



Star Melodies' homage to Sudhin Das and Karunamaya Goswami

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To pay homage to two eminent music exponents - Sudhin Das and Karunamaya Goswami, Star Melodies will hold commemorative programme at AS Mahmud Hall of The Daily Star Centre at 4pm on July 25.

Professor Emeritus Rafiqul Islam will exclusively elaborate on the contributions of Sudhin Das and Karunamaya Goswami at the event. Apart from that, renowned cultural personalities and singers will share their fond memories of the recently deceased exponent duo.

Several promising singers will pay their musical homage. The programme is open to all, but seats are limited and allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Purnima and Chanchal will host this year's award gala.

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Bangabandhu International Conference Center will see an august gathering of members of the country's film fraternity today, as the 2015 National Film Awards will be handed out there in a grand ceremony today at 4:30pm. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will grace the occasion as chief guest, with the programme presided over by the Minister of Information, Hasanul Haq Inu.

Actors Chanchal Chowdhury and Purnima will be the anchors of the event, while noted actors of the industry including Riaz, Popy, Ferdousi, Apu Biswas, Nipun, Bappi, Zayed Khan, Irfan and more will present various performances. The event will honour celebrated actor Shabana and noted singer Ferdousi Rahman with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other accolades include the Best Actor Award to



Shakib Khan and Mahfuz Ahmed for their performances in "Aro Bhalobashbo Tomai" and "Zero Degree", respectively. Jaya Ahsan will walk away with the Best Actress Award for her role in "Zero Degree."

To host such a prestigious event would present a daunting challenge to even the most seasoned artiste, but Chanchal Chowdhury is ever ready. "I have received many offers to host programmes before, but never accepted," he said. "I have agreed to this for two reasons; this is the most prestigious award ceremony for the national entertainment industry, and secondly it would be an honour to host with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh present as the chief guest. This is definitely one of the biggest highlights of my career."

Actor Purnima also expressed similar sentiments. "I am elated to be given this opportunity, and I hope I do justice in front of the honourable Prime Minister."



## DROHO goes to West Bengal in August

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

As part of a cultural exchange, Bogra Theatre will stage popular play "Droho" in West Bengal, India in August. Arabinbo Trust of Sheuri of Bolpur town on August 15, Moddha Gram on August 17 and Unity Malancho of Noihi town on August 18 will also stage the plays.

As a run up to the big event, "Droho" was staged 21 times by the artistes at Shaheed Titu Millenayatan in Bogra on last week.

"Droho", written and directed by secretary of Bangladesh Gram Theatre Toufique Hasan Moyna, is a narrative of the lives and struggle of Jamuna Char people against the fury of the Jamuna which erodes their houses, crops, land and other belongings. They also have to contend with powerful musclemen and fundamentalists in the area.

Thandu Raihan gave the light direction and Nazrul Islam, Ovi Ghosh, Sajal Sarkar, Tonmoy Shutrudh and Dulal Devnath are music directors.

Bogra theatre has staged 70 plays and had 1,600 short play?? at home and abroad over the last three decades.

Earlier, the artistes of Arabinbo of Bolpur visited Bogra several times and staged plays.

# Ben Affleck's Batman future in doubt?



When Warner Bros. hired Ben Affleck to play Batman back in the summer of 2013, it looked like it was going to be for a very long engagement. After all, the studio was in the early stages of building their DC Extended Universe, and the Dark Knight is an important figure in that franchise. Since then, Affleck has appeared in two DC Comics movies - "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" and "Suicide Squad" - and later this year he will star in his third, "Justice League". However, new reports are suggesting that the upcoming Zack Snyder film may be one of Affleck's final turns playing the Caped Crusader.

According to a story by The Hollywood Reporter, about Ben Affleck's future as Batman, the actor is still attached to star in the developing Batman solo film (a project he was once going to direct), but that may not actually happen. Instead, sources are saying that the studio plans on starting a process to "gracefully" move on in a different direction without the Affleck, addressing the change in one of their upcoming projects.

Earlier in the year, not only did Matt Reeves replace Ben Affleck as the director of the solo Batman movie, but it was revealed a few weeks ago that Reeves doesn't plan on using any of the script that Affleck co-wrote with DC Chief Creative Officer Geoff Johns. THR also points out that Reeves has been

developing plans for a full trilogy of movies, and that may not work out so well time-wise given that Affleck is now 45 years old and would likely be in his mid-50s by the time a three-feature arc wraps up. This obviously wouldn't disqualify him from the part, but the report notes the benefit of doing a soft reboot with a fresh face.

There is suggestion in the new report that Ben Affleck could continue to play Batman in "Justice League" follow-ups while the solo films star a different actor in the role, but that idea is also dismissed as implausible given that a "Justice League 2" could still be long off from now.

Source: Cinemablend



With the theme "Sotyer Joy Hok Samyer Joy Hok", Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sangstha organised a two-day (July 21-22) festival commemorating the 118th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The festival, dedicated to the memory of eminent Nazrul exponent Sudhin Das, was held at the main auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum and featured discussion along with a variety of performances including songs, dance, and poetry recitation.

## SRK, Anushka are two lost souls in "Jab Harry Met Sejal" trailer



"What you seek, is seeking you": this famous Rumi quote makes the central thread of Imtiaz Ali's next, "Jab Harry Met Sejal", starring Shah Rukh Khan and Anushka Sharma.

Though the film's long tease and songs are already out and film enthusiasts know about the film's backdrop, the makers released a new three-minute trailer, reports Hindustan Times.

It features Shah Rukh Khan as tour guide Harinder Singh Nehra, who is slowly falling

for a Gujarati tourist Sejal (Anushka Sharma). The twist in the tale is that Sejal is already engaged to somebody and seems like a traditional homely girl.

Anushka is seen looking for a ring even as SRK tries to convince her against it. It is quite possible that the movie revolves around Anushka's search for the ring.

They begin to know each other through friendly banter and beautiful locales till the day of her return arrives.

The theme is not new for Imtiaz Ali, so nothing comes as a shocker, but Shah Rukh and Anushka's comfort level with each other gives the trailer a much desired flow.

The film was shot in Budapest, Punjab and Prague. Shah Rukh and Anushka earlier worked together in "Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi" (2008) and "Jab Tak Hai Jaan" (2012).

The film will hit theatres on August 4.

Source: Hindustan Times