

WHAT'S ON

Francophonie 2018
Organiser: Alliance Française de Dhaka
Venue: AFD Dhanmondi & Others
Date: Mar 19-24
Time: Various timings



Solo Art Exhibition
Abstraction of Collage Painting
Artist: Khurshid Alam Saleem
Venue: Gallery Twenty One
Date: Mar 18-27
Time: 12-8pm



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



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Peace by Shahabuddin Ahmed
Venue: Gallery 2, National Art Gallery, BSA
Date: Mar 19- Apr 18
Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Drawing & Thinking, Thinking & Drawing
Artist: Dhali Al Mamoon
Venue: Kala Kendra
Date: Mar 10-31; Time: 5-8pm



NEWS bytes

Chadwick Boseman to host SNL

Chadwick Boseman, who has taken the world by storm with the box-office crushing "Black Panther", is now will host Saturday Night Live this coming month. After inspiring tears of joy in movies theatres, Boseman will soon have a chance to make a live studio audience cry with scripted comedy, according to Screen Rant.



Last weekend, "Black Panther" crossed the \$1 billion mark at the worldwide box office, and over this weekend held its position at the top of the domestic box office for its fifth straight week. As reported by TV Line, NBC announced Boseman as an upcoming host in the last broadcast. Boseman will host the April 7 show at Studio 8H, with musician Cardi B set to perform as well. On Twitter, the Marvel star acknowledged his upcoming SNL gig. Boseman first appeared on network television in 2003 with a role on NBC's "Third Watch". Through 2011, he further developed his performance skills on the small screen, with his last TV roles coming in 2011 on "Castle" and "Detroit 1-8-7", along with a guest spot on Fox's "Fringe".

Source: Screen Rant

"Dhono Dhanno Puspo Bhora" gets festival call-up

"Dhono Dhanno Puspo Bhora" (English title "True False & A Revolution"), a documentary film on the historical Agartala case and the mass upsurge of 1969, has been invited to participate at three international film festivals.



The film, directed by Farid Ahmad, will travel to the fourth edition of Al-Nahj International Film Festival 2018, to be held from April 1 to 5 in Karbala, Iraq. It has been also selected at the competition section of the inaugural South Asian Short Film Festival 2018, organised by the Federation of Film Societies of India. The festival will be held on from March 30 to April 8, 2018 in Kolkata, India.

"Dhono Dhanno Puspo Bhora" was also recently selected at the San Mauro International Film Festival, Italy as a semi finalist, according to a press release. Farid Ahmad received a grant to make this short documentary film when the Bangladesh government in 2012 started funding short films to promote young filmmakers of Bangladesh. This is the first documentary film which was made

with government grant. The film was also invited by DocWok India, a tutoring and mentoring programme in South Asia for documentaries which are in production stages. There the film got yearlong mentoring support. The documentary tells the true story behind The Agartala Case, popularly called Agartala Conspiracy Case, which had set a course in the history of Bangladesh's independence struggle.

National Children's Day celebrated in Chittagong

AMIR HASAN SHAHRIAR, Chittagong

Shishumela, a children's organisation from Chittagong, celebrated National Children's Day by awarding seven dignitaries for their contribution to socio-cultural sphere on Saturday evening in the port city on Sunday. The organisation also celebrated its third anniversary through the programme at Dr. Khastagir Government Girls' High School ground. The awardees were Kamrun Malek, former president of Chittagong Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industries; Journalist Raisul Huq Bahar; Gono Sangeet artiste Ashok Sengupta; Professor Sudipta Deb of BGC Trust University; Councillor Shaibal Das Sumon; Headmaster of Dr. Khastagir Government Girls' High School Hasmat Jahan and President of Chittagong Decorators' Owners' Association Sahab Uddin. "We awarded the personalities for their contribution to different social and cultural practices in Chittagong. Shishumela has always been bolstering such effort and we hope to continue

this venture," said Ratnakar Das Tunu, member Secretary of the organisation. "It is always important to present some role models before the children of current generation. This will act as an inspiration to them," he added. The programme was inaugurated by AQM Sirajul Haque, President of Khelaghor Chittagong Mohanagar unit while Mafizur Rahman, Chairman of

the organising committee chaired the programme. As Children's Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Bangabadhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman -- speakers at the programme hoped that the children in the audience would prepare themselves as worthy citizens of the country. A cultural programme followed an award giving ceremony.



The honorees pose for a group photo.

PHOTO: STAR

Sumon Chowdhury's solo musical soiree at Chhayanaut today

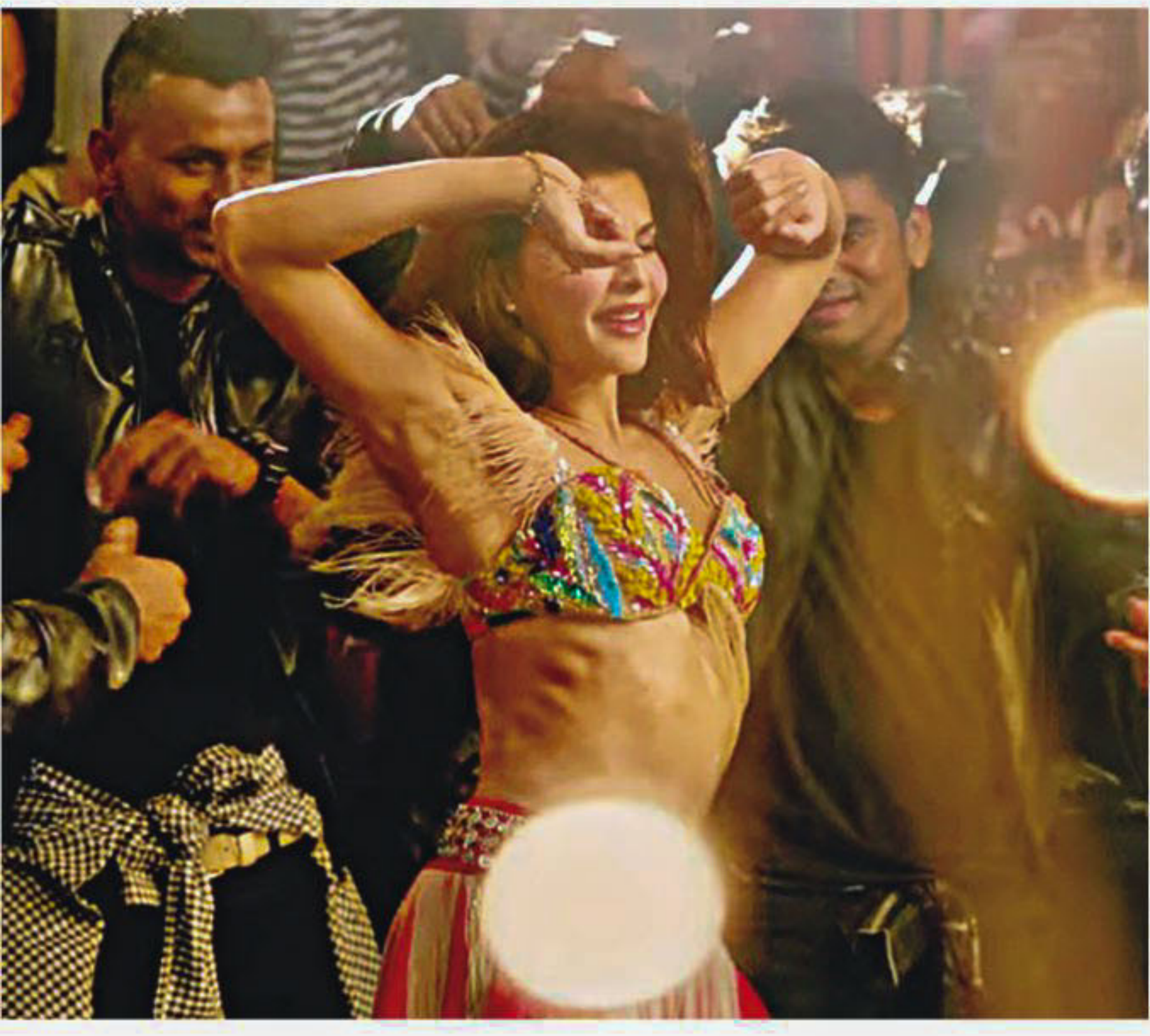
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Music organisation Geetinirjhar has organised a solo musical soiree titled "KaNdey Poran Bedonaye" at the main auditorium of Chhayanaut today at 6:30pm. Noted singer Sumon Chowdhury will perform diverse songs composed and recorded by our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, SD Burman and Manna Dey at the event.

Sumon Chowdhury will present Bangal musical heritage that has a close link with North Indian Classical Music. "The trend of Nazrul Sangeet has a great influence on other Bangla songs; on the other hand; Kazi Nazrul Islam had a deep connection with Sachin Dev Burman. Manna Dey too carried forward that style of rendition. So, I have planned to perform



the songs penned, composed recorded by them," Sumon Chowdhury told The Daily Star. The artiste will render 10 songs that depict the nuances of Spring in the nature. He will start off the soiree with a Nazrul song "Ashey Bosonto Phulobon-e". "Kuhu Kuhu Koyelia", "Bon-e Bon-e Dola Lagey", "Brojogopi", "Dola Lagilo Dokhinar Bon-e Bon-e", "Piyu Piyu Birohi Papi Bol-e", "Sondhya Malati Jobe" and "Chaitali Chandni Raat-e" are the other Nazrul songs that carry the connotations of Spring, especially the natural settings of the Bangla months -- Phalgun and Chaitra. Apart from these, Sumon Chowdhury will perform two songs -- "Pashaner Bhangaley Ghum" and "Ditey Ele Phul Priyo" -- that Kazi Nazrul Islam himself recorded. Among the SD Burman numbers Sumon will also present "Jodi Dokhina Poboney", "Nishithey Jaiyo Phulobon-e", "KaNdibona Phaguno Gele" at the event. He is also set to perform Manna Dey numbers "Teer Bhangha Dheu", "Ami Sagorer Bela", "Ek-i Ongey Eto Roop", "O Amar Mon Jamunar" and "Ke Tumi Tondra Horoni" at the programme. Music personalities Sujeyo Shyam, Enamul Kabir and Mahmud Selim will welcome the featured artiste with delivering speeches.



"Ek Do Teen", re-imagined

New Baaghi 2 song pays tribute to Madhuri

One of the most eagerly awaited songs of Tiger Shroff-Disha Patani's Bollywood film "Baaghi 2", is finally out. Featuring Jacqueline Fernandez, "Ek Do Teen" is a tribute to Madhuri Dixit's 90s hit song by the same name. While originally choreographed by Saroj Khan, this time Ganesh Acharya - who was also one of the background dancers in the original song - is doing the honours. The music has been recreated by Sandeep Shirodkar while Parry G has rapped for the new song, reports Hindustan Times. Shreya Ghoshal has stepped into Alka Yagnik's shoes and lent her voice for the new version. The dance steps, however, have not been imitated, except for Madhuri's hook step. Compared to the original, the new version is a mere teaser - while Madhuri song was seven-minutes long, Jacqueline's is less than two minutes at least in the release. "Baaghi 2" is a sequel to the 2016 film "Baaghi", starring Tiger Shroff in the lead. After the success of "Heropanti" and "Baaghi", the new film will be the third collaboration of Tiger and Sajid Nadiadwala. It is scheduled to release on March 30.

Source: Hindustan Times

Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2018

Episodes 7 & 8: The Ultimate Pizza Battle

LABIBA FAIAZ BARI and NOSHIN NOORJAHAN

The seventh episode of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2018 was all about pizzas. Barbecue pizza, pepperoni pizza, cheese-burst pizza, you name it. As the competition heated up, the top 15 chefs 'cooked' 15 different flavors of pizza to keep their place in the kitchen.

Instead of baking their pizza, the participants had to cook it over the stove; after all, what is Superchef without a twist? Guest judge, Chef Navid, came to the show with the challenge of making an authentic Italian pan pizza. While some participants, who had prior experience of making stovetop pizzas, were elated, others seemed to be troubled by the announcement. To balance the state of panic, Chef Navid generously volunteered to acquaint the participants with the techniques of preparing a pan pizza. Chef Navid's freshly made pizza emanated the mixed aroma of parmesan cheese, olive oil, oregano, and roasted garlic. Following his footsteps, Moinul Haq presented his flavorful carnival pizza with a complementary side of chicken sausage dressed in pizza sauce and balsamic vinegar. Moinul's quick thinking of designing an appetizer with remnant sausage was an example of the work of a true chef. His show of percipience won him his fourth best dish badge and acknowledgment from Chef Trainer, Nafiz Islam Lipi. What further set the seventh episode apart

was direct elimination. This time the bottom scorer was given no second chance to redeem from the cook-off. Hence, Farzana Afrin's burnt pizza crust got her eliminated from the competition. Like Zahidul said, Farzana was the apple of everyone's eye and so, her farewell was hard on the whole kitchen. The rest of the 14 participants were on the way to face a more daunting challenge in the eighth episode. Dietitian Nusrat Jahan joined the panelists this time. Her task for the cooks was to prepare a light dish that is rich in nutrition and taste. There was a wider range of ingredients in the pantry which were too many to select from for the chefs. Even with a chain of dilemmas, the participants came up with some innovative healthy food items that also burst with flavors. Ripna Begum's well decorated 'Vege and Creamy Cauliflower Rice' took attention of Chef Jed who humorously compared it to his hairstyle. The unique presentation and balanced portions of nutrients brought the best dish badge for Ripna.



The pressure test challenge, for once, sparked hopes in all the bottom four participants. They were relieved to learn that their challenge entailed preparing a plate of healthy and refreshing salad. But the difficulty with such straightforward challenges is that even the smallest flaws peek out. Even though Farida Parvin Maya's salad tasted good, her presentation was a big letdown. Like Chef Jed emphasized, "A chef should master the art of presentation, innovation, and creativity while keeping the taste intact. Confidence, hygiene and kempt handling are also the basic trademarks for a competent chef." Unable to meet one of the key attributes of a competent chef, Farida Parvin Maya, as well as her dear friends, had to come to terms with her shortened stay at the Superchef kitchen. This week, the Superchef kitchen closed its doors behind its two most beloved contestants. The fight is getting tougher and more challenging each day and the game is on! Watch the country's most heated cooking competition, Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2018 at 9pm sharp on Saturday and Sunday only on ntv.