

WHAT'S ON

Musical Evening
 Title: Sovvota and The Seesaw Quartet
 Venue: Jatra Birotti
 Date: 27th July
 Time: 7:30pm – 10pm



Music Festival
 Title: Baul Shongheet
 Utshab
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Prangan
 Date: July 26 – July 28



Art & Music Festival
 Title: Good Vibrations
 Venue: Lounge Comida
 Date: July 27
 Time: 2pm-9pm



Star Melodies Musical Evening
 Title: Celebrating Birth Centenary of Abdul Ahad
 Venue: The Daily Star Centre
 Date: July 28
 Time: 6:30pm



Art Exhibition
 Title: 21st Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2018
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Date: July 15-28
 Time: 11am – 8pm



'The Equalizer 2' to release at Star Cineplex today

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 The anticipation is finally over for all the Denzel fans, as *The Equalizer 2* is all set to hit the screens at Star Cineplex today. Not only did this film stir quite the hype as a sequel, but even more so, as it was Denzel Washington's first ever follow-up film in his long-lasting illustrious career. *The Equalizer 2* is a sequel to the 2014 film *The Equalizer*, which was based on the TV series by the same name. It is a film about heroism in a cruel world which follows Robert McCall as he becomes a voice for the voiceless. He uses his astounding military skills to punish the wrongdoers who prey on the weak, to deliver



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Exciting Eid-ul-Adha specials underway for Television

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Great news for TV buffs and families glued to the screen! Big names, fantastic stories and scripts are at work to amuse one and all planning to spend the Eid holidays all curled up in front of the TV!
 An exciting project is under construction, where Mostafa Sarwar Farooki and his Bhai Brothers group are coming up with eight tele-fictions under the banner of Chobial.
 Popular names like Zahid Hasan, Mosharrarf Karim, Chanchal Chowdhury, Apurba, Afran Nisho, Mamo, Tisha, Mehazabien Chowdhury and many more are now spending their days shooting for specials.
 Mosharrarf Karim will be seen in *Ghaura Mojid* and

Dorid, directed by Shami Zaman. Chanchal Chowdhury just arrived from Noakhali after shooting for *Ayehsa*, directed by Mostafa Sarwar Farooki.
 Zahid Hasan will be seen in two seven-episode serials titled *Hanif Daroga* and *Sofor Alir Package* directed by Uzzal Mahmud and Adibashi Mizan respectively. He will also be seen in *Mamum Mama*.
 Popular actor Shajal has shot both in Dhaka and Indonesia. Afran Nisho with his co-star Samia Othoi just finished shooting for the telefilm *Kancher Deyal*, directed by Biplob Yousuf.
 The ever hard working Tisha is no exception. She will also be seen in Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's telefilm *Ayehsa*.



justice that would otherwise remain unserved. But how far will he go when the victim is someone who he loves?
 Directed by Antoine Fuqua, the film's cast is made up of Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal, Melissa Leo, Bill Pullman, Ashton Sanders and more. From all the rave reviews, it seems *The Equalizer 2* is sure to satisfy the popcorn-munching crowd!

Abu Taher's solo at Chittrak

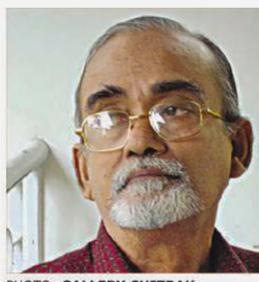


PHOTO: GALLERY CHITRAK

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 A retrospective solo painting exhibition of the renowned artist and Ekushey Padak recipient Abu Taher will begin tomorrow at Gallery Chittrak in Dhanmondi. The opening ceremony will take place at the gallery premises at 6pm.
 The artist has been seriously unwell and has been hospitalised since May 2018, and thus will not be able to attend the exhibition in person.
 Md Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, will

inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest. Noted art critic Moinuddin Khalid will attend the event as special guest. Eminent artist Professor RafiqunNabi will preside over the ceremony. The exhibition will remain open from 10am to 8pm daily from July 29 July – August 8.
 Abu Taher is an expressionist painter who works on large canvases. The artist often takes to nature for colour and form. Strong whirling, thick colours, broken lines and various vague shapes and forms dominate Taher's artworks.



A painting by Abu Taher



PHOTO: SOWKOT PHOTOGRAPHY

Samia Said, the winner of Lux Channel i Superstar 2012, looked gorgeous at her wedding reception held recently. She formally married television executive producer Abu Safat Chowdhury in April of this year. Samia had a role in the film 'Komola Rocket.'

'Ranga Shokal': Your morning dose of entertainment



A still from the show 'Ranga Shokal'

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 Maasranga Television's popular morning show *Ranga Shokal* has been on air since 2011. Different cultural personalities, actors, teachers, sports-persons and others appear as guests on the show. As of now, the show has welcomed a total of 1036 guests.
 Prolific and talented screen-

writer Rumman Rashid Khan has been hosting *Ranga Shokal* since 2013. Artistes such as Nandita, Safi, Lavanya and Kibriya have joined him as co-hosts as well.
 The idea for *Ranga Shokal* was conceived by Anjan Chowdhury, one of the stake holders of Square Group, the parent company of Maasranga Television.
 "Our show has been running

successfully for several years now. People really love it, which we consider our greatest achievement," says Rumman Rashid Khan.
 Social worker Sadia Jafrin Khan and singer Nayema Laboni are the special guests of today's show.
Ranga Shokal is produced by Rafikul Alam Rusho and Zubair Iqbal.

Angela Bassett speaks for women of colour

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American actor and activist Angela Basset recently played the role of director of the Central Intelligence Agency in *Mission: Impossible - Fallout*. This year, she also appeared in Marvel's *Black Panther*.
 Angela Basset with her portrayal of strong women in the Silver Screen thinks more women of colour deserve worthy roles in Hollywood. In an interview with NowThis Entertainment, she talks about women of colour playing particular types of insignificant roles. However, it is high time we changed the scenario, she believes.
 "For a long time, we have been somewhat invisible," says Angela Basset in the interview.



Catch 'Mission: Impossible – Fallout' at Blockbuster Cinemas today



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Tom Cruise is back as Ethan Hunt in the sixth installment of the franchise and the second film of the series to be directed by Christopher McQuarrie. After a mission goes haywire, Ethan Hunt and his team are in a race against time as they become the target for a CIA agent tasked with assassinating them. The film's cast comprises of Tom Cruise, Ving Rhames, Simon Pegg, Rebecca Ferguson, Sean Harris, Michelle Monaghan, Alec Baldwin, Angela Bassett, Vanessa Kirby, Henry Cavill and more.
 'Mission: Impossible – Fallout' is highly acclaimed by the critics for the story, cinematography, acting and the action, some even stated *Fallout* to be the best in the series so far. To find out how much of an adrenaline rush it actually is, catch the spy thriller at Blockbuster Cinemas as it is slated for release today in Bangladesh and around the globe.