

<p>Photography Exhibition Artist: Rabiba Roumine Venue: Kala Kendra Date: August 16-31 Time: 5pm-8pm</p>	<p>Solo Musical Soiree Artist: Chandra Chakraborty Organizer: ICC Venue: Pearl Sallia Kamal Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum Date: August 26; Time: 6:30pm</p>	<p>Duet Art Exhibition Artists: Sayed Fida Hossain & Sufian Ullah Venue: La Galerie, A/D Date: August 16-31 Time: 3-9pm</p>	<p>Musical Soiree Marking Kazi Nazimuddin's death anniversary Organizer: Chayanaut Venue: Chayanaut Date: August 24</p>	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Artist: Syed Nazamuddin Venue: MKC Centre, H-5, B-16 (New), Dharmad Date: Aug 9-24 Time: 5pm-8pm</p>
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IN LOVING MEMORY

FOND REMINISCENCE OF THE NAYAK RAJ

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Nayak Raj Razzak's legendary career has enabled many others to witness their own successes, and therefore fulfilling their dreams of being an actor. His departure has left a void in many, and those who have had the fortune of working with him, are left with priceless memories. In a recent conversation with The Daily Star, actors Rozina and Shakib Khan recount their times spent with the late actor, on and off set. Excerpts:

"There's no need to be afraid, just act" ...Rozina

"The first film I worked with him in was 'Ayna', directed by Mobsin, of which Shabana was also part of the main cast. For a long time, I was often portrayed as his character's sister in films, before working alongside him as the female lead. All the memories I have with him are happy ones.

"For as long as the country exists, so will Razzak's for his insurmountable contributions in the national film industry. He ignored the opportunities of success in film industries across our borders and beyond, and everything he did was for the love of



Rozina and Shakib Khan have shared many fond moments with the legend.

his people and his land."
 "Since childhood, I was enamored by Razzak, and his performances with Shabana spurred me to try acting. The first time I was to work alongside my hero, I was too nervous to deliver my lines in front of the camera. I was literally

quivering with fear and awe. He noticed this and reassured me saying, 'There's no need to be afraid, just act.' I was immediately put at ease after. The one thing I shall never forget is, being with him made me feel, as though I was closer him forever, and that we had known



friends.
 "I was also cast in two films directed by him - 'Rajamistri' and 'Obhijaan'. While filming 'Obhijaan', we spent a month and a half on boat. Apart from Razzak and myself, we were also joined by Anjona, Jashim, and Ilyas Khanan.

We started our journey from Fatullah, and ended at Sylhet. Every evening, we all gathered on the deck and talked. Razzak was a lively individual, who was full of stories and jokes. Not only have we lost a great actor, we have also lost a magnificent human being."

"He treated me like a son" ...Shakib Khan

"Razzak was not only my hero, but he was also a father figure. Whenever I was troubled, or had anything to share, he was the first person I would always turn to. On my birthdays, he was often there, cutting the cake. He showed great affection towards me, and treated me like a son.

"Whenever there was something special to be served during meals, he would always call to invite me over. Lokki auntie (Razzak's wife) would often do the same. No matter how busy I was, I would always drop everything to go. I cannot express what I have lost now. When news of his death reached me, I rushed immediately to the hospital, where I met Shomrat (his son). When he saw me, he hugged me tearfully and said, 'Who will you come to now?' Who will you share your worries with?"

"Losing him was akin to losing a father. I was there throughout the whole time, from the hospital to laying him down in eternal rest, just to be with him for as long as I possibly could. I will tell you one thing - there will never be another Nayak Raj Razzak. I pray to the Almighty that he is granted Jannat, and may his soul rest in eternal peace."



Speakers at the press conference.

Bangladeshi Feluda TV series detailed

Two episodes coming this Eid, will also release online

A CORRESPONDENT

Details of the new television adaptation of Feluda based on the famous Satyajit Ray character were announced in a press conference in the capital yesterday, including number of episodes, base stories and broadcast platforms. The first season of the show will have four episodes and will be released on TV and on the web as well. The episodes will be based on stories 'Sheal Debatia Rahasya', 'Ghurguthiy Ghotona', 'Golokdham Rahasya', and 'Gangtok-e Gondogol'.

Kandy Productions and TOM Creations are producing the series, with Indian actors Parvathibha Chattopadhyay playing the sleuth extraordinaire and Riddhi Sen playing his nephew and sidekick Topshie. The producers have obtained the rights to work on Feluda from Satyajit's son Sandeep Roy, who was also

present at yesterday's press conference.

Channel i will telecast two episodes 'Sheal Debatia Rahasya' and 'Ghurguthiy Ghotona' this Eid, and they will also be released on the web and the platforms Bioscope (for viewers in Bangladesh) and Admitras (for viewers outside of Bangladesh). There are no details yet of the two next episodes of the season.

Speakers present at the press conference included were Faridur Reza Sagor, Managing Director, Channel i; Satyajit Ray's son and film director Sandeep Ray; Ziauddin Adil, CEO of Top of Mind; Syed Gousul Alam Shaon, Managing Director of Grey Advertising, Bangladesh Ltd; Farha Naz Zaman, Head of media operations, Grameenphone and Rajib Mehra, Managing Director of Adda Times - along with other officials from Top of Mind and Kandy Productions.

Mohidul Islam memorial theatre fest opens today

A CORRESPONDENT

Theatre troupe Byatikrom Natyia Goshhi is organising a three-day theatre festival from today until August 26 at Bangladesh Ship-pakala Academy (BSA). The festival is a tribute to the troupe's founder and eminent stage actor, director and playwright Syed Mohidul Islam marking his 15th death anniversary.

The event will take place at the Academy's National Theatre Hall and the Experimental Theatre Hall. The festival will include staging of plays, as well as a discussion on the life and works of the late thespian. Renowned theatre personality Ataur Rahman will attend the inaugural ceremony as chief guest. This year, the Syed Mohidul Islam Padak will be conferred on BSA Director General



Prachyanat's "Circus Circus" will open the festival.

Liaquat Ali Luddy, Prachyanat's "Circus Circus" will be staged on the opening day today at National Theatre Hall, Dhakka on the concluding day. The programme will stage "Darasha O Pichu Daak" at the Experimental Theatre Hall

tomorrow, where Abdullah al-Mamun's Theatre School Praktoni will perform "Prothom Pathon" on the concluding day. The cultural is assisted by BSA and the Programme Affairs Ministry.

Joker movie in the works

"Hangover" helmer to write, Leto not returning

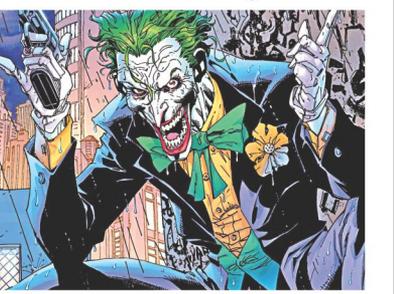
Warner Bros. has tapped "The Hangover" filmmaker Todd Phillips to co-write and possibly direct an origin movie of the classic Batman villain, the Joker.

Phillips will co-write the script with Scott Silver, writer of the 2002 Eminem movie "8 Mile" as well as "The Fighter", The Hollywood Reporter confirmed.

The project is intended to be part of a still-developing label for Warner's DC Entertainment properties that will include projects that could stand apart from the big mass event tentpoles that are tied to each other in a shared universe way.

The Joker is already part of the "Suicide Squad" movie franchise and is played by Jared Leto. The Joker movie in development, under the plan, would feature another actor and be made under another budget category. At this stage, the story is set in Gotham City in the early 1980s.

The new label would give Warner's way to make more DC-oriented projects, unconstrained by continuity. One report stated that



Martin Scorsese was producing the project, but THR reported that his involvement is far from assured. Phillips is known for writing and directing the "Hangover" franchise for the studio. It is one of the most successful comedy franchises of all time and helped launch the careers of actors Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms

and Zach Galifianakis. Phillips last year, directed and produced "War Dogs", starring Miles Teller and Jonah Hill. Along with producing most of his own work, he also produced Cooper's upcoming film "A Star Is Born".

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