

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



Concert
Cello-Piano Audio 2
Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: September 8
Time: 7pm



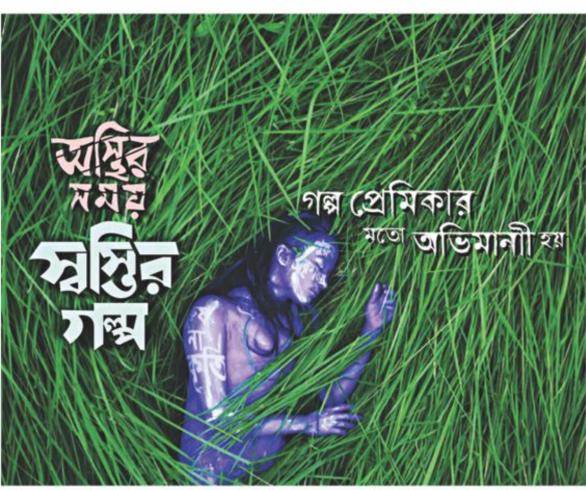
Duet Art Exhibition
Artists: Sayed Fida Hossain & Sultan Ishtiaque
Venue: La Galerie, AFD
Date: August 18-30
Time: 3-9pm



Seminar
Career in Filmmaking
Organiser: Cine Making Association
Venue: Supreme Court Bar Association
Date: August 30-31
Time: 10am onwards



Concert
Dhaka Rock Fest
Headliner: Bumblefoot
Organiser: The Rock Project Dhaka
Venue: Russian Cultural Center
Date: September 15; Time: 3pm

A BREEZE OF FRESHNESS THIS EID

Amitabh and Sumon bringing "Osthir Somoye Swostir Golpo"

FAHMIM FERDOUS

With Eid being the high season for television entertainment, TV directors in the last year or so have really been pushing the envelope to dish out quality TV plays this time of year, and this Eid Ul Azha seems to have one project standing head and shoulders above others, in terms of promise.

"Osthir Somoye Swostir Golpo" is a series of seven TV plays to be aired on Gtv this Eid, by seven 'new' directors under the supervision of veterans Amitabh Reza Chowdhury and Mezbaur Rahman Sumon. The haunting and surrealistic trailer for the series has already created a buzz on social media. The plays are titled "Shaola" by Zaheen Faruq Amin, "Buker Bhetore Kichu Pathor Thaka Bhalo" by Tanvir Ahsan, "Taile Shey Kothai Roilo" by Anom Biswas, "Mahut" by Sukorno Shahed Dheeman, "Kotha Hobe Toh" by Syed Ahmed Shawki, "Protishodh" by Abid Mallik and "Hotel Albatross" by Nuhash Humayun, the eldest son of iconic wordsmith-director Humayun Ahmed. The Daily Star spoke to the two masterminds of the project, about the idea, target and expectation from it.

"Except for Abid, (who has one TV play to his credit that aired a long time ago) all the directors are making their first fiction for TV," Amitabh Reza Chowdhury told The

Daily Star. "They have all been working in alternative media like YouTube and short films and adverts."

"People like me and Amitabh bhai have been making TV fictions for a while now, and we always want to see new, fresh things on the TV screens" added Mezbaur Rahman Sumon. "We felt in the last 5-6 years it has become a little weak in that aspect. So we wanted to bring new people, to bring something new and fresh for the television audience. We cannot bring a change. When we were new, we broke the mold, and we feel like these talents who have been working with and around us, can bring about this necessary change, and that is why this project was undertaken," he added.

"We know that these people are good makers, but it is difficult for them to reach the producers, and so we decided to instigate it," Amitabh Reza chimed in. "Tom Creations and Kandy Productions are producing these plays, so we said we will take

responsibility for the quality, and they have to ensure it is aired on prime time and most importantly without commercial breaks."

What are the expectations from the plays, we asked Amitabh and Sumon. "We are very excited as we see the finished products. They have done the work with passion and brought out real, honest and humane stories. We are still seeing the plays, suggesting corrections, and we hope they will be great."

Last Eid, Mostofa Sarwar Farooki and Amitabh Reza helmed two separate projects of similar nature (standalone stories with separate directors), the Chabial Eid Reunion and the Aynabaji Original Series, and both were embraced warmly by the TV audience. With "Osthir Somoye Swostir Golpo", one can only hope that the tides that have begun to turn gain some momentum and TV entertainment at least in the festive season becomes a catalyst in the overall quality improvement of the Bangladeshi television scene.

NEWS bytes

James Gunn to reboot "Starsky and Hutch"

James Gunn is turning his sights from the Marvel galaxy to broadcast (or cable, or streaming) TV. As reported by THR, the "Guardians of the Galaxy" filmmaker is partnering up with Sony Pictures Television for a possible reboot of the 1970s series "Starsky and Hutch". As of now, Gunn is set to pen the script alongside his brother Brian Gunn, and cousin, Mark Gunn, and all three will executive produce.

There is a chance that James Gunn may also direct based on his availability. Right now the idea



is just a pitch, and Sony is currently shopping it around, where there are apparently multiple bids for the project.

The original "Starsky and Hutch" premiered in 1975, oddly in a movie of the week format on ABC. It went on to run for over four years and almost 100 episodes David Soul and Paul Michael Glaser originally played the duo, and the story was rebooted as a movie in 2004, starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson in the lead roles.

Source: Collider

One song, six legacies "Poriborton" on BTV

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For any revered musician, their legacies are more often than not passed onto subsequent generations in the family. In BTV's musical programme titled "Poriborton", six singers who carry the bloodline of six leading musicians of the country, will present a song titled "Bangladesh Amar Bangladesh."

Alif Alauddin, Nurjahan Alim, Humaira Bashir, Anjan Chowdhury, Yousuf Ali Khan and Badhon are the performing members in the programme. Their famed parents are Alauddin Ali, Abdul Alim, Bashir Ahmed, Probal Chowdhury, Yaqub Ali Khan and Sabina Yasmin, respectively.

Planned and directed by Anjam Masud, the programme will be aired on BTV on the second day of Eid ul Azha after the 10pm news. "The programme's concept really appealed to me, because not only is it a homage to the great works by our parents, it is also providing us a platform to make them proud," stated Nurjahan Alim.



The six singers with the show's host on set.



Nazrul Institute conferred this year's Nazrul Padak to reputed Nazrul researcher Dr. Leena Taposhi Khan, and singers Fatema Tuz Zohra and Ferdous Ara (standing, L-R), at a programme held at the main auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum on August 27. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor (sitting, center) handed over awards to the recipients as chief guest while Cultural Affairs Secretary Mohammad Ibrahim Hossain Khan spoke among others as special guests. Chairman of Nazrul Institute Trustee Board Professor Emeritus Rafiqul Islam presided over the programme.

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Kendrick Lamar, Ed Sheeran among top honorees at MTV VMAs

After taking the stage at Madison Square Garden last year in New York, the MTV Video Music Awards headed back to the West Coast to Los Angeles' fabulous Forum to hand out Moon Persons to musicians and artists who have excelled in the music video world.

Trying her best, Katy Perry slogged her way through 'jokes' as she hosted this year's ceremony, which marked the first year where the awards were gender neutral. Kendrick Lamar's "Humble" took the top prize of Video of the Year as well as the majority of the technical accolades while Ed Sheeran walked away with Artist of the Year. Pop rock star P!nk impressed with a remixed medley of her hits before she was honoured with the coveted Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award. And in a teachable, touching, and real moment on the uncharacteristically political VMAs telecast, made a strong feminist statement about self-acceptance, self-expression, and gender equality.

Susan Bro, the mother of Charlottesville victim Heather Heyer, took the stage to present an award to all the nominees up for a new category called Best Fight Against The System, which is



Katy Perry hosted the star-studded event.

dedicated to socially conscious music. Other winners of the evening included Fifth Harmony, Zayne & Taylor Swift, as well as Khalid for Best New Artist, which is voted on by the fans. The Weeknd was the surprise absence on the stage, after being named as a performer for the ceremony earlier this month.

Paris Jackson marked a highlight of the evening in an impassioned speech against white supremacists, calling them jerks, and adding "... that as a nation with liberty as our slogan, that we have zero tolerance

for their violence, their hatred, and their discrimination. We must resist."

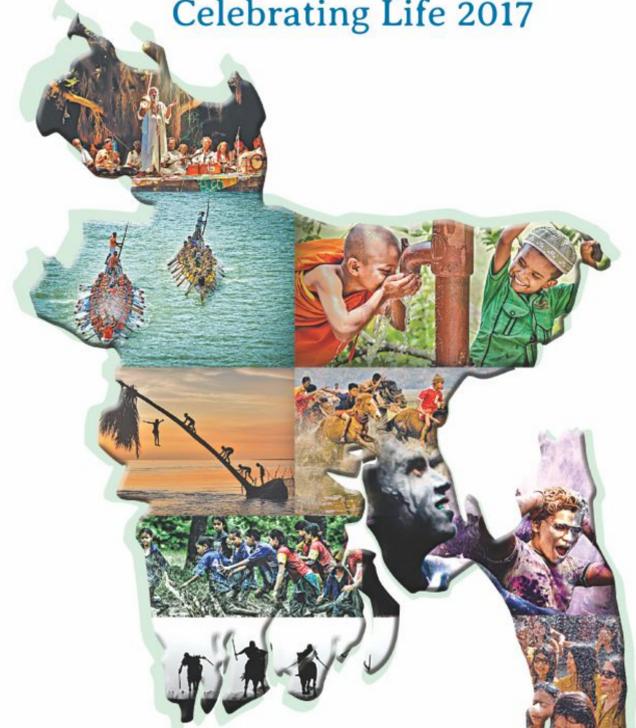
The ceremony also included the world premiere of Taylor Swift's video for her new single "Look What You Made Me Do" as well as long list of performances to fill the three-hour runtime. Performers included Lamar, Sheeran, Miley Cyrus, Rod Stewart featuring DNCE, Demi Lovato, Thirty Seconds to Mars, Fifth Harmony, Shawn Mendes, Lorde, and others.

Source: Yahoo Music



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