



NEWS bytes

Eminem's "Revival" gets release date

As promoted via an elaborate joke advertising campaign for a fake prescription drug, "Revival" is actually the name of the new Eminem album, which will be released on December 15, according to another joke video posted on Dr. Dre's Instagram, reports Variety.

The album, which the rapper has teased for several months, is his first since 2013's "Marshall Mathers LP 2". He dropped a single called "Walk on Water" — featuring Beyoncé — on November 10 and per-



formed the song, along with a medley of older hits, with co-writer Skylar Grey on "Saturday Night Live" November 18, and on the MTV Europe Music Awards on November 12.

While "Water" is a downbeat, self-lacerating musing on what he apparently feels is his inability to live up to his audience's expectations, some fans were more encouraged by "The Storm", an a capella freestyle that premiered during the BET Hip-Hop Awards that eviscerated President Trump in classic Eminem fashion.

Source: Variety

Speakers at the press conference.

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SAARC Traditional Dance Festival and Handicrafts Exhibit begins today at BSA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A four day SAARC Traditional Dance Festival, Handicrafts Exhibit and Workshop begins today at the Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy (BSA), featuring dance forms and handicrafts from Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives.

BSA is organising the festival with support from the Cultural Affairs Ministry and SAARC Cultural Centre, the opening ceremony will be held at 5:30pm today at the Nandan Mancha. The closing ceremony will take place at the main auditorium of the National Theatre Hall.

The disclosures were made at the BSA seminar hall yesterday, where SAARC Cultural Centre Director Wasante Kotuwella, Deputy Director Kishani Jayasinghe Wijayasekara and others were present. BSA Director General Liaquat Ali Lucky chaired the session.

Bangladesh's traditional 'lathi khela' will take place at the open space of BSA on November 30 and December 1. On December 1 and 2, National Theatre Hall will be the venue for traditional dance performances by artistes from Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka. The SAARC handicrafts

exhibit will be held at the National Art Gallery Plaza from 11am-8pm, where artisans from Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will display their crafts.

Two separate workshops will also be held as part of the event. The handicrafts workshop will take place from 10am-5pm on December 1-2 at Gallery 4 of the National Art Gallery, while the dance workshop will take place at the National Theatre Hall Seminar Room. Artist Kamruzzaman Shadhin will conduct the handicrafts workshop, while noted dancer Tannamra Rahman will be the chief coordinator of the dance workshop.

A CORRESPONDENT

Today's the day! Tauquir Ahmed and Nusrat Imrose Tisha — director and lead actress in upcoming film "Haldaa", are coming on a Facebook Live session today at The Daily Star, as part of the monthly interactive live show Ask Me Anything.

The duo will interact with subscribers of The Daily Star's Facebook page from 4pm, talk about their film and respond to your questions via comments.

After spending much of the year basking in the success of his acclaimed directorial venture "Oggatona", Tauquir Ahmed is and looking to deliver a sensitive story with "Haldaa". The film is set to hit theatres nationwide on December 1, and includes popular actor Tisha in a central role, who most recently appeared in the much-talked-about "Doob".

Any subscriber to The Daily Star's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) can join the Facebook Live session, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Tauquir Ahmed and Tisha for one full hour.



GRAMMYS 2018

Jay-Z, Kendrick Lamar leads nominations in hip-hop-heavy list

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The 2018 Grammy nominations were announced Tuesday night Bangladesh time, with Jay-Z and Kendrick Lamar scoring big and a number of snubs that left the music industry and fans scratching their heads.

Andra Day revealed the Big four categories -- best new artist, record of the year, song of the year, and album of the year -- live on CBS This Morning on Tuesday morning US time, and shortly after, the Recording Academy announced the nominees in all categories.

Jay-Z's eight nods include Record of the Year ("The Story of O.J."), Album of the Year ("4:44") and Song of the Year ("4:44"), as well as Best Rap Performance, Best Rap/Sung Performance, Best Rap Song, Best Rap Album and Producer and Best Music Video. Kendrick Lamar received seven nominations, for his album "DAMN" and the song "Humble". Bruno Mars continued the hip-hop/R&B domination with six nods.

Meanwhile, Ed Sheeran -- who many expected to be a heavyweight at this year's nominations with his comeback album "+" -- received only two nominations, both in the pop categories.

Taylor Swift, who released two singles from her latest album "Reputation" within the eligibility period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, neither received a nomination; Taylor, however, got two nominations as songwriter.

With a total of 84 categories in nominations in 29 fields, The Grammys is one of the most elaborate award programmes, with surprises and snubs each year creating debate among fans and

experts. Two of the biggest of the year are Childish Gambino's (the stage name for "Atlanta" actor Donald Glover) "Awaken, My Love!" album raking in five nominations -- the biggest for an indie since Arcade Fire's "Suburbs" in 2011. Meanwhile, One Direction alum Harry Styles' debut self-titled album which received largely positive reviews for its fusing of contemporary and vintage rock/pop sounds -- as well as formidable popularity with songs such as "Sign of the Times" and "Two Ghosts" -- was completely shut out from the nods, as was his former bandmate Zayn Malik with his third album "Mind of Mine". Other major snubs include Lady Gaga's album "Joanne" only receiving two nominations, and Calvin Harris' highly-acclaimed "Funk Wav Bounces, Vol. 1" getting him the sole nomination for Producer of the Year.

Childish Gambino's "Redbone", the viral sensation "Despacito" by Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber, "The Story Of O.J." by Jay-Z, Lamar's "Humble" and "24K Magic" by Bruno Mars will battle it out for the Record Of The Year at the ceremony held at the Madison Square Garden in New York City on January 28.

The Album of the Year category sees Gambino, Jay-Z, Kendrick Lamar and Bruno joined by Lorde, for her album "Melodrama" -- showing this year's skew in the major categories towards hip-hop; the entire country music genre was left out of this year's Big 4 categories.

The last of the Big 4 -- the Best New Artist category, saw nominations for Alessia Cara, Khalid, Lil Uzi Vert, Julia Michaels and SZA.

Graphic art exhibition concludes in port city

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

A seven-day graphic art exhibition participated by artists from Bangladesh and India drew in visitors at the Artist Rashid Chowdhury Art Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts of Chittagong University (CU) over the past week.

CU vice chancellor Prof. Dr Iftekher Uddin Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibition titled "The Bridge", jointly organised by the Printmaking Department of Chittagong University's Institute of Fine Arts and Graphic Arts Department of Visva Bharati University in Shantiniketan, India last Wednesday.

Fifty three teachers and students from both universities participated in the exhibition. Of them, eight teachers were from Visva Bharati University and four from CU. Sixteen students from Visva Bharati participated in the exhibition while the rest were from CU. The artworks por-

trayed diverse aspects of nature, human attitudes and relationship, animals and birds and so on.

"Nightmare in Nature", was one of the titles of the artworks by M Thomas Singh, an Assistant Professor of Graphic Arts Department of Visva Bharati University while the title of artwork of Ajit Shil, an Assistant Professor of Visva Bharati, was "Photographer".

Meanwhile, another exhibition was held at the first floor by two students of Visva Bharati Graphic Art Department. Janhavi Khemka, a student of Master's and Debangan Paul, a student of fourth year hon-

ours, participated in the exhibition under an exchange programme between the two universities.

Janhavi said it was her first exhibition in Chittagong and she felt very happy at the response from viewers. Jasim Uddin, Associate Professor of Printmaking of CU Fine Arts Institute, said the joint exhibition was organised to exchange perspectives on art.

"The joint exhibition was organised to exchange the knowledge. We will organise more such exhibitions in the future," said Jasim Uddin, associate professor Printmaking of CU Fine Arts Institute.



The exhibition saw a steady stream of visitors.

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