

WHAT'S ON

Amar Ekushey Book Fair
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan & Bangla Academy Premises
Date: Feb 1-28
Time: 3-9pm (Sun-Thurs), 11am-9pm (Fri-Sat)

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Antorjatra
Artist: Karu Titas
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
Date: Feb 16- Mar 2; Time: 3-8pm

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Bondhu
Venue: EMK Center, Plot-5, Rd-16, Dhanmondi
Date: Feb 10-22
Time: 9:30am-8pm

Subtext
Organiser: Bengal Foundation Arts
Programme
Venue: Gyantapas Abur Razzak Bidyapeeth
Date: Feb 4-24
Time: 11am-7pm

Solo Painting and Craft Exhibition
Title: Beautiful Anger
Artist: Rubina Akhter
Venue: Gallery Twenty One
Date: Feb 7-23; Time: 12pm-8pm

Jio Filmfare Awards

Jaya wins Best Actress Award!

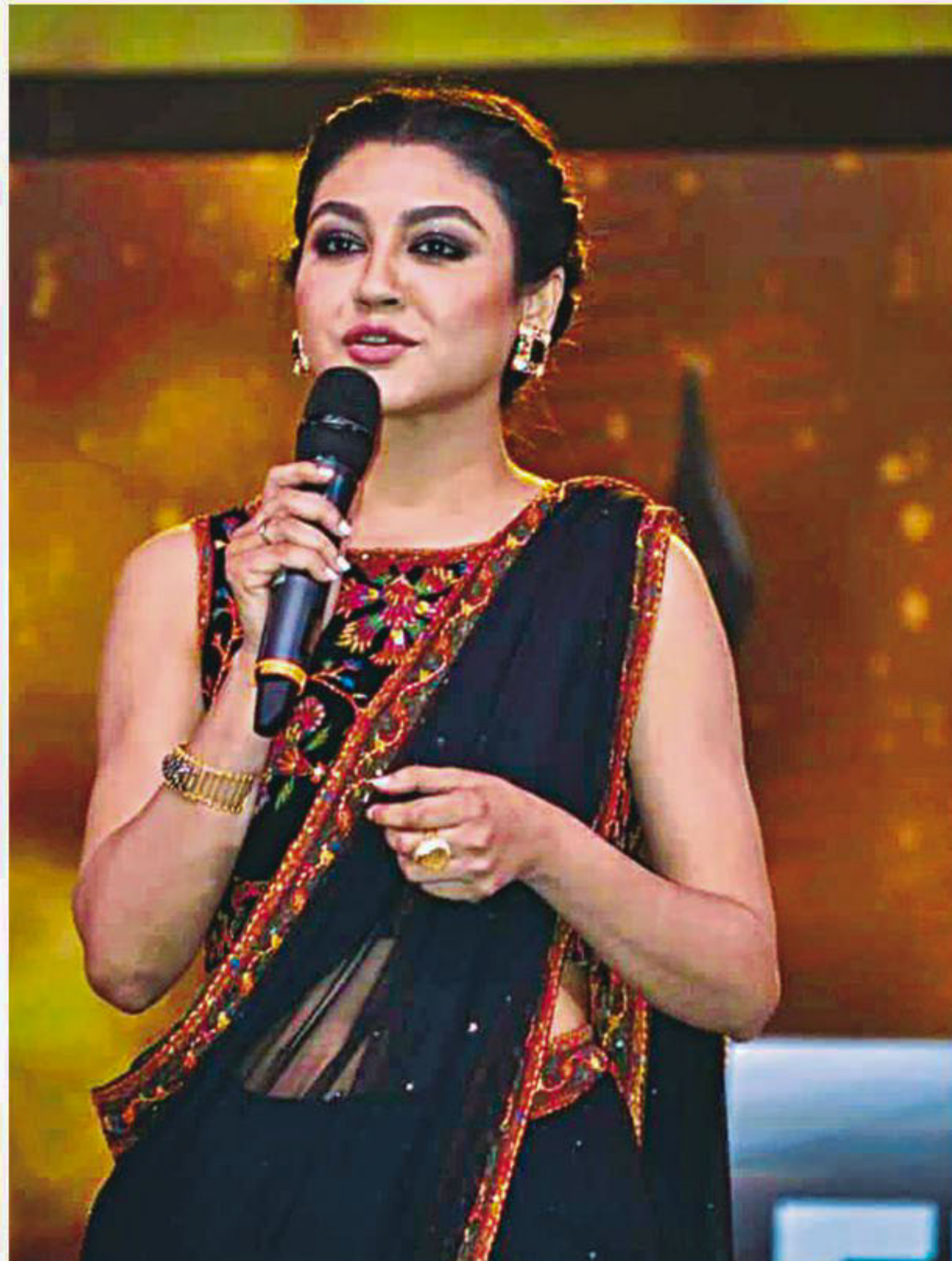
SUBRATA ACHARYA, Kolkata

At the third edition of the Jio Filmfare Awards (East) Bangladesh's Jaya Ahsan bagged the award of Best Actress in the "popular" category for her stellar performance in the Indo-Bangla joint venture movie "Bishorjan". She received the award from veteran director Sujoy Ghosh on Saturday in Kolkata's Science City Auditorium.

The programme came alive with brilliant hosting by Parambrata Chattopadhyay and Abeer Chatterjee.

Prosenjit Chatterjee won the award for the Best Actor in a Leading Role for "Mayurakshi", while "Bishorjan" was declared the Best Film. Ishaa Saha won the award for the Best Actress (Critics). Director Kaushik Ganguly received the award for both Best Director and Best Original Story respectively.

Jaya had previously been nominated for her performances in "Aborto" and "Eagle'r Chokh". Sharmin Sultana Sumi and Pavel Arin from Bangladesh's premiere band Chirkutt had also been nominated for the categories of Best Playback Singer, Best Lyrics and Best Background Score respectively for their incredible work in Mostofa Sarwar Farooki's "Doob". In this edition of the Jio Filmfare Awards (East), about 100 films were nominated in 25 categories. There were 10 awards for the popular choice category alongside ones from the critics and miscellaneous segments. The programme ended with a dazzling cultural evening with performances from Bengal's finest.



Fahmida Nabi's album launched at Bengal Boi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular singer Fahmida Nabi's latest music album "Bhul Kore Bhalobeshchhi", produced by Bengal Foundation, was launched at Bengal Boi premises in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Unveiling the album, renowned singer Subir Nandi said, "Fahmida has a distinctive voice that has won the hearts of audiences."

In the second half of the programme, Fahmida Nabi performed songs from the album. She started off with the song "Ke Tumi". She later rendered the song "Bishonnota", composed by Lucky Akhand along with several other songs like "Bhul Kore Bhalobeshchhi", "Joto Katha" and "Bhalobasha More Gelo" from the album. The singer also performed her popular songs from other albums. Luva Nahid Choudhury, DG, Bengal Foundation, hosted the programme.

Fahmida Nabi, daughter of the legendary singer Mahmudun Nabi, was passionate about music from her early childhood and took lessons on music from her father.

Fahmida Nabi started off her musical journey in 1978 and has been dominating the music arena over the last three and a half decades. "Tumi Tulonahina" is her first music album. In 2006, she released her first duet album "Ek Mutho Gaan-1" with popular singer-musician Bappa Mazumder. They later released the sequel of the album "Ek Mutho Gaan-2" on Valentine's Day in 2010.

Bengal Foundation released her solo album "Dupurer Ekta Pakhi" in 2005. She won the National Film Award for the song "Lukochuri Lukochuri Golpo" in 2007. Fahmida also received Lux Channel-i Performance Award (2008), Meril-Prothom Alo Award (2009) and Citycell-Channel i Music award (2013).

NEWS bytes

Bieber exhibit opens at his hometown



An exhibit dedicated to Justin Bieber opens this weekend at the Stratford Perth Museum in the Canadian pop star's hometown of Stratford, Ontario.

The exhibit, titled "Justin Bieber Exhibit -- Steps to Stardom", features an assortment of memorabilia from running shoes and stage outfits, to a personal letter from former First Lady Michelle Obama, and the jacket he wore when he played junior hockey for the Stratford Warriors.

The 23-year-old pop star, who was discovered after posting videos on YouTube of him busking on the steps of the local Avon Theatre a decade ago, won't be in attendance for the opening.

John Kastner, general manager of the Stratford Perth Museum, told Billboard that he has received emails and calls about the exhibit from Spain, Japan, Italy, all over Canada and the United States, as well as from a tour company in South Korea.

"Steps to Stardom" contains 60 items provided by Bieber and his relatives, as well as other Stratford residents and fans, but will be constantly refreshed from the museum's access to 125 Bieber pieces. The exhibit runs until December 31 -- but there could be an extension.

Source: Billboard

Rendition and recitation of Tagore compositions

IGCC holds programme at BNM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Culture Centre (IGCC) organised an evening of Rabindra Sangeet with narration by Pitam Sengupta (India) and musical performance by Sangita Majumdar (India) and Mahnaz Karim Hussain (Bangladesh) on 17 February at Kobi Sufia Kamal Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum, Shabbagh in Dhaka.

The programme was based on documented research by Pitam Sengupta on Tagore's journey to Bangladesh and its influence on his life. The rivers and streams of Bangladesh, its fertile low lying plains and the abounding freshness of nature had a lifelong impact on the poet and inspired him to compose songs and short stories.

The musical event started off with a duet performance of a patriotic song "Aji Bangladesh-er Hridoy Hote" by the singer duo. Mahnaz Karim Hussain

rendered several songs including "O Okuler Kul, O Ogotir Goti", "Tumi Daak Diyechho Kon Sokale" and "Ami Kaan Pete Roi" while Sangita Majumdar sang "Jodi Jantem Amar Kisher Byatha", "Bhalobesey Sokhi Nibhrito Jotone" and "Jogote Ananda Joggye". Another duet performance of the song "Jini Sokol Kajer Kaji" followed.

Pitam Sengupta, an author from Kolkata, has done considerable research on Tagore and published a book on Tagore's works in 2015. In 2016, his research-based document on the Swaralipikars of Tagore's songs was broadcast by Doordarshan Bangla in a 12-part series. Sangita Majumdar studied Music at Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan and performs Rabindra Sangeet on stage and TV in India. She was awarded a gold medal by the Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad, India. Mahnaz Karim Hussain is a promising Rabindra Sangeet singer of Bangladesh. She is an enlisted singer of BTV and performs regularly on media in Bangladesh.



Group art exhibition "Bondhu" at EMK Center

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Bondhu", meaning "Friend" in English, is the title of a group art exhibition that is on at the gallery of EMK Center. The exhibition showcases a collection of paintings that are woven together in the sense of collectively concocting a certain theme by 12 noted artists. The show was inaugurated on 10 February. Opening daily from 9:30am to 8pm, the exhibition will conclude on 22 February.

Employing unique mediums and arresting storytelling processes, the displayed paintings take the audience to the eye-soothing beauties far from the busy and monotonous city life. The artworks deeply infuse emotions through which one can blissfully roam around the lane of nostalgia.

Through deft lines and delicate brush-strokes, the canvases invite the beholder to accompany the artists through sweeping rural landscapes and pleasant reverine splendor. Beyond the material colours and papers on which the artists created their works, lie deep-rooted emotions that invite us to the path of hope. "Bondhu" is an exhibition for everyone as it tells the stories of human beings trying to breathe and taking a break from the busy life. Evoking peace and tranquility, the exhibited paintings take us to the horizon of a new dawn.

The participating artists at the exhibit are: Alfa Begum, Hosna Banu Chotna, Jyoutsna Mahbuba, Md. Alamgir, Nazlee Laila Mansur, Rahat Nilofer, Saeeda Kamal, Shahida Akter, Shamim Ahmed, Shamima Sharmin, Shammy Yasmin and Suraiya Chowdhury.

The EMK Center that continues to support both visual and performing artists from home and abroad has organised the show.

"Black Panther" projects record-breaking opening weekend

"Black Panther", Disney-Marvel's latest outing starring Chadwick Boseman, is set to debut far above early forecasts with \$210 million over the four-day President's Day weekend from 4,020 North American locations.

The barrier-breaking superhero film, set in the fictional African nation of Wakanda and featuring a nearly all-black cast, was first projected to bring in between \$100 and \$120 million. As its wide release date drew closer, however, tracking estimates began to balloon, and its record-breaking Thursday previews brought in \$25.2 million, the largest Thursday night preview gross for a February opener and the second-largest preview gross for a Marvel film.

"Black Panther" will set the record for the largest Presidents Day weekend opening as well, bowing over the 2016 record of \$152 million by "Deadpool". The film has also done well overseas, where it has grossed around \$80 million since it began screenings Tuesday in several major markets such as the UK, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

The film centers on Boseman as King T'Challa, ruler of Wakanda, a technologically-advanced society endowed with a store of vibranium, and the conflict with Michael B Jordan's Eric Killmonger, who intends to take over the throne. Letitia Wright, Lupita



Nyong'o, Angela Bassett, Danai Gurira, and Daniel Kaluuya also star in the film. Ryan Coogler directed the film on a \$200 million budget, which received an A+

CinemaScore, the only Marvel film to have done so besides 2012's "The Avengers".

Second place for the President's Day weekend is Sony's "Peter Rabbit", which should bring in \$22 million from domestic locations for the four-day weekend. The film stars the voice of James Corden as the titular rabbit, along with Margot Robbie, Elizabeth Debicki, and Daisy Ridley as Peter's sisters.

The second weekend of Universal's "Fifty Shades Freed" will nab third place with \$18 million. The erotic romance stars Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson as Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele.

In fourth is Sony's surprise hit "Jumanji: Welcome to Jungle", which is expected to reel in \$10 million in its ninth weekend. The weekend should bring its domestic total to almost \$380 million.

Clint Eastwood's "The 15:17 to Paris" is set to take fifth, with \$9 million.

Source: Variety

BLACK PANTHER

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QUIZ - 03

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1. Nabila Mahfuz, Gulshan-01
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3. Ziaul Hoque, Mirpur
4. Ashrif Rahman Arian, Shantinagar
5. Mahim, Kachukhat
6. Sabbir Akhanda, Kathal Bagan
7. Farin Rahman Ibrah, Lalbagh
8. Tanveer Hussain, Kawran Bazar
9. Sabrina Sahely Mohua, Siddeswari
10. Arafat Hossain, Dhaka Cantonment