

Moushumi-Milon to sizzle in 'Ratrir Jatri'



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Fans are eagerly awaiting the release of 'Ratrir Jatri', a film starring Moushumi and Anisur Rahman Milon together for the first time. Helmed by Habibul Islam, the film has gotten the stamp of approval from the censor board, and is now set for release.

The director has stated that the film's agenda is to convey a social awareness message, while delivering entertainment. "The film has been tailored to fulfill the interests of the Bangladeshi audience, and we hope to release it during Eid ul Azha," he adds.

Popular Dhaliwood superstar Moushumi plays the main protagonist named 'Moina'. The narrative revolves around a journey Moina undertakes during the dark hours of a night.

"I was drawn to the film's story and character immediately. Moina is a very strong character, and I was deeply immersed in the role," says Moushumi. She also added that since the film has achieved the censor board's approval, cast members of the film have been jubilant.

Playing Moina's love interest is Anisur Rahman Milon, whose character is from an affluent family living in a small town. Their connection is thwarted by several incidents in the film, heightening anticipation of what will happen later in the film.

"Moushumi is one of the biggest stars in our country, and it is an honour to be able to work alongside her," says Milon, "I believe the audience will enjoy the film, and I'm very happy with the work we've done here."

Marking his return to film after quite some time is prominent actor Salahuddin Lavlu, who portrays a positive role in the movie. "Ratrir Jatri has a strong team, which I believe will ensure it's success," he informed *The Daily Star*.

Legendary actor ATM Shamsuzzaman is one of the renowned names among the cast members, and is slated to appear as the rich, arrogant father of Moina. Popular actor Shahidul Alam Shachchu will play a police officer, while the late Raj Razzak's son Samrat makes an appearance as a doctor. Other cast members include Aruna Biswas, Shimul Khan, Rebecca Parveen, and more.

The film includes two musical scores, one of which has been jointly composed by Lemis and Asif Akbar. Rubayet Jahan lent his vocals to an item song in the film, which includes Naila Nayem in the dance routine.

The film is produced by Bank of Audio Visual Art. Regarding his hopes for the film, Habibul Islam states, "I hope to be able to release the film in every single theatre hall in the country."

1 MINUTE PLEASE Shahtaj Monira Hashem



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Shahtaj Monira Hashem has captured the hearts of millions with her bubbly charm and on-screen charisma. She has worked in numerous television series and telefilms, and is now a popular name on the list of actors making it big. This week, the young star takes out a minute for *The Daily Star* team to answer some quick-fire questions!

Which team are you rooting for in the World Cup right now?
Well, I was supporting Germany. Since they are out, I am not watching it anymore!

Cats or dogs?
Both. I am an animal lover so I adore all kinds of animals.

Name your top three favourite movies.
Spirited Away, *Train to Dusan* and *A Silent Voice*.

What kind of music are you listening to right now?
Well, I am a massive fan of K-Pop. Songs of BTS are always on my playlist. I also really like Ariana Grande.

Who inspires you the most?
My mother.

Your message to young people trying to get into the field of acting?
Be your most authentic self. Don't try to chase fame. Find the one thing you are good at and work really hard at it.

Mahbub Morshed Munna in remembrance



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Today is the 7th death anniversary of Dr Mahbub Morshed Munna, the harmonica player of the band Renaissance. Physician by profession, Munna played with the band for two decades. He joined Renaissance in 1992 and worked in the band's second album *Tritiyo Bishwa* and a number of concerts, recordings and TV shows.

A vibrant printmaking workshop in focus

ZAHANGIR ALOM, back from Rajshahi

There are many talented and enthusiastic students at the Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Rajshahi University (RU). The teachers at the faculty are very friendly to help the students pursue their academic feat. The artists try to do their best with the little facilities they have. There is no art gallery at FFA, RU and even in the entire Rajshahi city. Promising artists display their artworks hiring any hall room that they can find. Government and private initiatives to set up a well-equipped art gallery will help them immensely.

Frequent art activities other than the academic ones will definitely facilitate them in their creative pursuance. They are no less talented or creative artists than the ones in the mainstream. Cosmos Foundation held a three-day (July 9-11) printmaking workshop at FFA, RU where around 40 students and teachers of the faculty coupled with several Dhaka-based artists.

Dr Md Amirul Momanin Chowdhury, a professor at the FFA, RU conducted the workshop facilitating the participants with different printmaking techniques including wood intaglio, wood cut and several experimental ones. The workshop conductor, who is a drawing master, instantly made



things easy for the learners. This writer, who never practised printmaking, also produced a print and learned the media to a large extent. The participants were amiable and they kept the workshop vibrant throughout the occasion. They produced diverse artworks on various themes including nature and vegetation, floral images, feminine grace, fish and animals and folk motifs. An art exhibition will take place at Cosmos Gallery in Dhaka with the outcomes of this workshop.



Cosmos Foundation is the non-profit arm of Cosmos Group, registered as a trust. The foundation also oversees the groups abiding commitment to nature conservation, where its award-winning work has forged working relationships with world renowned institutions, such as the Smithsonian. In the arts, the group's flagship curatorial space, Gallery Cosmos, and pioneering printmaking studio, Cosmos Atelier71, work under the foundation's direction to spread the richness of art across all spheres through access to special collections, curatorial research, and compelling exhibitions.


WDA-AP AGM 2019 to be held in Cox's Bazaar

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The Executive Board of World Dance Alliance - Asia Pacific (WDA-AP) unanimously approved the holding of the next WDA-AP AGM in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh from November 22 - 25, 2019. The event aims to boost the dance practice in the country by bringing dancers, dance educators, and policy makers on the same platform.

Eminent Bangladeshi dancer and Vice-President (South Asia), WDA-AP, Lubna Marium is attending the Joint Dance Congress of WDA and Dance and the Child International (DaCi) in Adelaide, along with 850 dancers from 29 countries from July 8 - 13, 2018. The programme is supported enthusiastically by the Australian Government.



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