

WHAT'S ON

Photo Exhibition
Shorinagoto
Organiser: Prothom Alo
Venue: Gallery 5, National Art Gallery, BSA
Date: November 17-24
Time: 11am-8pm




Group Print Exhibition
Title: Nature Quest
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, H-115, L-6, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: Nov 10-30
Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Painting exhibition
Title: Memories Beyond Time
Artist: Syed Jahangir
Venue: Abinta Gallery of fine arts
Date: Nov 11-Dec 01
Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Jungle of Humanity by Mahub Zamil Shamim
Venue: Gallery-2, (2nd floor), National Art Gallery, BSA
Date: Nov 10-24
Time: 11am-8pm



Group Art Exhibition
Joloj - 3
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: November 17-28
Time: 3pm-8pm



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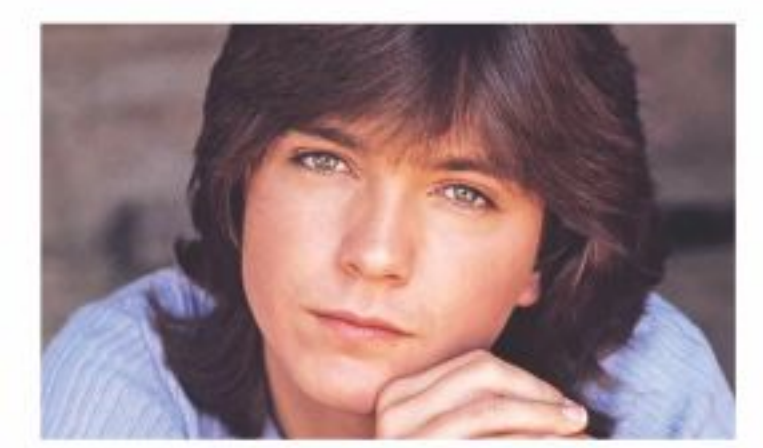
'70s teen idol David Cassidy dies

David Cassidy, the '70s teen heart-throb best known for his role on the 1970s musical series "The Partridge Family", died on Tuesday at age 67 following a recent hospitalisation for multiple organ failure.

The actor and singer rose to fame on the light family drama that also made stars out of Danny Bonaduce and Susan Dey, then parlayed his popularity into a career as a teen idol and successful, if short-lived, recording artiste. The Hollywood Reporter confirmed his passing, but his cause of death has not yet been revealed.

Bruce David Cassidy was born on April 12, 1950, in New York City into a show business family.

Following his parent's footsteps, a



young Cassidy began his career with a number of popular TV series, including "Ironside", "Adam-12" and "Bonanza". But it was his iconic role as Keith Partridge that rocketed Cassidy to stardom when the show hit screens in 1970. The show centered around a singing family act from California.

The singer went on to release 10 Partridge albums and five solo efforts while touring to sold-out crowds through the mid-1970s. The singer turned to theatre in the 1980s and continued throughout the 2000s.

Source: Variety



A scene from "Tarangabhango".

Chittagong's Tirjak organises Theatre Fest in Dhaka

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

To commemorate its 44-year history, Tirjak Natyadal, a noted theatre troupe of Chittagong recently organised the Tirjak Natyamela 2017 at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) in Dhaka from November 17-19.

The three-day festival featured performances to reflect the theatre troupe's 40 years' history on the stage with music, recitation, dance, pantomime and local folk songs.

Renowned theatre personalities Aly Zaker and Ramendu Majumder inaugu-

rated the festival and a commemorative exhibition respectively.

Golam Kuddus, president of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, and Akhtaruzzaman, secretary general of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, were present at the inaugural session chaired by director general of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Liaquat Ali Lucky.

Three plays were staged at the festival. On Friday evening, the group staged "Bishorjon" by Rabindranath Tagore. On Saturday evening, renowned Greek tragedy "Oedipus" by Sophocles was staged, while on Sunday the troupe staged Syed Waliullah's

"Tarangabhango". All three plays were directed by Ahmed Iqbal Haider, who also spearheads the troupe.

On Saturday, acclaimed theatre personalities Mamunur Rashid and Nasiruddin Yusuf presented papers for a discussion. Aatur Rahman, Israfil Shaheen, Mannan Hira, Jhuna Chowdhury and Golam Sarwar attended in the discussion, among others.

Minister for Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor was present in the concluding ceremony on Sunday as chief guest, along with renowned theatre personalities Ferdousi Rahman and Aatur Rahman.

Moushumi-Omar Sani pair up for "Nolok"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Famed Dhallywood couple Omar Sani and Moushumi paired up for the first time in "Dola", released in 1993. Their on-screen chemistry was well received by audiences, and "Dola" went onto become a big hit in Bangladesh. The couple made numerous appearances in subsequent film ventures, and this time they are playing opposite each other in a new film titled "Nolok".

Helmed by Rashed Raha, the film also stars Shakib Khan and Bobby.

The mahurat ceremony announcing the news of the film was held in a restaurant at Dhaka yesterday. Commerce Minister Tofayel Ahmed unveiled the film's logo at the event, and the film is expected to begin shooting in India's Hyderabad next month.

"Moushumi and I accept roles if the script appeals to us, and in this case 'Nolok' truly delivers," said Omar Sani, who also added that he plays a vital role in the film.

"The script is definitely different from everything we have done so far, and I know the audience will find the film beyond their expectations," added Moushumi.

Omar Sani and Moushumi were seen last on the big screen in "Ami Neta Hobo." The duo also made an appearance in a tele-film released during Eid this year.



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Suman Chowdhury (L) and Nasima Shaheen (C) perform at the soiree.

Lakshyapar's late autumn session held

A CORRESPONDENT

Lakshyapar has crossed the penultimate milestone of the year by holding their late autumn session of classical music. Ahead of the 9th annual conference to be held during the upcoming winter, the organisation arranged a lecture demonstration-based soiree of classical and semi-classical music. The topic was Kazi Nazrul Islam's application of ragas

and forms in his compositions. It was jointly presented by three prominent artists of Nazrul Sangeet: Suman Chowdhury, Manas Kumar Das and Nasima Shaheen.

Conceived as the first of a series of demonstrations to come in future, the first one took up four evening ragas to show how the National Poet captured them for his classical, semi-classical and modern songs. All the three artists were

overwhelmed to have an audience of about 200 people who enjoyed the presentation from the beginning to the end. Sudhijan Pathagar, a privately managed library since 1964 hosted the programme for the 5th year at a stretch. Lakshyapar coordinator Asit Kumar thanked the host, the artistes and the audience before he announced that their 9th annual conference will be held on January 11 next year.

Harley Quinn is getting her own TV series

After an appearance in David Ayer's "Suicide Squad" last year, DC fan favorite Harley Quinn will be returning to her roots, in her own 26-episode animated series.

The currently-untitled show will be featured exclusively on the digital streaming service DC is launching next year. That makes it the third series announced thus far, alongside the live-action show "Titans", and the animated "Young Justice: Outsiders". The series will be headed by Justin Halpern, Patrick Schumacker, and Dean Lorey, who previously collaborated on DC's superhero comedy "Powerless".

The new Harley Quinn series will be loosely inspired by the current comics, where the character has cut ties with the Joker and is roughing it in Gotham City alongside her best friend Poison Ivy and other familiar DC characters, reports The Verge. Over the last four years, Jimmy Palmiotti and Amanda Conner have given Quinn a more independent vibe in the comics, far from the character's origins as the Joker's sidekick in "Batman: The Animated Series".

According to Deadline, executives hope to bring in Margot Robbie, who played Quinn in "Suicide Squad", to voice the character in the new series. It's all part of a full-court press to take advantage of the character's popularity as much as possible. Along with the new animated series, there is also an upcoming animated Batman & Harley Quinn movie and a live-action film that will detail the Joker and Quinn's love affair.

Source: The Verge



Salman-Katrina "Tiger Zinda Hai" releases first song

Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif-starrer "Tiger Zinda Hai" released its first song "Swag Se Swagat" on Tuesday, a thumping dance number with strong hip-hop flavours filmed at gorgeous locations in Greece.

The song has 100 dancers including ballerinas, hip-hop and Afro-dance hall performers from Greece, France, Trinidad and Tobago, among other countries, reports Hindustan Times.

Salman Khan opens with video with a rap verse, complete with glares and a hoodie. Vishal Dadlani and Neha Bhasin bring in a contemporary voice to the track as Katrina and Salman continue to dance with an army of backup dancers by their side.

The "Tiger Zinda Hai" trailer was released last week, and has already broken records. Salman and Katrina, who are reprising their roles as a RAW official and a Pakistani secret agent respectively from "Ek tha Tiger", will be

shown rescuing the nurses.

"Tiger Zinda Hai" is Salman and Ali Abbas Zafar's second collaboration. They earlier worked in 2016's "Sultan" and are slated to start shoot for another film, "Bharat", set to release in 2018.

Tiger Zinda Hai is scheduled to hit the screens on December 22.

Source: Hindustan Times



"Bondhu Bote" on Rtv tonight

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama series "Bondhu Bote" airs tonight on Rtv at 10pm. Written and directed by Aronno Anwar, it casts Tariq Anam Khan, Shyamol Mawla, Shahadat Hossain, Tareen, Sadia Jahan Prova, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Monira Mithu, Tania Hossain, Arfan Ahmed and others.

The story of the series revolves around two strange characters. They call each other friends, and are on a mission to find a man named Akku. They go to Cox's Bazar on their quest, and ask the manager of a hotel where Akku, the owner of the hotel is. After they create a ruckus they are taken to the police station, and the story escalates from there.

"Bondhu Bote" airs every Wednesday through Thursday at 10pm.