

WHAT'S ON
Group Painting Exhibition
 Title: Musings in Watercolor
 Venue: Edge Galleries, Gulshan-2
 Date: Nov 26-Dec 15
 Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: The Uncaged
 Artist: Zahangir Alam
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD, 26, Mirpur Road
 Date: Dec 1-15
 Time: Mon-Thurs (3-9pm), Fri-Sat (9am-12noon & 5-8pm)



Unplugged Concert
 Poriborton er Gaan
 Organiser: Change is You
 Venue: TSC, Dhaka University
 Date: Dec 5
 Time: 4:30pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Mystery of Innocence
 Artist: Khandkar Nasir Ahammed
 Venue: Gallery Chittrak, Rd-6, H-4, Dhamondi
 Date: Nov 24-Dec 8
 Time: 10am-8pm



Classical Guitar Concert
 Flaming Acoustics
 Organiser: AFD
 Venue: Auditorium Nouvelle Vague, AFD
 Date: Dec 9
 Time: 5:30pm




SAARC countries show off their culture

Four-day festival ends

A CORRESPONDENT
 The hurly-burly metropolis of Dhaka experienced a weekend of heart-warming cross-cultural exchange at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). Kicking off with enthusiasm on November 30, the SAARC Festival of Traditional Dance and Handicrafts wrapped up on December 3, bringing together a series of captivating dance performances and the best of handicrafts from host Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Maldives.

Before the festival bade adieu to the Dhaka audience after enthralling them over the week-end, performers from Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Bhutan gave a taste of their consummate skills and a couple of fusion numbers combining the cultural heritage of each of the

with an exhibition of handicrafts from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives, and a mesmerizing display of traditional dance. Dance troupe of Ranjit Kumar Gogoi from India mesmerized the audience with their display of traditional dance. The other art-

A delegation of performers led by Kunzang Thienly and participated by musician Pema Samdrup, singer Sangay Wangmo, Tandin, Sherab Tharchen and Kinzang Gyeltshen displayed the best from Bhutan. Sri Lankan Artistes Kariyawasam Madakakada Gamage Jayantha, Palaweni Arachchige Dilshan Kanisha Perera, Wirasingha Musiyanselage Danishka Chathil, Kahawela Mudiyansele Wsantha Madhuranga, Muthugal Pedige Thushan Lakshitha Rajathissa, Konage Korallalage Lahiru Sawan Chanuka Bandara, and Migel Perera Matharn Mahawidhanage Sajitha brought their traditional dance and folk instruments which blended quite well with khol, kasha, dhaak, and flute from Bangladesh and India.



Artistes from SAARC countries present a group dance (top) and dhol performance on the closing day.

participating countries. The festival also stood as a protest against militancy, religious extremism and negativity existing in the society. During the festival, BSA hosted two workshops, spanning two days, on traditional dance and handicrafts respectively along

with an exhibition of handicrafts from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives, and a mesmerizing display of traditional dance. The other art-

A group of artists including Mohamed Hassan Fahmy, Ibrahim Hamaadhu, Ali Fahumee, Ahmed Ayaaz, Visaam Mohamed, and Adam Farushan brought love from Maldives. BSA organised the festival with support from the Cultural Affairs Ministry of Bangladesh and SAARC Cultural Centre with a view to bring the best of handicrafts and traditional dance under one platform.

Syed Jahangir's "Memories Beyond Time" extended

A CORRESPONDENT
 Veteran painter Syed Jahangir's solo art exhibition titled "Memory Beyond Time" opened in the capital's Abinta Gallery of Fine Arts on November 11, and has been extended till December 7. Finance Minister AMA Muhith inaugurated the exhibition. Syed Jahangir, a fine art student from the Institute of Fine Arts (presently Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka), started his career as a professional artist in 1955 and continued to work freelance up to the end of 1977 when he took up a job at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy as Director, Department of Fine Arts. During

these 22 years as a professional artist, Jahangir has been prolific in producing water colours, oils, acrylics and drawing. He has participated in more than 100 national and international group and 41 solo exhibitions. Art connoisseurs of the world have so far collected more than 9,000 of his works individually and through institutions. Jahangir is a recipient of the Ekushey Padak (1985) and Sultan Gold Medal (2005) and many other coveted awards in his artistic career. Since his retirement from Shilpakala Academy he has gone back to his private studio to resume painting and has regularly been producing works bearing the stamp of innovation versatility and striking originality.



The artist with distinguished guests at the inauguration.

TV WATCH

Liberation War-based series "Bijoy" on ATN Bangla



A CORRESPONDENT
 "Bijoy", a special TV series capturing the spirit of the Liberation War will air tonight at 11pm on ATN Bangla. Written and directed by Sayeed Tareq, it casts Mahmud Sajjad, Khairul Bashar, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Shahriar Nazim Joy, Chandni, Jyotika Jyoti, Tania Hossain, Ahsan Habib Nasim, Shams Suman, Sushama Sarkar and others. Bijoy is the story of a Freedom Fighter who was captured and tortured by the Pakistani Army during the Liberation War and lost his memory. He regains his memory in an accident thirty years later, but his homeland has changed a great deal in that time.



A scene from the jatra-pala. PHOTO: STAR

Jatra festival concludes at JKKNIU

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh
 A two-day jatra festival at Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) in Trishal of Mymensingh concluded on Monday. The jatra pala "Shahjahan", written by DL Roy and directed by Mazharul Islam Tokder, a teacher of Theatre and Performance Studies Department of JKKNIU, drew a huge audience at the venue.

The festival was the first of its kind on the campus, said sources. Mazharul Islam Tokder, the director of the pala said, he planned and firmed up the jatra pala over the last two months. On a rueful note he added that this once popular form of entertainment was on the wane because it had been pushed aside by contemporary forms of entertainment. Earlier, a discussion was held marking the inaugural session. The university vice-chancellor Professor AHM Mustafizur Rahman; its registrar Dr Md Humayun Kabir, university teachers association secretary Md Shafiqul Islam spoke on the occasion Sunday evening, among others. Hailing the initiative by the department, the speakers said without nurturing traditional art forms, nations cannot hold on to their traditional culture and heritage. Students of the department will benefit from such events and they will also get exposure to the nearly extinct cultural heritage of the country, they said.

"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" releases new teaser

The first full length trailer for Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom won't be coming until later this week, but fans were given a brand new preview of the blockbuster Monday. To date, the only footage seen from director JA Bayona's "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" featured Chris Pratt's Owen Grady scratching the chin of a tiny dinosaur, but this 15 second bit features a very different tone: it looks like the sequel will see the lead cast (Owen Grady and Bryce Dallas Howard's Claire Dearing) facing down a threat much, much bigger and more

dangerous than any single creature inhabiting the island: an erupting volcano. And of course all of the human characters still have to worry about being eaten by dinosaurs as well. That threat clearly is not going away. Coming on the heels of Colin Trevorrow's "Jurassic World" - which brought in a staggering \$1.6 billion at the global box office when it was released back in 2015 - the new prehistoric-styled blockbuster has been kept a total mystery up until now, but things will soon change in that department, reports Cinemablend.

In addition to Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard, "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" sports an impressive ensemble that also includes returning franchise stars Jeff Goldblum (as Ian Malcolm) and BD Wong (as Dr. Henry Wu). New faces include James Cromwell, Toby Jones, Ted Levine, Rafe Spall and Geraldine Chaplin, though it's not clear yet what roles each of them will be playing in the blockbuster. "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" will be in theatres June 22, 2018. Source: Cinemablend



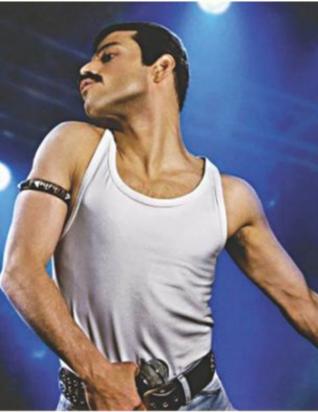
Madhuri excited to team up with Anil Kapoor after 17 years



The hit Bollywood onscreen couple of Madhuri Dixit and Anil Kapoor is set to reteam for a film after a gap of 17 years, for Inder Kumar's "Total Dhamaal". "I will be working with Anil ji after 17 odd years. I am really looking forward to it. It is a comedy, an entertaining film," Madhuri said. The third installment in the "Dhamaal" series, the film will reportedly also star Ajay Devgn, Riteish Deshmukh, Arshad Warsi and Jaaved Jaaferi. Madhuri was speaking on the side-

lines of Star Screen Awards on Sunday. Last seen together in the 2000 film "Pukar", Madhuri and Anil have given several hits films like "Beta", "Parinda", "Tezaab" and "Ram Lakhan" among others. Madhuri left Mumbai after her marriage to Shriram Nene and moved to Denver, US, where she lived for 12 years. The actor returned to India in 2011, along with her husband and sons. Source: TOI

NEWSbytes



Queen biopic production halted

Fox has halted production on the studio's Queen biopic, "Bohemian Rhapsody", due to the "unexpected unavailability" of director Bryan Singer. Rami Malek is starring as the legendary frontman Freddie Mercury in the movie that had been filming in London. Sources told The Hollywood Reporter that Singer failed to return to set after the Thanksgiving holiday break, leaving producers nervous about the state of the production and talking about potentially replacing him. In a statement to the BBC, a rep for the director says his absence is due to "a personal health matter concerning Bryan and his family." However, sources say that filming on the biopic has not been easy; producers and his star had apparently grown tired of Singer's behavior, which saw him routinely show up late to set. Another source has said that a cinematographer had to step in and direct during a previous "non-showing." This is not first time that Singer has disappeared during a production. He momentarily vanished during the shooting of "X-Men: Apocalypse" and during "Superman Returns". "Bohemian Rhapsody" is set to hit theaters next Christmas. Source: Billboard