

WHAT'S ON

Theatre
 Play: Tragedy Palashbari
 Troupe: Prachyanat
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: May 18
 Time: 7pm



National Sculpture Exhibit
 Venue: National Art Gallery, BSA
 Date: May 9-June 7
 Time: 11am-8pm



Art Exhibition
 Simulacrum - An Art Exhibition by Tariq Juffiker
 Venue: EMK Center Dhanmondi
 Date: May 12-24
 Time: 9:30am to 8pm



Contemporary Art Exhibition
 Title: Silent Revelation
 Artist: Mohammad Iqbal
 Venue: Edge Galleries (Dhanmondi & Gulshan)
 Date: April 22-May 19



Theatre
 Play: Dhoban
 Troupe: Dhaka Theatre
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: May 19
 Time: 7pm




'Superman' Star MARGOT KIDDER Passes Away

Margot Kidder, the actor best known for playing ace reporter Lois Lane in the 1978 film *Superman* and its sequels has passed away peacefully at her home in Montana at age 69. She continued to take smaller roles on TV, movies, and stage performances through this year. She was still working until her death on the night of May 13, most recently starring in a run of *The Vagina Monologues* on Broadway. She was also an advocate for mental health after a public battle with bipolar disorder.

Totally Owned!

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ
Owned has been at the forefront of the revolution that revitalised the rock music industry along with bands like Karnival, Poraho, Conclusion and S!N. Having recently released their second album, 'Owned 2' with critical acclaim, they have been unstoppable as one of the most sought after young rock bands in the country. The Daily Star caught up with the trailblazers before their performance at the Deadpool 2 premier at Star Cineplex!

"We're just concentrating on shooting music videos for our songs in *Owned 2*," says AK Ratul, Owned's front man, while biting off a huge chunk of his pizza slice. Having started in 2007, the band now has two solo albums along with appearances in five mixed albums including *Republic, Rock 707* and *Play it Now*. "When we started Jamming at Incurion Music, we were approached by Saadi bhai, the owner, for a show that he was organising. That is how we essentially started our musical careers," says Ratul. Even though the band has garnered a mainstream audience, they still like to consider themselves as an underground band. "There is no better feeling than to rock out in RCC with an auditorium full of people singing their hearts out," says AK Samee, the drummer of the band. The halls of Star Cineplex, as expected, started getting plagued by queues formed by people eager to watch the band perform as we carried on the interview in the lounge. "We'd be lying if we said that we don't do huge shows, but this is ultimately where our hearts are. When it comes down to it, we want to stay true to our loyal fans." The invite-only gig that they did, saw the band invite some of their most loyal

fans and well-wishers, and the band played their hearts out all night. When asked about which of their own tracks they loved the most, the answers were quite straightforward. "Bondi, Ashokti, Amorsho," said Ratul as he was getting his gear ready for stage. *Amorsho* seemed to be one of the band's unanimous favourite, while *Bishonno Prohor* and *Oshikar* came as close seconds. "Usually *Bhabantor* is the song that the fans like the most, but I personally

believe that we have much better songs," said Fasih, the guitarist of the band. The secret to Owned's success is the fact that they always believed in themselves and pushed for originals. "Covers are nice and all, but in order to be remembered, you always have to make your own stuff," says Pritom Arefin, the band's lead guitarist. The fact that they did exactly that, and owned the stage all around the country, speaks volumes about their relentless passion towards their craft.



PHOTO: SHEKH MEHEDI MORSHED

MONALISA'S Eid-ventures

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
After two long years, popular model and actor Mozeza Ashraf Monalisa returned to Bangladesh last month. Immediately after her arrival, she started working for the upcoming Eid TV fictions. She will also be appearing at various Eid events in the city.

Monalisa already started shooting five Eid TV fictions. They are --- Zahid Hasan's *Je Maash E Shukh Thaak*, Sakhawat's *Amar Bou Nayika*, Morsalin's *Company'r Prochaar Er Sharthey*, Rokon's *Chhutir Phaande* and Shubho's *Bhideshi Tara*. Also, very soon she is going to start working on two TV projects directed by Mohammad Mostafa Kamal. Zahid Hasan, Mosharraf Karim, Emon and Afran Nisho are her respective co-stars for the TV fictions. "People contacted me for work even before I arrived," says Monalisa. "After I reached Dhaka, I began to read the scripts and selected them carefully. This year, I want to work less but deliver quality entertainment. I would like to connect better with my audience." Previously, Monalisa had performed with Nobel in an Eid special show *Ityadi*. Last week, she performed with Mehazabien and Nirob at a five star hotel.



PHOTO: MOHSIN AHMED KAWSHER

The 'Queen' Still Reigns Supreme



After years of technical difficulties, the trailer for the Queen biopic *Bohemian Rhapsody* has emerged online. The film revolves around singer Freddie Mercury, guitarist Brian May, drummer Roger Taylor, and bass guitarist John Deacon who take the world by storm when they form the rock 'n' roll band in 1970. Queen faces a great challenge when Mercury's increasingly wild lifestyle starts to spiral out of control. The film stars Rami Malek as Freddie Mercury. Although the trailer is just under two minutes, it still manages to feature several Queen hits such as *Another One Bites The Dust*, *We Will Rock You*, and of course, the title track. Bopping around as the energetic frontman, Malek looks fantastic as Mercury. We also get a glimpse of Mike Myers as a record producer who warns Mercury that *Bohemian Rhapsody* is too long. Malek, who rose to fame with the breakout success of *Mr Robot*, was cast last July. *Bohemian Rhapsody* hits theatres on November 2, and as the trailer suggests, the only thing more extraordinary than Queen's music is indeed the story of Freddie Mercury!

Kamal Ahmed receives "Rajshahi Betar Shilpee Shangstha Shammanona"

Noted Tagore Singer and Director of External Service, Bangladesh Betar Kamal Ahmed received *Rajshahi Betar Shilpee Shangstha Shammanona* at the Nanking Darbar Hall of Rajshahi city. Pro-Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University and chief guest of the programme Prof Ananda

Kumar Saha handed over the Honour Certificate to Kamal Ahmed. President to the association, valiant Freedom Fighter Prof Ruhul Amin Pramanik and Ekushey Award Winner Amaresh Ray Chowdhury gave him the honour award.



During the holy month of Ramadan, SA TV will be airing "Star Line Rokomari Iftar" everyday at 4:45 pm. It will be hosted by the renowned cooking expert Jebunnessa Begum, where a range of culinary chefs from across the country will prepare mouth-watering recipes for the audience.