

WHAT'S ON

**Theatre Festival**  
 0007 Theatre Fest 2017  
 Duration: 2017  
 Venue: TK Auditorium  
 Date: September 17-18  
 Time: 6pm

**Painting Exhibition**  
 Diversity of the Nation  
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka  
 Date: September 15-29  
 Time: 5pm-9pm

**Concert**  
 Sound Check  
 Organiser: Tender Music  
 Venue: KCB Hall 4  
 Date: September 22  
 Time: 8pm

**JAMES WARE AND THE SHIPING ARBOVIRUS**

**Theatre**  
 Play: Bala  
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, ESA  
 Date: September 16  
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Rajeeb (2-L) and Nadia Samdani (C) with Montblanc high-ups at the ceremony.

## "Ankhi O Tar Bondhu Ra" concludes filming

A CORRESPONDENT

Based on Mohammad Zafar Iqbal's novel, children's film "Ankhi O Tar Bondhu Ra", directed by Morshedul Islam, has recently finished its last phase of shooting, which was done near a hilly area near Bandarban's Shonkho river. With most of the post-production work also done, including editing and dubbing, now the film is going through the colour-correction phase.

The film will be submitted for the sensor certificate early next month, while they are hoping for its countrywide release by December, next year.

The titular role of Jahn Nawaar Huq Ishta, and other characters will be played by Ananya Shamael, Juariya Ahmed Proutasha, Ariyana Kabir, Shakil Ahmed, Anam Mahmud Ariyan, Abdus Shihab Apou, Syed Ashiquzzaman Romeo, Dhruvanti, and Navid Hasan Omi. Veteran actors Suborna Mustafa, Tariq Anam Khan, Al Mansur, along with SM Mohsin, Manman Hira, Munira Yousof Memi, Sushmita Sinha and others are also cast in the film.

Mahfuzur Rahman Khan has done the cinematography for the film, while the editing, sound and colour were done by Shujat Mahmud. The music was done by Swamy Zubaeyer.

A government grant-winning film, "Ankhi O Tar Bondhu Ra" is being produced by Monon Films and Impress Telefilm Limited.

This is the third film that Morshedul Islam is making based off of a novel by Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal. The first, "Deepu No.2" (1996) won the best child actor at the National Film Award. Then, in 2011, Morshedul Islam adapted Zafar Iqbal's novel "Amar Bondhu Rashid" into a film as well.

## PUTTING BANGLADESH ON THE GLOBAL ART MAP

Rajeeb and Nadia Samdani receive Montblanc Patronage Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajeeb and Nadia Samdani, masterminds behind the Dhaka Art Summit, became the first recipients of the prestigious Montblanc de la Culture Arts Patronage Award from the Middle East and South Asia region. The duo was handed the award in a ceremony held in Dubai, UAE on September 13, in recognition of their work with Dhaka Art Summit and contribution to the arts through the Samdani Art Foundation. The Montblanc de la Culture Arts Patronage Award was established in 1992 to recognise the work and contributions of modern day art patrons, and has in the past honoured personalities like Prince Charles, Japanese artist Yoko Ono, theatre director and playwright Robert Wilson, award-

winning musician, composer and record producer Quincy Jones, film producer and founder of the LUMA Foundation Maja Hoffmann, and Italian architect Renzo Piano. This is the first time, however, that the award was given in the South Asia and Middle East region. The evening was hosted by Montblanc Cultural Foundation chairman Sam Barakat and Till Feltrath, while the Samdanis received the award. This award also includes cash prize of 15000 Euro for the benefit of the art sector and the Samdanis are donating the prize money to the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy towards the development of Bangladesh local art scene. Talking to The Daily Star, Rajeeb Samdani said "We started this foundation only six years ago, with the target of putting Bangladesh on

the global art map. Art, culture and music is in our blood, it is in our system, and it is our area of strength to represent Bangladesh. And our agenda was to positively brand Bangladesh through art. We are thankful to the Cultural Affairs Ministry and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, because without their support and partnership we couldn't have done it. And this award is a big inspiration for us because it is one of the biggest award for art and culture patronage." The Samdanis are among 17 winners around the world selected by an international jury of art experts and practitioners brought together by the Montblanc Cultural Foundation. Candidates are evaluated on their history of personal commitment to the arts, and enabling wider access to cultural projects.



## 51,500 films missing from Indian National Film Archives

Films by Satyajit, Mrinal Sen and Kurosawa among masterpieces

As many as 51,500 film cans have gone missing from the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), which reports to have 1.3 lakh film reels in its vaults, according to claim in Indian Express.

A Pune-based private firm, Cameo Digital Systems Pvt Ltd, which was given the task of bar-coding all the reels in the possession of NFAI in 2012, found that 51,500 cans of film reels and over 9,200 prints "were not physically present" at the archives. Additionally, 4,922 cans containing 1,112 film titles, which are not listed in the NFAI's registers, were present in its vaults.

The "missing films list" includes a number of historically and culturally important films. The films include those made by Satyajit Ray - "Pather Panchali", its sequel "Aparajito", and "Charulata", Mehboob Khan's "Mother India", Raj Kapoor's "Mera Naam Joker" and "Awaara",



A still from Satyajit's classic film "Pathar Panchali", which is one of the many films missing from the archive.

Mrinal Sen "Bhuvan Shome", Guru Dutt's "Kaagaz ke Phool" and several other giants of Indian cinema, the report adds. And it's not just films made by Indian directors; several international films have also gone missing. These include works of Sergei Eisenstein ("Battleship Potemkin"), Vittorio De Sica ("Bicycle Thieves" aka "The Bicycle Thief"), Akira Kurosawa ("Seven Samurai"), Roman Polanski ("Knife in the Water" and "Andrzej Wajda ("Ashes and Diamonds"). National and international films from the silent era too are in the list.

Apart from films, footage from real historical events from pre-independence India have also disappeared. These include Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Paris, and the Indian National Congress's Karachi congress and US president Richard Nixon's address during his visit to India 1969.

Source: Hindustan Times

**GOHIN BALUCHOR** reveals first look poster  
 First song to release today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular TV director Badrul Anam Saud's first film "Gohin Baluchor" released its first look poster in the late hours of Thursday, setting the tone of the film. The first song from the film is also set to drop sometime today.

The poster puts halves of two young women on opposing corners morphed on a calm, idyllic river where a couple are seen lying on a dinghy boat. The main characters' portraits, in black and white, in small boxes.

The film's first song, "Bhalobashay Buk Bhashaiya", will be published on YouTube today. The song is written by Saud, composed and arranged by Emon Shaha and sung by Bappa

Majumder and Dinat Jahan Munni. The video will portray the romance between the lead couple.

About the song, Saud says, "The song is beautiful. Emon Shaha has done a wonderful job with it, and I wanted to make sure we could do it justice on screen as well. So far, all the feedback I have received from people who have watched it is all positive. I'm hoping it will appeal to the audience too."

With a folksy fusion feel to it, Emon's tutelage under maestro AR Rahman is evident in this piece, with the visuals shot against the backdrop of Barisal and Mawa.

"Gohin Baluchor" stars Suborna Mustafa, Raisul Islam Asad, Afroza Bani, Jity Ahsan, Shahadat Hossain, Runa Khan, Shormu Mala, MD Rasel and newcomers Neelanjana Neela, Tanvir and Moon. The film is set to be released on October 20.

## NEWS bytes

### Jim Carrey returning to TV

Comedy icon Jim Carrey will star in a new Showtime comedy series in his first regular television role since his days on the 1990's sketch show "In Living Color".

The half-hour series is titled "Kidding", in which Carrey will play Jeff, aka Mr. Pickles, an icon of children's television, who also anchors a multi-million dollar branding empire. But when his family begins to implode, Jeff finds no fairy tale or fable or puppet will guide him through this crisis, which advances faster than his means to cope.

The show further expanded Carrey's relationship with Showtime, as he currently executive produces the dramedy "100 Dying Up Here", which was recently renewed for a second season.

The project will also reunite Carrey with "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" director Michel Gondry, who will direct for "Kidding". Dave Holstein - a writer and producer on both Showtime's "Weeds" and "Tm'ing Up Here" - created the series, wrote



the pilot, and will serve as showrunner.

Carrey is one of the most popular comedic performers of all time, having starred in hits such as "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective", "The Mask", and "Bruce Almighty", as well as dramatic roles in "Man on the Moon", and "The Truman Show".

Source: Variety

## "John Wick: Chapter Three" gets release date



"John Wick: Chapter Three" officially has a release date.

Lionsgate will release Summit's third installment of the Keanu Reeves shooter franchise on May 17, 2019. It is the film series' first summer release. No plot details have yet been unveiled for the upcoming trilogy.

"John Wick: Chapter Three" is currently the only studio project with that release date. Earlier that month, Disney will unveil a new "Avengers" movie and Sony's TriStar will release its adaptation of "The Rosie Project", while Disney's "Aladdin" reimagining and Warner Bros' Minecraft will be released afterward.

Following the eponymous Wick, the R-rated action series stars Reeves as a no-holds-

barred ex-hitman who comes out of retirement to get retribution on gangsters who took away everything he loved. "John Wick: Chapter 2" found Wick fighting off bounty hunters seeking the large prize placed on his head.

Directed by David Leitch and Chad Stahelski, "John Wick" debuted in October 2014 and grossed \$88 million worldwide. The sequel, helmed by Stahelski, grossed \$171 million globally upon its release in February of this year.

Screenwriter Derek Kolstad, who wrote the first two films, will return to pen the third installment.

Source: Hollywood Reporter