kennedy, president of Lucasfilm, said in a statement. Lord and Miller, helmers of "The Lego Movie" "21 Jump Street" and its sequel "22 Jump Street", signed on to direct the Star Wars stand-alone in July 2015. The film features Alden Ehrenreich as Han Solo, while Emilia Clarke, Woody Harrelson and Donald Glover also star. The film has been shooting in London since February. Sources say there are several weeks left on the shoot (who will be helming those is currently under wraps), with



Shrabani Sen



Fahmida Nabi



Bulbul Islam



Pt. Tejendra Narayan Majumdar



Shemonty Monjari



Sifayet Ullah Mukul

ARBOVIRUS

release explosive "Bhenge Felo" video

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Arbovirus, one of the most prominent rock bands of the country in the past decade, released a new music video on Tuesday. The track, "Bhenge Felo", is from their latest album "Bishesh Droshtobbo" (2017).

The power-packed song, that lyrically reflects the band's social awareness and their voice of protest against all that is wrong with society, gets a chaotic, pyrotechnic visual makeover in the video. From social disparity to corporate culture, rajakars (collaborators of the Pakistan Army during the Liberation War), rapists and 'keyboard warriors' (big-talking people on social media and the web who do not do much in real life) – the song speaks of taking the fight to themselves against all evil. The video has the band perform in a parking structure of sorts, is at no shortage of the rage that the words and music exude – shattering mirrors, a flame-throwing guitar lighting up a female mannequin with stickers of obnoxious misogynistic Facebook comments wrapped around it, and as the band has often done on stage – smashing of guitars at the end.

Arbovirus, who broke out into Dhaka's underground rock music scene in the early 2000s, have long been one of the top acts at any rock concert. Their debut album, "64m 53s" came out in 2006, followed by 2013's "Montobyuo Nishproyojon" and "Bishesh Droshtobbo" earlier this year. The band's current lineup is: Sufi (vocals), Suharto (guitars, backing vocals) Ranjan (guitars, lyrics), Aldnane (bass) and Nafeez (drums).



The video features some exciting pyrotechnics.

Bengal Foundation releases five Eid albums

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Bengal Foundation has released five new audio albums marking this Eid-ul-Fitr, featuring prominent and promising artistes. Bangladeshi Tagore singer Bulbul Islam has paired with Kolkata-based artiste Shrabani Sen in an album "Surer BaNdhoney" that features several prem parjaya songs -- "BoNdhun Michhey Raag Koro Na", "Amar Mon Maney Na", "Shei Bhalo Shei Bhalo", "Mon-e Robey Kina". The artiste duo has also recorded two duets -- "Ami Tomar Shongey" and "Bhalobashi Bhalobashi". Ashu Chakraborty has directed music arrangements for the album. Promising singer Shemonty Monjari has recorded several lesser-known Tagore

songs -- "Ami Jokhon TaaNr Duarey", "Bahir Poth-e Bibagi Hiya", "Bimol Anandey Jago Rey", "Kaar Milon Chao Birohi" and "Aponarey Diye Rochili Rey" -- for the solo album "Dekho Rey Chittokomoley". Protyush Banerjee has arranged music for it. Singer Sifayet Ullah Mukul has recorded songs composed by three poets -- Atul Prasad, DL Roy and Rajanikanta -- for a solo album "Moder Gorob Moder Asha". With music arranged by Durbadal Chatterjee, the album contains tracks like "Momo Moner Bijoney", "Murli KaNdey", "Aji Tomar Kachhey" and "Shokhrey Morom Poroshey". For her solo album "Bhul Korey Bhalobeshchhi", popular singer Fahmida Nabi has recorded several

adhunik songs -- "Ke Tumi", "Joto Kotha", "Bhul Korey Bhalobeshchhi", "Ja Chole Ja" and "Jantey Cheyona Tumi". With lyrics by Golam Morshed; Nipo, Sajib Das, Lucky Akhand and Fahmida Nabi have composed tunes for the album, while Ashu Chakraborty has arranged music for the album. Pt. Tejendra Narayan Majumdar has eight popular Tagore tracks on his sarod. The album, titled "Sarod-e Rabindra Sangeet", features tunes of songs like "Prothom Adi Tobo Shokti", "Moharaj Eki Sajey", "Aji Joto Tara", "Aji Bijon Ghar-e", "Neel Anjanghono" and "Je Chhilo Amar Swapnocharini". The albums are now available at popular music outlets in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet.



reshoots scheduled for later this summer. The release date of May 25, 2018, remains unchanged.

Source: THR



Kona releases three music videos

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This Eid, Kona has a special present for her fans-- a new music video titled "Chaader Kona" that is creating quite a stir already. Listeners have more to look forward to, as Kona is readying for the release of two other music videos on Eid. One will be released by Dhruba Music Station, and CMV will arrange the other release. This feat is the singer's first in five years, as she last simultaneously released three music videos in 2012. "I hope they will appeal to viewers as I have put my heart and soul into my new ventures," said a wishful Kona. The singer added another milestone by playback singing an item song for the film "Nabab", slated for release during Eid. As with most busy professionals, the singer looks forward to a relaxed Eid break. Kona spends every Eid-ul-Fitr in the capital, but she ventures down to her parent's home in Gazipur for Eid-ul-Azha. Eid is a simple ritual for the glamorous singer, who prefers to stay at home on the first day and dress down in a comfortable salwaar kameez with minimal makeup. The artiste often shops from her friend's boutique. "My friend Tushti has a label, and it has a fabulous collection," said the singer. The singer has a simple message for her listeners: "Love the music of your country and listen to Bangla songs."

Yonder releasing array of new music for Eid

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Smartphone app-based music streaming service Yonder Music is launching a wide variety of new music by popular artistes of the country, marking Eid-ul-Fitr. The campaign, titled "Longest Eid Carnival Season 2" was announced in a press conference recently at the headquarters of telecom operators Robi, who runs the platform. The new releases include singles, EPs and albums. A new single from Arman Malik, new EPs from Shayan and Tonmoy Tansen, singles from Khalid, Porshi and Asif Akbar, and new albums from Partho, Bappa, Arnob, Jewel and Ruponkar, along with bands Shunno and Chirkutt are part of the campaign releases. Yonder is also running a contest, where every day the highest streamer on the app will win a Samsung Galaxy J1 NXT handset. The contest runs till June 24. Speaking at the press conference, Imrul Karim of Special Projects, of Yonder Music Asia said: "Since we started in Bangladesh, Yonder Music has worked to bring music lovers in Bangladesh the best that is out there, and it is with great pride that we are launching our Eid campaign, to introduce a whole bunch of new music just in time for Eid when everyone is happy and feeling the festivities. We know the fans will be as excited to hear the new music as we are about bringing it to them."



Also present at the event were Mahbulul Alam Bhuiyan, VP Business Operations at Robi; Novara Noor, Country Manager, Bangladesh; high officials of Yonder music and Robi, along with the featured artistes.



Eid celebrations at Fantasy Kingdom and Foy's Lake

Theme parks Fantasy Kingdom and Water Kingdom, situated in Ashulia near Dhaka, and Foy's Lake Amusement World located in the heart of Chittagong, draw a large number of people on vacations, and Eid-ul-Fitr is no different. They offer various rides and other recreational activities for friends and families to enjoy and unwind, according to a press release. During Eid, the parks are decorated with colourful balloons, ribbons and other decorative items. A DJ show will also be arranged at the Water Kingdom at the parks for visitors.

Shah Rukh's "Don 3" to be announced soon

Ritesh Sidhwani, who co-owns Excel Entertainment with Farhan Akhtar, shared that a third installment of Shah Rukh Khan's gangster drama "Don" is indeed in the making. "We are thinking about Don 3 and we are thinking very hard on it. We have found the right idea, it's being written now. We will make an official announcement soon," news agency PTI quoted Sidhwani as saying. When asked if Farhan will return to helm the much-awaited sequel, Sidhwani did not completely deny the possibility. "Wait for the announcement," he said. Earlier this year, Farhan Akhtar said several projects are keeping him busy at the moment but there will be an update on the "Don" sequel soon. When asked about it, he said in a Facebook chat session: "Soon I hope. Different things are happening right now, work related. You will hear about it soon." It was in March last year when Farhan had revealed that he is in the process of shaping up a script for "Don 3", which created a lot of interest among movie buffs. Farhan's series of "Don" films feature Shah Rukh Khan in the titular role while Priyanka Chopra featured as a feisty cop in both the films. The first part released in 2006 while "Don 2" arrived at theatres in 2011. The series is the modern remakes of Amitabh Bachchan's 1978 cult film, directed by Chandra Barot.



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