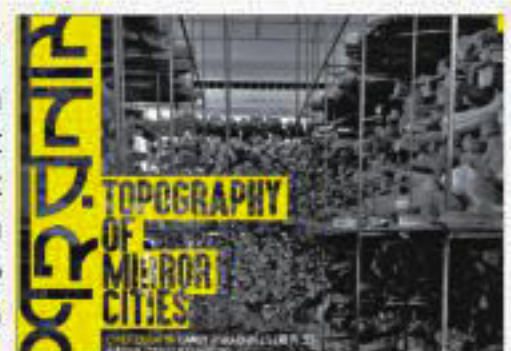


WHAT'S ON

Theatre Festival
38 Years of Dhaka Padatik
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: Mar 9-16
Time: 7pm



Art Exhibition
Shohomama
Venue: Daily Star Bengal Arts Precinct & Gyantapas Abdur Razzak Bidyapeeth
Date: Mar 2-16
Time: 11am-7pm



Group Art Exhibition
Us Women
Organiser: EMK Center
Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
Date: Mar 8-22
Time: 9:30am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Oil Head
Artist: RA Kajol
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
Date: Mar 09-18; Time: 3-8pm



Stand-Up Comedy
Open Mic at Naveed's Comedy Club
Venue: Gloria Jean's Coffee, Gulshan
Date: Mar 11
Time: 7pm



NEWS bytes

Leven Rambin joins Motley Crue biopic

Leven Rambin is set to join the cast of Netflix's upcoming Motley Crue biopic "The Dirt". Machine Gun Kelly is currently on board to play Tommy Lee, Douglas Booth will play Nikki Sixx and Daniel Webber will play Vince Neil. Jeff Tremaine, who helmed the "Jackass" movies, is directing the film from a script by Rich Wilkes and Tom Kapinos. Based on the 2001 autobiography "The Dirt: Confessions of the World's Most Notorious Rock Band", the movie follows the group's rise during the '80s "hair band" rock scene on the Sunset



Strip and pulls no punches as it dives into the band's highs and lows along the way. Motley Crue played its final concert on New Year's Eve in 2015 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The band was formed in LA and released its first album, "Too Fast for Love", in 1981. Motley Crue combined hard rock, heavy metal, and glam rock, going on to sell more than 100 million albums worldwide. Rambin recently landed a highly coveted role in the NBC series "Gone" and was also in HBO's first season of "True Detective" and "The Hunger Games".

Source: Variety



Artistes render a chorus at the opening ceremony.

PHOTO: STAR

Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan begins in Nilphamari

ATOWAR RAHMAN, Nilphamari

As singers belted out inspirational songs, the three-day 37th Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan was inaugurated at Nilphamari high school grounds in the district town on March 9. Minister for Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor inaugurated the festival by lighting candles as an enthusiastic 5,000-strong crowd watched on. Bulbul Islam, central secretary of Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Parishad delivered the welcome speech. The conference opened with the Tagore song "Uriye Dhawja Agrobhedhi Rothe, Oi Je Tini Oi Je Bahir Pothe" at 4.30pm. Presided over by renowned Tagore exponent Dr. Sanjida Khatun, also president of Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelon Parishad (JRSP), the meeting was addressed by the Cultural

Affairs Minister. "This is a festival of conscience which promotes love and paves the way for creating a secular society," said Asaduzzaman Noor. "Rabindranath is an inspiring lighthouse. A nation that has personalities like Rabindranath and Bangabandhu is a league apart," he affirmed. The audience was treated to performances by renowned Tagore singers Dr. Sanjida Khatun, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Laisha Ahmed Lisa, Nuruzzaman Chowdhury and Protik Indo. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the songs, recitation and classical dance. On the occasion, the first ever in the district, security was beefed up in the light of the recent attack on renowned intellectual Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal by fundamentalists in Sylhet. Noor said, "Zafar Iqbal was sched-

uled to attend here but couldn't as vested quarters attempted to kill him." Marking the festival, the entire town wore a festive look. Colourful flags and banners, festoons and posters were installed at strategic points as the local municipality launched a special cleanliness drive. In her speech as ceremony president, Dr. Sanjida Khatun urged all to nourish their humane quality to establish truth, beauty and goodness. "It needs devotion and dedication to be real human beings. The writings of Rabindranath shows us the way and enlightens our hearts to defeat evil forces," she said. The festival has been sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Ministry and supported by Bengal Group along with NGO Bhabna and Brac Bank. Teachers, students, business community and others pitched in to ensure that the festival went smoothly.

"Doob" traveling to Italy

Farooki's film at African, Asian & Latin American Film Festival

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mostofa Sarwar Farooki is taking a break from the post-production of his upcoming hostage drama "Shonibar Bikel" ("Saturday Afternoon"), to travel to Italy with his most recent release "Doob" ("No Bed of Roses"). The Bangladesh-India joint production film starring Irrfan Khan has been selected in the main competition for the 28th edition of the African, Asian and Latin American Film Festival, to be held from March 19-24 in Milan.



Tisha and Parno Mitra in a still from the film.

"Doob" will compete with nine other high-profile film at the festival, including Berlinale Generation Section winner "The Seen and Unseen", Sundance Jury Award winning documentary "Of Father and Sons" and Bright Future award winner at this year's International Film Festival Rotterdam "Azougue Nazare" and "Poisonous Roses" from the main competition of the same festival, among others. Aside from the festival, Farooki will also spend a day with students of Milan Film School on their invitation on March 22, and travel to Turin on March 23 where "Doob" has been invited for a special screening at the National Museum of Cinema in Turin. The director will also take part in a Q&A at the screening.



Noted Indian director Vishal Bhardwaj's upcoming film, with Deepika Padukone and Irrfan Khan in the lead roles, has been pushed by a few months due to some unforeseen reasons. Through a Facebook post, the "Omikara" filmmaker revealed that as both of his lead actors are down with different health problems, there is a delay in the filming of his next project. He drew attention to Irrfan's struggle with jaundice and Deepika dealing with a prolonged back problem. "I am pushing back the film by a few

months as both of my lead actors are down with different health problems. Irrfan is down with jaundice and it will take him a few weeks to recover and Deepika Padukone's back problem which had previously developed during the shooting of 'Padmaavat' has now resurfaced. Her role in the film is very physically demanding and the doctor has advised her not to do any strenuous work for a couple of months. He however shared some updates that would excite fans. "In the past few weeks, I felt like I was back in the days of 'Maqbool' while

prepping with them. Deepika and Irrfan's look tests have come out exceptionally well, nothing like you've seen before, and it took me a moment to recognise them when I saw the test photographs." "I want both of them to be strong and fit before we start the film," he added, while clarifying that the film is not a biopic, although it is a takeoff from a story called "Femme Fatale" from Hussain Zaidi's book "Mafia Queens of Mumbai".

Source: Times of India

Deepika- Irrfan's film postponed due to health concerns



Noted Tagore singer Salma Akbar performs in a solo musical soiree at Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum (BNM) on March 9. The singer rendered several songs including "O Amar Desh-er Mati", "Anandadhara", "Phagun Hawaye", "Labonye Purna Pran" and "Tumi Kon Kanoner Phul" at the event, organised by BNM.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Dhaka Padatik staged their latest stage production "Trial of Surjo Sen" on the opening evening of the theatre festival celebrating the troupe's 38th anniversary, at the National Theatre Hall of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The play, written and directed by Masum Aziz, sees Nader Chowdhury play the titular character and is a political period drama about the anti-British revolutionary Master'da Surjo Sen.



Kristen Wiig to play "Wonder Woman" villain Cheetah

Kristen Wiig will play the villain in the upcoming "Wonder Woman" sequel, director Patty Jenkins announced Friday.

The comedy star and Saturday Night Live standout will portray the DC comics villain Cheetah. The Hollywood Reporter reported in February that Wiig was in talks to play the character. "So excited to confirm the most thrilling news. Yes! It's true," Jenkins wrote on Twitter. "So incredibly lucky to welcome the sensationally talented Kristen Wiig to our Wonder Woman family. Can't wait to finally work with one of my favorites. And SO excited by what we have planned." Wonder Woman creator William Moulton Marston introduced the villain in "Wonder Woman No. 6" in 1943. However, the most popular version of

Cheetah appeared in 1987 as Dr. Barbara Ann Minerva, under the work of writer Len Wein and artist George Perez. Few details are known about the follow-up to "Wonder Woman", but the sequel will be set during the Cold War 1980s. Wiig is an eight-time Emmy nominee, for her work primarily in the sketch comedy show "Saturday Night Live", and is known for movies like "Bridesmaids", "The Martian" and "Ghostbusters". Her more recent works include "Downsizing" and "Mother!".

Source: Hollywood Reporter

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