

WHAT'S ON
Photography Exhibition
 Concealed
 Artist: Habiba Nowrose
 Venue: Kala Kendra
 Date: August 10-31
 Time: 5pm-8pm



Selim Al Deen Theatre Festival
 Organiser: Swapnadal
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpaka Academy
 Date: August 18-20; Time: 7pm



Art for the Soul
 Organiser: Moar
 Venue: Ventura Iconia, Banani 11
 Date: August 22
 Time: 12pm-9pm



Solo Sculpture & Art Exhibition
 Title: "Rhythm of Clouds" by Ferdousi Priyabhashini
 Venue: Gallery Shilpangan, H-7, Rd-13 (New) Dhanmondi
 Date: Aug 4-18; Time: 3-8pm



Charity Theatre Staging
 Play: Crutch'er Colonel
 Troupe: BotTala
 Venue: Mahila Samity
 Date: August 18
 Time: 7pm



NEWS bytes

Ajay Devgan signs "Raid"

Known for his intense and character driven roles, Ajay Devgan is all set to return to a film rooted in reality. Trader analyst Taran Adarsh confirmed the news of Devgn's casting on Twitter. The two-time National Award-winning actor will play



a no-nonsense income tax officer in "Raid", which will be helmed by Raj Kumar Gupta. Set in Uttar Pradesh of the 1980s, the movie, produced by Bhushan Kumar and Kumar Mangat, has been scripted by Ritesh Shah ("Pink" and "Air-lift"). The movie will go on floors in September and the release date has been set as April 20, 2018.

Source: **Hindustan Times**



BHUBAN MAJHI wins over Kolkata
Screening and album launch in memory of Kalikaprasad

FAHMIM FERDOUS, back from Kolkata
 Fakhru Arefeen Khan's feature film debut "Bhuban Majhi" received largely positive reviews when it released in early March this year. The sensitive, touching tale set largely in 1971 starring Parambrata Chattopadhyay along with Aparna Ghose, Maznun Mizan, Mamunur Rashid, Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed and Waqel Ahad, had a close connection to Kolkata (India) in its narrative and making, and the audience of Kolkata accepted it with open arms on its maiden screening last week at the city's Gorky Sadan. Apart from Parambrata Chattopadhyay, who has made a name for himself working in Indian Bangla films, "Bhuban Majhi" also featured music direction by Kalikaprasad Bhattacharya of famous Kolkata-based folk band Dohar, who passed away a week after the film's release in a tragic

road crash. The film's screening was part of a programme to also launch the music album of the film in Kolkata, in loving memory of the eminent folk musician/researcher. Organised by Eisenstein Cine Club and Dohar, the event also featured fond reminiscence of Kalikaprasad by his band members and by Fakhru Arefeen, who credited the artist with "Injecting life into my lifeless film". A representative of the Eisenstein Cine Club also added that the screening of "Bhuban Majhi" was part of their film screening programmes marking India's Independence Day - showing films against oppression and colonialisation. Other films screened during the week were "the Wind That Shakes the Barley" on the Irish War of Independence, "The Battle of Algiers" set during the Algerian War, and Urdu film "Garm Hava" about post-Partition India. Kolkata High Court Justice Nadira

Patherya launched the album as chief guest, and said "I never knew Kalikaprasad in person; I only know him through his music that I have heard, and just from that I can feel he was a good soul." Parambrata also spoke at the event, and said he has tried to avoid all memorial programmes on Kalikaprasad because it is difficult for him to be at these events. "We had been friends for 16-17 years," Parambrata added. The audience sat through the film (and even a minor technical glitch), arrested by the humane story told with a lot of care. Although the film is set almost entirely in Bangladesh, a small part of it also takes place in Kolkata, in Bangladesh's Liberation War-time. By the end, there were quite a few teary eyes in the auditorium, and heaps of praise for the film. An audience member even asked the director to take steps to release the film in Indian theatres.

Birthday felicitation to artist Monirul Islam

ZAHANGIR ALOM
 Today marks the 74th birth anniversary of internationally acclaimed artist Monirul Islam - one who believes that art, aesthetics and emotions are the basics of human existence. "I never felt the need to celebrate my birthday formally as I always felt shy. Yet, I have planned to celebrate the day with family. During my days in Madrid, Spain, friends would visit my residence on my birthdays. Today, thanks to social media, a large number of people wish me on this day, many of whom I don't even know! But I feel a sense of gratitude towards them. My joys know no bound when old friends wish me," said Monirul Islam. The artist has recently been in India's Vadodara where he took part in a 12-day international art workshop, organised by Uttarayan Art Foundation. "The spacious gardens, rivers and natural settings at the site are heavenly. I spent a wonderful time with many Indian and Bangladeshi artists, exchanging ideas about various creative ventures. I worked there for 18 hours a day," said the artist. The artist is going to Bhutan tomorrow on a five-day visit. "To alleviate the monotony of life and to stimulate the artistic spirit, one needs to travel. Cultural nourishment and art are necessary in every aspect of life. I would like to infuse life and surroundings with the beauty of art so that it becomes more enjoyable. One may say art is meaningless and has no importance. Yet art, culture, literature and education are all very necessary to enoble the spirit," he asserted. Star Arts & Entertainment wishes Monirul Islam a happy birthday and hopes to see much more of his work in the future.



Shraddha Kapoor announced as female lead for "Saaho"

The makers of upcoming Bollywood movie "Saaho" have put all the rumours and speculations to rest by officially announcing the leading lady of their film to be Shraddha Kapoor. The casting has been the talk of the town ever since the film was announced. Shraddha, who rose to fame with "Aashiqui 2" and gained fan following with every movie she was a part of thereafter, will be romantically paired opposite Prabhas, who has become a household name across India post the success of "Baahubali" franchise. After "Baahubali", there were a lot of names of actresses doing the rounds who were keen to do the film, but makers felt Shraddha fit the role perfectly. Producers at UV Creations confirmed the news saying, "Shraddha is absolutely the perfect choice for the role. We are very excited to have her on board with us." They further added, "Saaho' is Prabhas's first film being shot in Hindi and so it's very special for all of us. It is a highly ambitious project and there will be some really high octane action scenes in the film." The film, which is an ambitious hi tech action drama, has already kick-started shoot and it is being shot in three languages -- Hindi, Tamil and Telugu -- simultaneously. The Bollywood debut of Prabhas has been one of the most anticipated topics for the audience. "Saaho" will mark the Hindi debut of the star. A massive set has been erected for the film in Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad. "Saaho" will also see Neil Nitin Mukesh playing the antagonist. The teaser of the film was released with "Baahubali: The Conclusion". "Saaho" will showcase high-octane action sequences for which the makers have roped in a world acclaimed action choreographer. Written and directed by Sujeeth, the film is set to hit the screens next year.



Source: **DNA India**



TV WATCH
Purnima bares all on "Star Night"

A CORRESPONDENT
 Purnima's 1997 debut film "E Jibon Tomar Amar" set her off to stardom. Today, 20 years into her acting career, she has been invited to Maasranga's Eid programme "Star Night". The actor will talk about a less known side of her at the programme: "There was a time when I used to collect view cards with pic-

tures of Moushumi, Shabnoor and Salman Shah." Purnima will also share stories of the late actor Manna, with whom she shared a special bond. Compiled by Rumman Rashid Khan and produced by Ajay Poddar, "Star Night" will be hosted by Maria Noor. The programme will be telecast by Maasranga TV on the first day of Eid ul Azha, at 8pm.



As a tribute to Rabindranath Tagore on his death anniversary, Sunbeams School enacted his play "Tasher Desh" on August 4 and 5. Students from classes VI to IX were the performers, and the drama was directed by Sakhawat Hossain Rezi.

Sony sets dates for Spider-Man spinoff "Silver & Black"

Sony's growing Spider-Man shared universe has a date for its spinoff "Silver & Black". The film will open February 8, 2019. Gina Prince-Bythewood directs the female-centered adaptation about Marvel characters Silver Sable and Black Cat. Silver & Black comes out four months after the previously announced October 2018 date for Tom Hardy's "Venom".



The studio has also pulled Bad Boys sequel "Bad Boys for Life" from the schedule. It was previously set for November 9, 2018. Columbia Pictures also confirmed that Anne Hathaway will star in "Barbie" and said it has moved the film back a few weeks to August 8, 2018; it was previously set for June 29, 2018. Alethea Jones directs the film. In addition, Columbia Pictures and Black Label Media's "Sicario 2: Soldado", the follow-up to Denis Villeneuve's 2015 film, will open June 29, 2018. Benicio Del Toro and Josh Brolin return for the film, directed by Stefano Sollima. Other changes include the move of "Breaking Bad" director Michelle MacLaren's feature-film debut, "The Nightingale", to January 25, 2019, from its previous date of August 10, 2018. Columbia's Will Ferrell and John C Reilly comedy "Holmes and Watson" has moved to November 9, 2018, from August 3.

Source: **THR**