

WHAT'S ON



**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**  
Title: Life in Mirror  
Artist: Jahangir Hossain  
Venue: DD Gallery, Saltz, 8, Gulshan  
Date: Mar 30-Apr 13  
Time: 12 noon-9pm



**Music Night**  
Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Venue: AFD  
Date: April 12  
Time: 7pm



**Mongol Shobhajatra**  
Organiser: FFA, DU  
Venue: FFA Premises  
Date: April 14  
Time: 9am



**Borshoboron 1425**  
Organiser: Chhayanaout  
Venue: Ramna Batomul  
Date: Apr 14  
Time: 6am



**Solo Ghazal Evening**  
Organiser: IGCC  
Artist: Aloke Kumar Sen  
Venue: Kobi Sufia Kamal Auditorium, BNM  
Date: Apr 10; Time: 6:30pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Artist: Dhali Al Mamoon  
Venue: Kala Kendra, 1/11, Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur  
Date: Mar 10-Apr 17  
Time: 5-8pm



Tisha



Fazlur Rahman Babu



Chanchal Chowdhury



Tauquir Ahmed

# Stars react to winning NATIONAL FILM AWARD

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

The biggest recognition in the country's cinema is the National Film Award, which was announced this past Thursday for films of 2016. The winners are being showered with congratulations from their colleagues, friends, family and fans alike. A number of recipients of the 2016 National Film Awards shared their feelings with The Daily Star.

**Babita (Lifetime Achievement)**  
Acting is all I have done throughout my life. I am really humbled to know that I will add a lifetime achievement award to my previous national awards. It is a major accomplishment in any artiste's life. Aside from the people's love, being recognized by the state gives meaning to the work of an artiste.

**Faruk (Lifetime Achievement)**  
Film is everything in my life. It is how people



Faruk

know me and love me. I have been acting for many years, and I feel I have been denied my due honours many times. Now the gazette has been published, and I will be honoured. I will go to receive the award.

**Tauquir Ahmed (Best Story, "Oggatonama")**  
It is always a nice feeling to have your work recognized, and this is no different. When it is a national recognition it becomes a little more special. However, I wish we did not have to



Babita

wait till 2018 for the awards of 2016 films. Why can this not be given within two months? Many big film festivals give awards within 10-20 days, so why are we falling behind? Overall, everyone liked "Oggatonama", and I am very satisfied as a director.

**Fazlur Rahman Babu (Best Actor in a Supporting Role, "Meyeti Ekhon Kothaye Jabe")**  
Every Award is special. I am grateful to director Nader Chowdhury and others for the film

that I won the award for. But I am a little disappointed that I did not win for "Oggatonama". It has won Best Film and Best Story. We the actors take the story forward. I played the central role in the film, and I feel like I deserved the recognition. Anyway, every award inspires the artiste to do better. I want to work with that commitment all my life.

**Chanchal Chowdhury (Best Actor, "Aynabaji")**  
I had won my first national award for "Monpura", and the second one comes for "Aynabaji". All my love to the director, cast and crew of "Aynabaji", for a film that hundreds of thousands of people have seen. I don't work for awards, but it is certainly feels good. Ever since the award was announced, my son Shuddho keeps asking me whether he can go with me to the ceremony, and watch me take the award from the prime minister. His excitement makes me happier than anything.

**Tisha (Best Actress, "Ostitto")**  
This is my first national award, and the first time is definitely very special. Every artiste dreams of getting such high recognition, and it came true for me. The love of everyone who worked on "Ostitto" is a part of this award. I have been working with the love of my family, and I want to continue doing so. This award has increased my responsibility to my craft.

## NEWS bytes

### HALLE BERRY signs "Jagged Edge" remake



Halle Berry will star in a remake of courtroom thriller "Jagged Edge" for Sony Pictures in a project that's in the early stages of development with Matti Leshem and Doug Belgrad producing.

Sony Pictures Worldwide Acquisitions topper Steven Bersch and Scott Strauss are supervising the project, according to Variety.

The original 1985 thriller "Jagged Edge" starred Glenn Close and Jeff Bridges and involved Bridges' publisher character being accused of murdering his heiress wife. Close portrayed the lawyer for Bridges character and Robert Loggia was nominated for an Oscar for his role as a private detective.

Berry won an Oscar herself for "Monster's Ball" in the Best Actress category, becoming the first black woman to win the award. She appeared in last year's "Kingsman: the Golden Circle", thriller "Kidnap" (which she also executive produced) and indie "Kings" opposite Daniel Craig.

Source: Variety



Students of Dhaka University's Persian language and literature department perform a play.

## Iranian Nowruz celebrations in Dhaka

A CORRESPONDENT

The Iran Cultural Centre in Dhaka and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) organized a cultural programme on April 6, to celebrate the Iranian Nowruz (Persian New Year). The event, held at the music and dance centre auditorium of BSA, with prime minister's international affairs advisor Dr. Gowher Rizvi pres-

ent as chief guest. M Hamid, former DG of Bangladesh Television and Professor Dr. Abul Kalam Sarkar, chairman of Dhaka University's department of Persian language and literature were present as chief guests.

A documentary on the Iranian New Year celebrations was shown at the start of the programme, following which students of the Persian language and literature department of

Dhaka University staged a play highlighting Nowruz and Bangla Noboborsho. Samir Baul and artistes of BSA also performed songs at the programme.

Nowruz marks the vernal equinox or the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, and has been celebrated for over 3,000 years in Western Asia, Central Asia, the Caucasus, the Black Sea Basin, and the Balkans.



Ajay Devgn plays a hard-boiled income tax officer in the film.

Ajay Devgn's Bollywood crime drama "Raid" is having a dream run at the Indian box office. Earning a total of Rs 100.14 crore, the film has now made its way to the coveted Rs 100 crore club, according to Indian Express.

While "Raid" is Ajay Devgn's eighth film to enter the club, it marks Ileana D'Cruz's third entry to the group.

"Raid" had a solo release at theatres on March 16 with a decent opening,

and with a good word-of-mouth promotion, the film saw a collection of Rs 41.10 crore in just three days at the box office. The film also stars actor Saurabh Shukla in a pivotal role and his camaraderie with Devgn has been much appreciated by movie buffs.

"Raid" has become fourth film to cross the Rs 100 crore mark in Bollywood this year, following "Padmaavat", "Sonu Ki Tittu Ki

## RAID crosses 100 crore mark at Bollywood Box Office

Sweetie" and "Baaghi 2".

The film's plot follows the story of fearless Income tax officer Amay Patnaik (Devgn) who conducts a raid on one of the city's most high-profile and well-connected politician-cum-businessman (Shukla). Ileana D'Cruz plays the role of Patnaik's wife, who stands by him through thick and thin.

Source: Indian Express

## Cardi B hits gold with "Invasion Of Privacy"

### "Bodak Yellow" sales count to rapper's debut album

US hip-hopper Cardi B's debut album, "Invasion of Privacy" has finally arrived, and within 24 hours it has become a hit. According to recent calculations, Cardi's album is certified Gold, reports Billboard.

The project reportedly received the brand new certification due to a technicality, which she can attribute to the success of her mega-hit, "Bodak Yellow", as per Forbes. As previously reported, "Bodak Yellow" was certified 5x multi-platinum in Sept 2017. That being so, the Chart Data states that 10 track units is the equivalent of one album sale, which means that her No. 1 single, which is on her album, has already sold 500,000 units, making it Gold status.

While "Bodak Yellow" is boosting Cardi's looks in regards to the RIAA, its past units will reportedly not go towards her first week sales. Even so, there's still a lot to celebrate. In addition to the Gold certification, it was recently announced that her second single "Bartier Cardi" has gone Platinum, peaking at No. 14 on the Billboard Hot 100.

"Invasion of Privacy" includes her pre-released singles: "Bodak Yellow", "Bartier Cardi", "Be Careful" and "Drip", and also features appearances from Kehlani, Chance the Rapper, YG, Bad Bunny, J Balvin, SZA, and more.

Source: Billboard

