

Rally and Performance
Lalajatra
Organiser: Prachyanat
Venue: TSC, Dhaka University
Date: Mar 25
Time: 5:30pm



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



Solo Art Exhibition
Grey Contours
Artist: Soma Surovi Jannat
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: Mar 23-April 5
Time: 3-9pm



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



NEWSbytes



Tiffany Haddish joins "Lego Movie 2"

Comedian and actress Tiffany Haddish is on board to voice one of the stars in Warner Bros. Animation's "The Lego Movie 2", according to Variety.

"Trolls" director Mike Mitchell has been tapped to direct the film. Producers are "Lego Movie" directors Phil Lord and Chris Miller, along with Dan Lin and Roy Lee.

Lord and Miller wrote the first draft of the script for the sequel with Raphael Bob-Waksberg coming on board for a re-write.

The plot and details of Haddish's character are being kept under wraps. "The Lego Movie 2" is set to bow on February 8, 2019. "The Lego Movie" grossed nearly \$470 million worldwide in 2014 amid strong support from critics and fans.

Haddish's star has been on the rise since her breakout role in the Universal comedy "Girls Trip". Since then, she set a new milestone on "Saturday Night Live" as the first black female stand-up comedian to host. She is set to star opposite Melissa McCarthy in "The Kitchen" and is also attached to star in comedy "The Temp".

Source: Variety

Hollywood film to revolve around Bangladeshi Rais Bhuiyan

"The True American" casting Nanjiani, Ruffalo, Amy Adams



Raisuddin Bhuiyan



Amy Adams



Mark Ruffalo



Kumail Nanjiani

FAHMIM FERDOUS

An upcoming big screen project centred on the aftermath of the infamous 9/11 attacks in the USA is set to follow Raisuddin Bhuiyan, a US immigrant and Bangladesh Air Force veteran who narrowly survived a killing spree that took the lives of two other immigrants.

Amy Adams is in talks to star in the upcoming Annapurna Pictures drama "The True American", Variety reports. "Jackie" helmer Pablo Larraín is on board to direct, and Mark Ruffalo and Kumail Nanjiani are also in talks to co-star with Adams. Nanjiani, a Pakistani-born actor, is most likely to play Bhuiyan.

Based on the nonfiction book "The True American: Murder and Mercy in

Texas" by Anand Giridharadas, the story is set in Texas in the days following the 9/11 attacks. It follows Rais Bhuiyan, who narrowly survived a killing spree that took the lives of two other immigrants. Employed at a Dallas-area convenience store as he established himself in America, Bhuiyan was shot point blank by self-proclaimed "Arab slayer" Mark Stroman. He survived the attack, and then Bhuiyan appealed to a Texas court to have his attacker spared from execution, despite losing all his money and going into debt affording his own treatment to restore his vision.

Stroman was executed on July 20, 2011, after earlier that day Bhuiyan's lawyers had lost a final appeal in federal court to stay Stroman's execution. However, Bhuiyan and Stroman reconciled hours before the

execution, when the two spoke on the phone for the first time.

In 2016, Israeli filmmaker Ilan Ziv made a feature-length documentary on the incident and its aftermath, titled "An Eye For An Eye".

Rais Bhuiyan went on to start a movement called World Without Hate against hate crimes, and worked with Amnesty International.

Insiders close to the film say a deal has not yet closed, and scheduling is still being worked out.

Annapurna Pictures has been developing the film for some time, and at one point in 2015, Kathryn Bigelow was on board to direct and Tom Hardy was attached to star. After Bigelow left to direct "Detroit", the project was in flux until Larraín's attachment last April.

A noble initiative for children

DCI, RSC holds fundraising concert

A CORRESPONDENT

Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI), a US-based non-profit organisation and Rights & Sight for Children (RSC) jointly organised a concert called 'Concert for Children' at KIB Auditorium on March 23. With the theme "Journey for Child Rights & Sight" the concert was aimed at awareness-building and fundraising for initiatives to protect children rights at home and abroad.

Actor Babita and singer Sabina Yasmin, both of whom are Goodwill Ambassadors of DCI, were present on the occasion.

Dance performance by Monira Parvin Happy, and performances by DCI Sun Child Music group

(consisting children of the DCI orphanage), Beneka Institute of Fine Arts, Tauri Foundation and Mashuda Bonni featured at the concert. Sabina Yasmin was the headliner of the concert, and enthralled the audience with her melodious songs.

"At DCI, we are relentlessly working to provide the indispensable rights of the distressed children. With the help of this fund that we manage to raise from the concert, we would be able to help more children," said Dr. Ehsan Hoque, Executive Director of DCI. "This is teamwork of roughly ten thousand donors worldwide and we expect people of all walks of life to join us to help the distressed children," he added.

Babita said, "I feel specially honoured to work for the underprivileged children. I am

delighted to talk to them and pass time with them." Sabina Yasmin expressed her pleasure to be DCI's Goodwill Ambassador. "Children have special talents, as I see. What they need is proper guidance", she further added.

A number of noted personalities were also accorded on stage for their pivotal role in the initiatives for children. They are: Atiqul Islam, former President of BGMEA; Dr. Muhammad Abdul Mazid, Chairman, Rights and Sight for Children; Professor Hosne Ara Begum, Executive Director of TMSS; Golam Mustofa Khan, eminent dance artist; Ashfaq Kabir, founder of Tauri Foundation; Dr. Bikorno Kumar Ghosh, joint secretary of ICT Division; Iffat Ali Shilpi, CEO of GIL and Dr. Josef, a representative of USAID.



Sabina Yasmin (2-R) speaks at the concert.

Prachyanat's "Lalajatra" today

Tribute to martyrs of March 25 genocide



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To observe the dark night of March 25, 1971 when the Pakistani occupation army cracked down on Dhaka and launched one of the most heinous genocides in this part of the world, Prachyanat School of Acting and Design is bringing out their annual traditional procession. Titled "Lalajatra", the procession will start from Soparjito Swadhinota Chattar at TSC, Dhaka University at 5:30pm and circle to Smriti Chirantan Chattar, in commemoration of the lives lost on that fateful night.

The participants will sing the iconic patriotic song, "Dhono Dhannya

Pushpe Bhora" by DL Roy and stage an improvised play. Later in the evening candles will be lit at the Smriti Chirantan Chattar in remembrance of those who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country.

This procession has been a regular annual event by Prachyanat, a moving tribute to all the lives lost in the genocide on that night, of which Dhaka University itself was a crucial part of.

In past years, the procession has included a long piece of red fabric to symbolize the bloodshed, with members of Prachyanat playing musical instruments and singing along. The event was conceptualized by musician-thespian Rahul Anand.

"Aj Purobi'r Din" on to air on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Marking Independence Day, a special single episode TV play "Aj Poorobir Din" will go on air on ntv at 9:05pm on March 26. Directed by Masum Reza, the play has been written by Mahmud Didar. Aparna Ghosh, Omer Ayaz Oni, Rimi Karim and others play different roles in it.

The story revolves around Purobi, a 'beangona' (women who were assaulted and raped by the Pakistani occupational forces during the Liberation War). As the society did not accept her after her return from the War and even her lover turned away, Purobi left the country for Europe. After many years, Purobi comes back to her homeland, and reflects on her past and present.



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What's the name of the monstrous creature?

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