



Winter Festival
Title: Him Ushab
Venue: Jahangirnagar University
Date: February 19 - 23
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



Theatre
Title: Hamlet
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: January 19



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



A still from the film.

'Phagun Hawa' to release soon



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Based on the 1952 Language Movement, the film *Phagun Hawa* is set to release on February 8, under the banner of Impress Telefilm Limited. The film is adapted from a story named *Bou Kotha Kou*, written by Tito Rahman. Directed by Tauquir Ahmed, the film was shot in Paikgachha Upazila of Khulna.

The film will star Tisha, Siam, Abul Hayat, and Fazlur Rahman Babu, among others. Renowned Indian actor Yashpal Sharma will also appear in *Phagun Hawa*, and will be seen playing the role of a Pakistani police officer. Tisha and Siam have paired up on screen for the first time in this film.

"I always include humour in my films, and I tried to do so in *Phagun Hawa* as well," mentioned Tauquir Ahmed. He further added that the film has been submitted

to the censor board for approval.

"I feel proud to be a part of a film that is based on an integral part of our history," said actor Tisha. "I hope the film will reach out to an international audience," said her co-star, Siam Ahmed.

There are three songs by Pintu Ghosh, Nandita and Sukanya in the film. Initially, the film will release in 30-40 cinema halls.

The cast started filming in March, last year. To create a suitable 'retro' atmosphere, a 100-year-old building in Paikgachha was used for shooting.

The promotions of *Phagun Hawa* are in full swing with the release of its official teaser and poster, which was designed by Bipasha Hayat.

The director is hopeful about the film. He believes that the audience will receive it positively.

Winners at the 2019 Critics' Choice Awards

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With four prizes, *Roma* was the biggest winner at the 24th Critics' Choice Awards, which celebrates the finest in cinema and television.

The winners were presented with awards at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica recently. This year's show, hosted by Taye Diggs, was presented by the Broadcast Film Critics Association and the Broadcast Television Journalists Association.

Netflix drama *Roma* won Best Picture and Best Foreign Film, while Alfonso Cuarón received the Best Director and Best Cinematography awards for the same film. Other big winners included *Black Panther* and *Vice* (three each), with the latter's lead Christian Bale receiving two awards for Best Actor and Best Actor in a Comedy.

Heading into the event, *The Favourite* was the frontrunner with 14 nominations, but the film managed only two victories, for Best Acting Ensemble and Best Actress in a Comedy (Olivia Colman).

Lady Gaga was the centre of attention as she bagged Best Song for *Shallow*, her duet with Bradley Cooper from *A Star Is Born*, and won Best Actress for her performance in *A Star Is Born*, in a tie with veteran stage and screen star Glenn Close for *The Wife*.



Ajay Devgn

@ajaydevgn

Say Hi to Hollywood's head turner Crystal, debuting soon in Bollywood in *#TotalDhamaal*. Trailer out soon!



Hollywood's famous monkey Crystal, who starred in films like 'Hangover 2' and 'Night At The Museum', is all set to leap out in Bollywood now. Recently, Ajay Devgn took to Twitter to introduce Crystal. He posted a picture of himself with the monkey posing on his shoulder for the upcoming film 'Total Dhamaal'.



Tantidhatri begins in Kolkata today

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Internationally acclaimed singer, musician and storyteller, Parvathy Baul is organising the third edition of the International Women's Performing Arts Festival, titled Tantidhatri, to be held from January 15-20, at Rabindra Tirtha, Rajarhat in Kolkata. The participating artistes, from 15 countries, include esteemed entities such as Parvathy Baul, Julia Varley, Jill Greenhalgh, amongst others. Several Indian and Bangladeshi folk singers are also performing at the festival, which will commence at 8 am daily with master classes by the gurus.

It is worth mentioning that Parvathy Baul attended the Transit Festival in Denmark in 2005 and was inspired to organise such an event in India. She previously arranged the festival in Puducherry in 2012 and in Bengaluru in 2015.



TV WATCH

Regular drama 'Rosher Hari' will be broadcast on Boishakhi TV today at 9:20 pm. Directed by Mehedi Hasan Ridoy, it features Chitralekha Guha, A K M Hasan, Dr Ejaz Ahmed and Shamima Ahmed, among others.

