

A Trainwreck in Bangalore



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Trainwreck has long been one of the hardest hitters in the underground scene, obtaining a cult-like following with their originals and cover numbers. Having drawn inspiration from groove metal legends Lamb of God, the band recently shredded through the Wacken Metal Battle-Dhaka to earn a place in the Bangalore Open Air, the biggest metal concert in South Asia. The Daily Star talks to the musicians about their journey, success and future plans.

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ
 Congratulations on your recent victory at Wacken Metal Battle-Dhaka. How are you preparing for the Bangalore Open Air?

First of all, we would like to thank Valor Events for making it all possible. We had some really tough competition going into the metal battle, but we came through in the end. Performing at the Bangalore Open Air in the competition section is a dream scenario for us, given the fact that we will have the opportunity to perform in the Mecca of metal music, the Wacken Open Air in Germany. Our only plan is to give our hundred percent in the competition, and the rest is up to fate. Trainwreck has consistently been one of the most well-known underground metal bands. Has this opportunity given you new incentive? Absolutely. Honestly, we are not as organised as a band as we would like to be. We started our journey almost a decade ago, and even though we have dedicated fans

from all over the country, it was because of our live performances. In terms of tracks, we have not released as many as we should have. When Rahul (A K Rahul) joined, it was a further boost as he is arguably one of the best PR guys we have! (laughs) Either way, we are really looking forward to performing in Bangalore on February 9. What are your ultimate goals as a band? Over the years, we had taken a huge risk by making our original tracks in English, as that immediately limits our market locally. However, we always wanted our music to be

LINE-UP

- Vocals - Abir Ahmed Shuvo
- Guitars - A K Rahul
- Guitars - Ekram Wasi
- Bass - Habibullah Farhan
- Drums - Mark Don

international. The industry has slowly become stale, and we feel that it is the responsibility of the artistes to familiarise the audience with new music. Do you have any advice for young people, who want to pursue a career in music? Just go out there and do it! As artistes, we sometimes tend to limit ourselves to listening to only one kind of music, and that is not the way to go. We need to be open to all genres and respect them. We need to get our music out there, irrespective of how small the venue that we are performing in is, or how different our genre is.

WHAT'S ON

Film Screening
 Title: DIFF Show by Rainbow Film Society - Ek Je Chilo Raja
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
 Date: January 12
 Time: 4 pm - 7 pm

Winter Festival
 Title: Him Utshab
 Venue: Jahangirnagar University
 Date: January 17 - January 19
 Time: 10 am

Musical Evening
 Title: Sovota And The Band Live At Ajo Idea Space
 Venue: Ajo Idea Space, Uttara
 Date: January 19
 Time: 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Heritage Walk
 Title: Make A Tour Presents Explore Old Dhaka- A Heritage Walk (Season-2)
 Venue: Old Dhaka
 Date: Today
 Time: 8 am - 4 pm

Bulbul Chowdhury Birth Centenary
 Organisers: BSA & BNSS
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Yearlong Celebration currently under

Musical Evening
 Title: Te Re Ke Te - A tabla solo recital by Mir Naqibul Islam
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
 Date: January 12
 Time: 7 pm
 Tickets: BDT 100

KAZI HAYAT dismisses rumours



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SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 The national award-winning director Kazi Hayat is currently hospitalised at Presbyterian Hospital in New York. He is being accompanied by his son, Kazi Maruf. Last Wednesday, Kazi Hayat cleared rumours regarding his death, on a Facebook live video. His son, too, requested everyone to keep his father in their prayers.
 S A Haque Olike, General Secretary

at the Directors' Guild, also requested fans to refrain from spreading rumours, on a Facebook live video. Kazi Hayat has been suffering from cardiac problems and has been in New York for some time now for his treatment. He also received a donation for his surgery from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina last year. According to different sources, Kazi Hayat will start filming *Bir*, starring Shakib Khan, after he returns to the country.

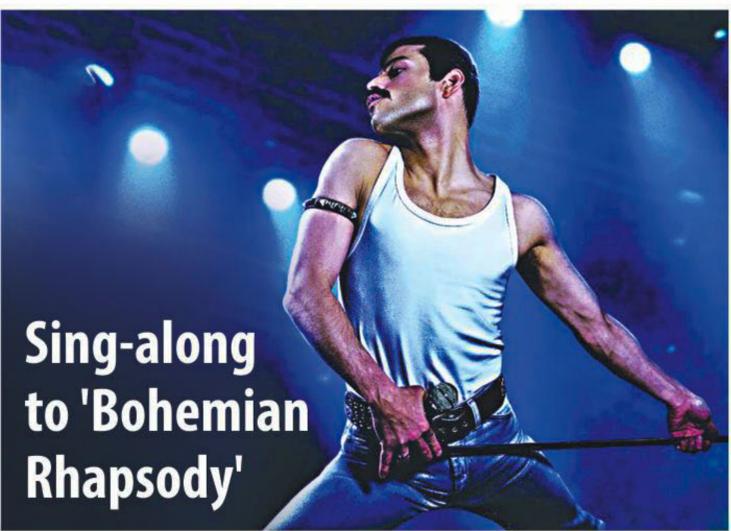


New posters of 'Shonibaar Bikel' unveiled

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK
 Internationally acclaimed director Mostafa Sarwar Farooki is gearing up for his next film, *Shonibaar Bikel* (Saturday Afternoon), a hostage drama based on a terrorist attack. "This is a really important and special film for me. I hope it turns out to be equally special for all Bangladeshis, no matter what party or ideology they belong to," asserts Farooki.

Shonibaar Bikel, a Bangladesh-Germany joint production, is the first film in a trilogy helmed by the director. It is produced by Abdul Aziz from Jaaz Multimedia and Farooki from Chabial. Anna Katchko of Tandem Productions (Germany) is serving as the co-producer. Recently on social media, Jaaz Multimedia unveiled new posters of *Shonibaar Bikel*, featuring Zahid Hasan and Nusrat Imrose Tisha, two of the film's stars.

Shonibaar Bikel takes its cue from the brutal terrorist attack at the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka. Alongside Zahid and Tisha, the film stars Palestinian actor Eyad Hourani, Indian actor Parambrata Chatterjee along with Irish Zaker, Mamunur Rashid, Nader Chowdhury, Intekhab Dinar, Gousul Alam Shaon and others from Bangladesh. No release date has been set for the film yet.



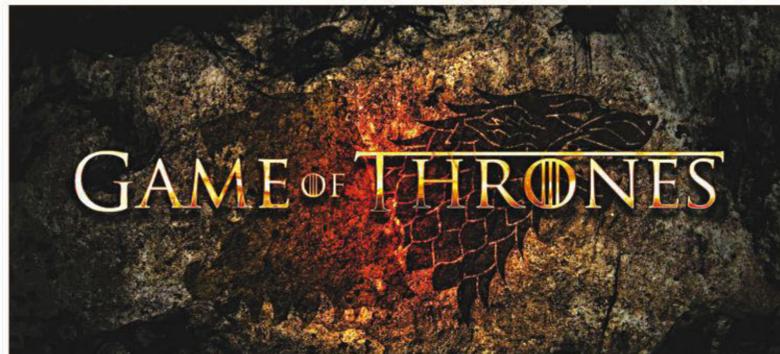
Sing-along to 'Bohemian Rhapsody'

Twentieth Century Fox recently announced that the Golden Globe-winning Queen biopic *Bohemian Rhapsody* will be released as a sing-along version across North America. The special version of the film is to be screened across 750 theatres. It will consist of Queen's most popular songs from the film including *We Will Rock You*, *Another*

One Bites the Dust, *We Are the Champions* and more. After the Golden Globe wins for Best Drama and Best Actor in a Drama (Rami Malek), *Bohemian Rhapsody* is being expanded to an additional 300 theatres. It has grossed more than \$734 million worldwide.
 SOURCE: AP

HBO announces cast and director for 'Game of Thrones' spin-off

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK
Game of Thrones began in 2011 and quickly brought the TV world to a halt as many shows began to pay attention to the fantasy epic genre. With just six episodes left of the series before its end, HBO producers are working hard on bringing the next series to fruition. The next iteration of *Game of Thrones* will take place thousands of years before the birth of the characters viewers know and love. Titled *The Long Night*, the show currently does not have a release date, but has recently cast a number of actors and a director. A few cast members were previously announced for the show and included Naomi Watts - best known for *Gypsy*, and *The Impossible* - as well as Josh Whitehouse - a mainstay from *Poldark*. Since then, *Lady MacBeth* and *Yardie* star Naomi Ackie was cast alongside Denise Gough, Jamie Campbell Bower, Sheila Atim, Alex Sharp, and Georgie Henley. Ivanno Jeremiah is also involved, who



viewers may recognise from the *Black Mirror* episode, *Shut Up and Dance*. He is also joined by Toby Regbo who has recently appeared in the *Harry Potter* spin-off *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The Crimes of Grindelwald* - while historically appearing in *Reign*. S J Clarkson will be directing the show

and it looks like the show is in good hands as her resume includes directing credits on the Marvel series *Jessica Jones* and *Orange is the New Black*, as well as *Dexter* and *Bates Motel*. Most recently, Clarkson has been involved in the upcoming instalment of J J Abrams' *Star Trek* movie franchise.