

<p>WHAT'S ON</p>	<p>Film Screening Title: Nibash – The residence short film screening Venue: JatraBiroi, Banani Date: March 30 Time: 7 pm – 9 pm</p>	<p>BIG SCREENING EVENT Title: Game Of Thrones Season 8 Screening Venue: Arena – Café & Lounge, Ring Tower (4th Floor), 6/A Ring Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka Date: April 15</p>	<p>Screening Event Title: Moitry – Songs of Love and Friendship Screening Venue: Jatra Biroi, Banani Date: March 22 Time: 7:30 pm – 10 pm</p>	<p>Musical Programme Title: Moitry – Songs of Love and Friendship Screening Venue: Jatra Biroi, Banani Date: March 22 Time: 7:30 pm – 10 pm</p>	<p>Musical Ensemble Title: Spring Session Acoustica – Stand Up Dhaka Venue: Buzz 100 Food World, Satarkul Date: March 23 Register: Stand Up Dhaka's</p>	<p>Musical Ensemble Title: Moncho: Jazz Night with Robert Russell Trio & 42 Venue: Tea Stall, Banani Date: March 22 Time: 7 pm Tickets: BDT 500</p>	<p>Musical Ensemble Title: Moncho: Jazz Night with Robert Russell Trio & 42 Venue: Tea Stall, Banani Date: March 22 Time: 7 pm Tickets: BDT 500</p>	<p>Musical Ensemble Title: Moncho: Jazz Night with Robert Russell Trio & 42 Venue: Tea Stall, Banani Date: March 22 Time: 7 pm Tickets: BDT 500</p>	<p>Musical Ensemble Title: Moncho: Jazz Night with Robert Russell Trio & 42 Venue: Tea Stall, Banani Date: March 22 Time: 7 pm Tickets: BDT 500</p>
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'NOHI DEBI NOHI SHAMANNYA NARI' celebrates the spirit of Chitrangada



PHOTO: KAZI SALAHUDDIN RAZU

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A one-hour dance drama, 'Nohi debi nohi shamannya nari', that portrays the multiple personas of the mythological princess warrior, Chitrangada, was recently staged at Chhayanaut Cultural Centre. Written by Rabindranath Tagore, it narrates the story of Chitrangada, who is raised as a boy, as her family did not have a male heir. However, when she falls in love with a warrior hero, she decides to embrace her femininity.



Sweetie Das Chowdhury and Naznin Hasan Chumki, with their graceful, yet bold movements, played Chitrangada. The show began with Sweetie Das Chowdhury performing a sword dance remarkably, along with dancers Ariful Arnab, Arnab Sharma, Ria, Anika, Prianty, Madhurima, Lokkhi, Mahabub, Shurojit and Rony. Throughout the show, these dancers played the roles of hunters, shokhis

(friends) and others. Warrior hero Arjun, played by Amit Chowdhury, was also seen mediating in a corner, in the beginning. The scene symbolised Chitrangada's meeting with Arjun in the jungle, where she fell in love with him. The show then moved

onto portraying Chitrangada's journey of winning Arjun's affection. The dancers of the evening recreated the tale of Chitrangada with Manipuri, Bharatanatyam, Thang Ta, and Contemporary dance forms. Amit Chowdhury, with his powerful Bharatanatyam steps amused Chitrangada on the stage and the audience simultaneously. Naznin Hasan Chumki, who gave a fierce performance, was the only one who had dialogues, which she delivered with utmost brilliance. Madan – The God of Love, was another significant element of the show. Arthy Ahmed, donning a white gown, beautifully played the role of Madan. In addition, Manipuri dancers from Sylhet played live percussion, leaving the audience mesmerised. Nohi debi nohi ishamannya nari was choreographed by Sweetie Das Chowdhury. The artistic direction of the dance drama was done by Lubna Marium. Among others, Shimu Dey, Nirjher Chowdhury and Turjo served as vocalists of the show.

Star Melodies to present 'Muktijoddhar Priyo Gaan'



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Star Melodies, an initiative of The Daily Star to promote Bangla music, will host a special musical programme, titled, Muktijoddhar Priyo Gaan, on March 23, commemorating our Independence Day. It will be held at The Daily Star Bengal Arts Precinct of The Daily Star Centre at 6 pm. Noted singers Yakub Ali Khan, Aditi Mohsin, Rashed and Ronti Das will perform songs at the programme, in the presence of many Freedom Fighters. Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief, Culture Initiatives, The Daily Star, will host the programme. Invitation passes can be collected from The Daily Star Centre. Seats are limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Santa Clarita Diet

SHABABA IQBAL

Netflix's recent original productions have been nothing short of brilliant – but one show that stands out is Santa Clarita Diet. Ahead of the show's third season, we discuss a few reasons why you need to watch it right now. The horror-comedy series tells the story of the Hammond family: real estate brokers Joel, Sheila and their daughter, Abby. The Hammonds face a series of obstacles when Sheila has a physical transformation into a zombie and starts craving human flesh. They end up spending their days trying to satisfy Sheila's taste for human flesh, while making sure to cover up the trail of occasional and unintentional murders behind them. Santa Clarita Diet presents a truly unique take on zombies. While shows like The Walking Dead features people being killed with a baseball bat wrapped in barbed wire,

Santa Clarita Diet goes for a different kind of gore. Since she has to eat people, Sheila is seen having red smoothies made of human flesh and organs and snacking on fingers like they are a pile of carrots. The show further examines the newly undead fitting into a human's world, but the heart of it is the family dynamic between the Hammonds – as well as their neighbours in the suburbs. Sheila and Joel wholeheartedly try to navigate her transformation, while still making sure that they are in constant communication and providing each other with unconditional support. Moreover, despite the changes in their household, they are eager to be the best parents possible to their daughter, even when things get a bit messy. The first two seasons of the show, starring Drew Barrymore and Timothy Olyphant, are currently streaming on Netflix. Season 3 premieres on March 29.

WHAT'S NEW ON TV?



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Anima Roy in a new direction

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Renowned Rabindra Sangeet exponent Anima Roy has always captivated music lovers with her soulful voice. This time, the singer ventured into direction with a dance drama, consisting of 42 of her students from Jagannath University. The dance drama was a part of the music festival at JnU, where she is the chairman of the music department. "This was an amazing experience, and I learned a lot from it. I definitely want to do more direction in the future," says Anima Roy.



Aaron's 'Make Things Right'

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The younger grandson of Bangladeshi singing legend Runa Laila, Aaron (aka A.I) released a new song, titled, Make Things Right. Written by A.I himself, the music was arranged by Raja Kaasheff. The song was launched at The House of Commons in London by MP Seema Malhotra, Baroness Manzila Pola Uddin and Bangladesh High Commissioner in the UK, Her Excellency Saeeda Muna.



The first day of the Jagannath Sangeet Utshab, arranged by JnU's Music Department, commenced yesterday in glorious festivities. Eminent artists, namely Rabindranath Roy, Khairul Anam Shakil, Ferdous Ara, Aditi Mohsin, Avijit Kundu, and Jiman Karspel performed yesterday. The music festival will end today. PHOTO: STA