

WHAT'S ON

Musical Soiree
 Artists: Pandit Sasamang Chatterjee
 Organizer: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre
 Venue: Bangladesh National Centre
 Date: September 23; Time: 6:30pm



Painting Exhibition
 University of the North
 Venue: Milana Farnese de Dhaka
 Date: September 15-19
 Time: 9pm-5pm



Performance
 Nani Noddhono (O'ra's SRF) Thing in Bangkok
 Organizer: Boinhihaku
 Venue: EMU Center
 Date: Sept 23; Time: 8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Chhaya of Existence
 Artist: Raza Asad Al Huda Anjuman
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD
 Date: Sep 22 Oct 6
 Time: 3-9pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Stones from Nature
 Artist: Shahnoor Mamon
 Venue: Gallery Kaya
 Date: Sep 22 Oct 1
 Time: 11am-5pm



Directed by: Tauquir Ahmed
 Produced by: H. M Ibrahim

HALDAA
 cinematography Enamul Haq | music Pritu Ghosh | editing Anil Dasgupta

HALDAA

coming in December

Tauquir's film releases first poster

FAHIM FERDOOS

The final quarter of 2017 is gearing up to be a good one for Bangladesh cinema. With the release of some five films in October alone – including high-profile ones like "Doob" and "Dhaka Attack" – filmmakers will have plenty to catch up on. And now, another highly-anticipated film has Ahmed's latest release this year.

Tauquir Ahmed's multi-starrer "Haldaa" just released its first poster online, with the director announcing that the film is set for a December release. The poster, which is designed by actor-artist Bipasha Haysat, morphs the image of a river (the film is set against the backdrop of the river Halda in Chittagong) with the lower half of a woman's (Nusrat Imrose Tisha who plays the female lead) face.

"We have been thinking of releasing the film near the end of the year, and have finally decided December to be the release month," Tauquir told The Daily Star. "We will slowly roll out the teaser, trailer and songs of the film over the next few months as part of our promotional campaign," he added. The film will go to the censor board early next month.

"Haldaa" has a powerhouse cast including Mosharraf Karim, the central roles. The supporting cast is equally strong, with names like Fazlur Rahman Babu, Momena Chowdhury, Shahed Ali and Runa Khan in the mix.

Adapted from a novel written by Azad Bulbul, Tauquir Ahmed has written the screenplay. The film went on floors last September and shot on the banks of river Halda and a zamindar manor in Goalandra, Rajbari.



Band Lalon enthralled a packed house at the event. PHOTO: SHAHREAR KABIR HEEMEL

Celebrating Life fest at CU

MD. ABRAS, CU

The "Celebrating Life" festival, jointly organised by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank was held at Chittagong University (CU) campus on Thursday.

CU Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof Iftekar Uddin Chowdhury inaugurated the daylong programme as chief guest while Social Science Faculty Dean Professor Farid Uddin Ahmed was present as special guest.

While addressing the programme, the CU VC thanked the organisers for arranging such an innovative programme saying it would help the students to develop their latent creative skills in the field of photography, film and lyrics writing, and urged them to enjoy their life through celebration.

As part of the programme, a photography exhibition was held at CU Social Science Faculty premises where a total of 21 photographs from different professional and amateur photographers were displayed.

The last attraction of the festival was the performance of popular Dhaka-based Band Lalon.

The band, famous for its fusion music with a touch of ethnicity and a dash of western influences, mesmerised the students of the university with their melodious tune.

More than three thousands music enthusiasts of the university thronged at the Social Science Faculty Auditorium and jam-packed it to enjoy the performance of the rock band, hours before the show even started.

The wait ended when Lalon came to the stage and started their performance with their famous song "Taal Tomal". They kept the audience captivated rendering "Somoy Gele", "Khepa", "Gurur Choror" and "Opaar".

The show wrapped up with their popular song "Wagol".

Star Showbiz and Anandadhara Editor and Festival Director of Celebrating Life, Raafi Hossain delivered the welcome speech while Bipat Das Chowdhury, Head of Corporate Affairs, Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh was also present among others at the cultural event.

Lalon academy begins journey in Natore

BULBUL AHMED, Natore

The Lalon academy of Natore began its journey on September 20, with a view to promote Lalon's ideology.

Deputy Commissioner of Natore and also the renowned Lalon singer, Shaheena Khatun laid down the foundation stone of Natore Lalon Academy at falafabad area of Natore Sadar upazila on Wednesday afternoon.

Lalon researcher D. Azadur Rahman, also the deputy director of local government (DDLC) in Natore, Sohorab Hossain, secretary of Lalon Academy and Natore Press Club president Falal Uddin were present, among others.

"Truth and living in the path of righteousness is the foundation of Lalon's ideology. The world will be a better place if people follow the ideology of Lalon," Shaheena Khatun said.

"Lalon's spirit made extraordinary views to find the human being as the human being outside religion and cases. I wish Lalon Academy's success," added Azadur Rahman.

Lalon devotee Shariful Islam said he has donated 39 decimals land for the academy. "I think Lalon's way is the only way to be a real human. I have donated to promote the ideology of Lalon," Sharif said.



Shaheena Khatun and others lay the foundation stone of the academy. PHOTO: STAR
 Shaheena Khatun, Sohrab Hossain and KM Harun rendered Lalon songs at the event.

"Golmaal Again" brings back the original gang, plus ghosts



The "Golmaal" team of director Rohit Shetty and actors Ajay Devgn, Shreyas Talpade, Kunal Kemmu, Arshad Warsi and Tusshar Kapoor are back again, with the "Golmaal Again" trailer that hit the web on Thursday night. The script, as always, is about a bunch of never-do-gooders who are in the jam for making a mistake. And making mistakes is what this team has honed to something of an expertise. But this time, it is not just a comedy; it has horror too. Apparently a 'soul' (played by Ashwini Kalsekar) with a propensity to enter the bodies of various characters is loose in the house.

Joining the "Golmaal" team this time are Parineeti Chopra, Tabu and many new faces. And that is what keeps this franchise fresh.

Talking about the film, Arshad (who plays Madhav) told PTI, "Had they (their roles) been boring I would have been fed up. Here ('Golmaal Again'), there's no space to feel like that. This time too we have new jokes and skits."

Before the trailer came out, Ajay took to social media to show new posters of the upcoming film. While one poster teased the entire cast, on the others the focus was on the original gang of boys and how they try to ward off their numerous mistakes in the film.

The film releases October 20, on Diwali.

Source: Hindustan Times

NEWS bytes

Hanks signs Swedish comedy remake

Tom Hanks is attached to star in "A Man Called Ove", a remake of the popular Swedish film directed by Hannes Holm. "A Man Called Ove" was nominated for two Academy Awards earlier this year and was the highest-grossing foreign language film in the United States in 2016. In addition, the film was awarded best comedy at the European Film Awards in 2016.

Fredrik Backman's debut novel became an international sensation



following its 2012 publication, hitting No. 1 on the New York Times Bestseller List and remaining on the list for a consecutive 77 weeks. It has been translated into 43 languages.

"A Man Called Ove" is one of the features included in SF Studios' strategy to produce English language films for the international market based on Nordic IP and/or with Nordic talent. First out is "Borg/McEnroe" which just had its world premiere at the opening film of Toronto Film Festival. It will be followed by the thriller "Horizon Line" and "I Am Victor".

Hanks can be seen next in Steven Spielberg's "The Post" as Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee.

Source: Variety

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