

WHAT'S ON

Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Hybridity by Eshita Mitra Tonny
 Venue: Kakakendra, 1/11 Iqbal Rd, Mohammadpur
 Date: Sep 23-Oct 14
 Time: 5pm-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Cryptic Monologue
 Artist: JAVED JALIL
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
 Date: October 2-15
 Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Ceramic Art Exhibition
 Artist: Akhtarun Nahar Ivy
 Venue: Nalini Kanta Bhattachali Gallery, Bangladesh National Museum
 Date: Oct 2-10; Time: 9:30am-5:30pm



Ganga-Jamuna Theatre & Cultural Fest
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Date: Oct 6-15
 Time: 7pm



Bangladesh Film Festival 2017
 Venue: National Art Gallery Plaza, BSA
 Date: Oct 6-21
 Time: 5pm onwards




"Dhaka Attack" soars to colossal Box Office opening

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Dipankar Dipon's big-budget cop thriller "Dhaka Attack" is living up to its hype and bringing audience in droves to cinemas. In the first two days of release, the film has sold tickets worth a whopping 7.34 crores, bringing its net worth to 1.76 crores within its first weekend. The film raked in over 4.5 crores in the opening day, and added 2.84 crores on Saturday amid signs of growing momentum.

About such stupendous sales, the director of the film, Dipankar Dipon said, "There wasn't any pre-release pressure on anyone about the film making a lot of money. The producers asked for a good film, and that is what we tried to deliver. We're all overjoyed that just in the first weekend we have made such great ticket sales."

"Compared to countries like India, perhaps our current gross sale is nothing. But when compared to other Bangladeshi films, we have made a new record."

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Owner of Madhumita -- one of the oldest cinemas of Dhaka, Md. Iftekher Uddin informed The Daily Star that the hall had three houseful shows on Friday. "The sales are usually this high only during Eid. But 'Dhaka Attack' brought life back to halls with a non-festival release."

"I have full faith in directors like Dipankar Dipon and Bulbul Biswas," he added. "If they keep making such cinemas, the industry will soon see a revival."

The audience review is also overwhelmingly positive on social media,

with rave reviews swarming Facebook groups of film buffs. Members of the entertainment industry are also backing the film with words of encouragement.

The cast and crew of "Dhaka Attack", who have been visiting the cinema halls of the capital as part of the promotional campaign, are also excited by its success. The film's lead actor Arifin Shuvo said "I am hearing praises and good news everywhere. We have even gone to different halls and spoken to the people. I want this hype to live on for another couple of weeks at least."

On the other hand, owner of Tiger Media and Ovi Kothachitra -- who are distributing the film in Bangladesh, Zahid Hasan Ovi told The Daily Star: "Balaka has made the highest ticket sales on the first day -- a total of 1.85 lakh taka. The second highest sales were made by Mymensingh's Chhayabani cinema hall."

"We have never seen such high sales other than in Eid releases," he added.

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NEWS bytes

"Bhuban Majhi" at two festivals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fakhrul Arefeen Khan's feature directorial debut "Bhuban Majhi" is continuing its strong critical response run, now being nominated for two international film festivals -- in South Africa and India.

The Liberation War-based film that was released earlier this year has been invited to screen at the Cape Town International Film Market & Festival in South Africa. The festival will take place from October 12-21 in Cape Town.

The other festival "Bhuban Majhi" has been invited to be the all Lights India International Film Festival, to be held December 1-4 at Ramoji Film



City in Hyderabad, the world's biggest film studio, under the flagship event -- 3rd Indywood Film Carnival. Noted Indian film director Shyam Benegal is the Film Director for the festival.

Starring Parambrata Chatterjee, Aparna Ghose, Maznun Mizan, Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed, Waqel Ahad and others in the central roles, the film connects Bangladesh's Liberation War of 1971 to 2013. The film released in Bangladesh on March 3 and received largely positive reviews. It has also screened in France, Australia, India, Canada and USA.

"Nabab" makes waves upon Middle East release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following its release earlier in the summer during Ramadan, Bangladesh-India joint venture film "Nabab" became a nationwide success. The Shakib Khan-starrer was later released in Kolkata amid popular acclaim as well, and is now widening its horizon, becoming the first Bangla film to be commercially released in cinemas in the Middle East. The film made its way to cinemas in Oman and UAE this Friday, and has seen house-full shows.

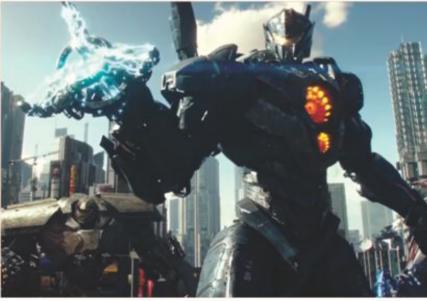
An elated Shakib Khan called The Daily Star with the news: "We have finally been able to attract the international market, and make Bangladesh proud," he said, "Bollywood has a big market in the Middle East, and as someone who has worked hard on 'Nabab', I am happy and excited that our national film industry marked its entry in this part of the world with our film."

However, the actor has no plans to slow down and bask in the glory of this new success. "We are currently working on a film with an even bigger budget, and I trust it will achieve similar goals," he added. "As an actor, my work is not just for the people of my land, but for all Bangladeshis living around the globe. It gives me immense joy to finally know that they will be able to venture out to the halls to watch Bangladeshi-made films as they would in their own country."

Produced by Jaaz Multimedia and Eskay Movies and directed by Joydeep Chatterjee, the film also stars Amit Hasan from Bangladesh, and Shubhasree, Rajatabha Dutta and Sabyasachi Chakrabarty from India in the central cast.



"Pacific Rim: Uprising" trailer brings back the apocalypse



To the delight of a rapt audience at New York Comic Con, the panel for "Pacific Rim: Uprising" premiered a new trailer for the follow-up to Guillermo del Toro's 2013 robots-versus-monsters movie.

On stage to introduce the trailer were star John Boyega and director Steven S DeKnight.

"I can tell you that the vision of this movie was to build upon and expand upon the universe," Boyega told the crowd. He plays Jake Pentecost, the son of Idris Elba's character from the original installment.

DeKnight, who showed up wearing full military uniform, joked, "I'm never taking this off. I'm going to just lounge around the house in this bad boy."

He said that, despite the Kaiju and giant Jaeger robots, it's still a story about humans.

That said, DeKnight introduced the new Jaegers glimpsed in the trailer, and "Uprising" continues the tradition of amazing names: Gypsy Avenger, Bracer Phoenix, Saber Athena, Titan Redeemer and Guardian Bravo. These five Jaegers are part of a new international group prepared to defend humanity if needs be.

Those aren't the only Jaegers in the movie, however; "As a little twist, there's a little Jaeger called Scrapper that you'll get a peek at [in the trailer]," DeKnight revealed.

During the panel's question and answer session, Boyega -- who also acts as executive producer for "Uprising" -- reassured fans of the original movie that building the franchise out for newcomers won't step on the toes of the first. "This is sacred ground," he acknowledged. "Moving forward, we can't ignore what del Toro did. We got all your backs, don't worry."

"Pacific Rim: Uprising" will be released March 23, 2018.

Source: THR

An extravaganza of art

7th Oriental Painting Exhibit opens today

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Oriental Painting Study Group (OPSG) in association with The Daily Star has organised a six-day (October 9-14) 7th Oriental Painting Exhibition 2017 at Zainul Gallery-1, Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka (DU). Professor Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor of DU, will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest. Eminent artist Rafiqun Nabi, noted poet Nirmalendu Goon, renowned sculptor Ferdousi Priyabhashini, Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean, FFA, DU and noted Indian artist Swapan Das will grace the opening ceremony as special guests. Dr. Malay Bala, curator of OPSG, will deliver welcome address at the event.

The exhibition will showcase diverse-themed oriental paintings by 26 master and contemporary Indian artists along with artworks by 25 renowned and promising Bangladeshi artists. Some of the artists whose works are on display include Benode Behari



Mukherjee, Biren De, Devi Prasad Roy Chowdhury, Gopal Ghose, Indra Dugar, Kshitindranath Majumdar and Maniklal Banerjee from India; and Shawkatuzzaman, Abdus Satter, Tajul Islam, Rofique Ahmed, Jean Nesar Osman, Malay Bala, Sushanta Kumar Adhikary, Zahid Mustafa, Kantideb Adhikary and others from Bangladesh.

"We, by birth, inherit the aesthetic sense and thoughts revolving around the oriental way of life. The artworks, displayed at the exhibition, are reflective of that sense and thoughts with regard to their media, techniques and subjects," said Malay Bala, the curator, OPSG and an Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Oriental Art, University of Dhaka.

The exhibition will remain open for all from 11am to 8pm daily until 14 October.

Oriental Painting Study Group (OPSG) started its journey through holding a group art exhibition in 2009. The group also runs a studio called "Oriental Painting Studio" in Dhaka.

TV WATCH

"Jolrong" on ntv tonight

A CORRESPONDENT

TV series "Jolrong" airs tonight on ntv, at 9:45pm. Based on an original story by Amzad Hossain, Sohel Arman has adapted the screenplay and directed it. The play casts Amzad Hossain, Laila Hasan, Anisur Rahman Milon, Sadia Jahan Prova, Shatabdi Wadud, Runa Khan, Shyamol Mowla, Sumaiya Shimu, Safa Kabir, Nayem and others.

The series revolves around the family of Momen Ali, who lives with his wife and three children, and their tenants and neighbors. Various complications of relationships and struggles of the middle-class takes the story forward.



Recitation organisation Konthoshilon held the first staging of their new production "Konko o Leela" at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium at the capital's Public Library on October 6. The recitation-based production has been directed by Liton Baruri.

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7. Shaon Dey, Malibag
8. Syed Parvez Mohsin, Asad Avenue
9. Uzzal Hossain, Katabon
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