

WHAT'S ON

Musical Soiree
 Marking Kazi Nazrul Islam's death anniversary
 Organiser: Chhayanaut
 Venue: Chhayanaut
 Date: August 26

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

Solo Musical Soiree
 Artist: Chhanda Chakrabarty
 Organiser: IGCC
 Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum
 Date: August 26; Time: 6:30pm

Duet Art Exhibition
 Artists: Sayed Fida Hossain & Sultan Ishtiaque
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD
 Date: August 18-30
 Time: 3-9pm

Concert
 Chapter 2: She Lived
 by Armeen Musa Band
 Venue: EMK Center
 Date: August 26
 Time: 7pm

Theatre
 Syed Mohiul Islam Memorial Festival
 Organiser: Byatikrom
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall
 Date: August 24-26
 Time: 7pm



Jaya Ahsan on board Anjan Dutt's next "Swarger Kachakachi" to co-star Prosenjit and Chiranjeet

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Kachakachi". The film is reported to be a revenge drama about a policeman and a criminal, and Jaya is expected to play a pivotal role in it. The film is likely to go on floors in November in Kolkata. Jaya is currently working on another film in Kolkata, directed by new director Arnab Pal. She plays the titular role in "Brishti Tomake Dilam" alongside veterans Rajesh Sharma and Rajatava Dutta in the thriller.

Back home, Jaya has already completed filming for two films - Nurul Alam Atiq's "Peyarar Subatash" and Mahmud Didar's "Beauty Circus", although no release dates for the films are in sight yet. Humayun Ahmed's "Debi" is also on the editing panel. The film on the famous psychologist character Misir Ali is being helmed by Anom Biswas, and stars Jaya herself, Iresh Zaker, Animesh Aich and Sabnam Faria.

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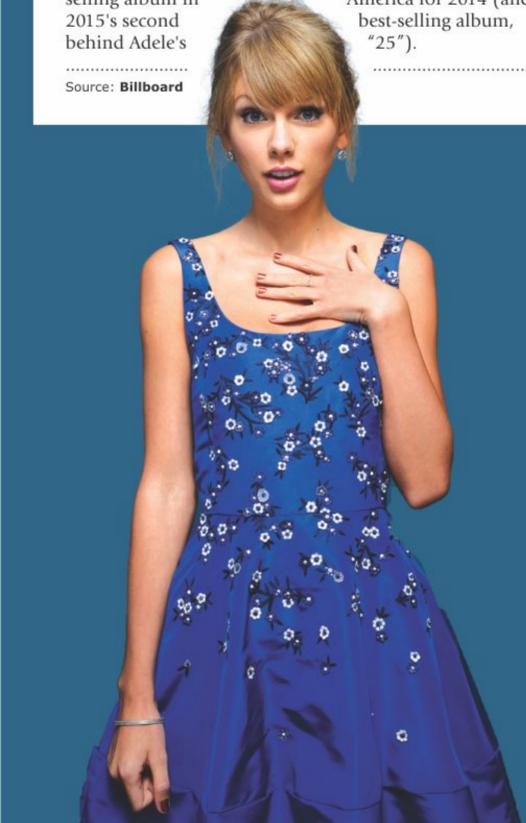
Save the date! Celebrated singer Sania Sultana Liza will go on a Facebook Live 'Ask Me Anything' session with The Daily Star subscribers on Monday, August 28, at 8pm. The versatile singer is one of the most-sought after live singers for stage shows, lends her voice regularly to film songs alongside her original songs, and is also a TV host by hobby. Anyone subscribed to The Daily Star's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) can join the Facebook Live session from 8pm, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Liza in an hour of informal chit-chat and interaction.



TAYLOR SWIFT reveals new album "Reputation" coming out in November

After the long wait and numerous snake-related teases, Taylor Swift has confirmed her new album, "Reputation", is coming November 10. But fans won't have to wait that long to hear new music from the pop queen - the first single dropped in the early hours of today. Swift also revealed the album cover art (shot by Mert & Marcus) for her sixth album via Instagram. Even though it's been nearly three years since Swift's "1989" -- which won the Album of the Year Grammy -- she hasn't been a stranger to the charts. Her 2016 Zayn duet "I Don't Want to Live Forever" from "Fifty Shades Darker" peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100, just one spot shy of becoming her fifth No. 1. But with anticipation building for a new Taylor Swift single since she wiped her social media accounts last Friday, could this new single become her next No. 1 -- potentially unseating the historic No. 1 run of "Despacito" from Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee and Justin Bieber. One thing is for sure: Swift is a blockbuster force. 2014's "1989", her fourth No. 1 album, became the fastest album to hit 5 million units since Usher's 2004 LP "Confessions". It produced three Hot 100 chart-toppers -- "Bad Blood", "Blank Space" and "Shake It Off" -- and when it debuted on Spotify in June 2016, it did massive numbers. It's sold 6.06 million copies in the US, according to Nielsen Music, and was the best-selling album in America for 2014 (and 2015's second behind Adele's "25").

Source: **Billboard**



NAZIBA BASHER
 On the concluding day of the Selim-Al-Deen Utshab on Wednesday, the Selim-Al-Deen Padak was conferred on eminent theatre personality Aly Zaker. Aly Zaker was not able to attend the programme on the opening day. He was reportedly abroad and could not reach Dhaka on time, for which the presentation of the award took place on the closing day. The theatre festival was organised by Dhaka Theatre, Bangladesh Gram Theatre and Selim Al-Deen Foundation, with assistance from Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. On receiving the award, Zaker told The Daily Star: "Getting any kind of recognition is a big deal, and I would like to thank Dhaka Theatre for selecting me for the honours. Dhaka Theatre has been our partner in taking Bangladeshi theatre further. Their contributions have been enormous so far, and kudos to them for keeping up with the good work."

Aly Zaker receives Selim Al-Deen Padak

Having known Selim Al-Deen and well aware of the greatness he embodied, Zaker said: "There is no doubt Selim Al-Deen was an extremely talented dramatist. Even though he worked mainly with Dhaka Theatre, he had it in him to be the dramatist of the whole nation." The Selim Al-Deen Theatre Festival concluded with the staging of Mohakal Natya Sampraday's production "Neelakhyan". It was a grand celebration of the eminent dramatist's life, his works, and an array of powerful stage plays.

Salman Khan to star opposite Jacqueline Fernandez in "Race 3"

Salman Khan will be playing the lead in "Race 3" and the superstar will once again share the screen space with Jacqueline Fernandez, reports Hindustan Times. The actors previously worked together in 2014 movie "Kick" directed by Sajid Nadiadwala. Jacqueline, who was in New Delhi to promote her upcoming film "A Gentleman" told PTI: "After 'Judwaa 2' I am working on 'Drive', that is Tarun Mansukhani's next with Sushant (Singh Rajput) and then it is Salman's 'Race 3'." While Salman has replaced Saif Ali Khan as the lead in the action-thriller, Jacqueline is not new to the franchise. She starred in the 2013's "Race 2". Abbas-Mustan directed the first two films, but according to the reports choreographer-director Remo D' Souza has been roped in to helm the third movie. No formal announcements have been made yet. "A Gentleman" featuring Sidharth Malhotra in double role opposite Jacqueline, releases today across India.

Source: **Hindustan Times**

