

<p><b>WHAT'S ON</b></p> <p><b>Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Speed of Color by Khurshid Alam Saleem                  Venue: Shilpangan, Lalmatia                  Date: July 27 – August 7                  Time: 3 pm – 8 pm</p>	<p><b>Group Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Prologue 1                  Venue: Dhaka Gallery, Banani                  Date: Jul 13 - Aug 9                  Time: 3 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p><b>Photography &amp; Poetry Exhibition</b>                  Title: ProjectDebi: Revolutionary Photography And Poetry Exhibition                  Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi                  Date: August 26 - 28                  Time: 10 am – 7 pm</p>	<p><b>Theatre</b>                  Title: Aleya Twist                  Venue: British Council Bangladesh &amp; BSA                  Date: August 6 &amp; 7                  Time: Aug 6 at 7 pm at British Council, Fuller Road; Aug 7 at 7 pm at BSA</p>	<p><b>Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Muhurtama solo art exhibition by Shamsat Tabreje                  Venue: Dwip Gallery, Lalmatia                  Date: July 27 – August 22 (except Mondays)                  Time: 5 pm – 9 pm</p>
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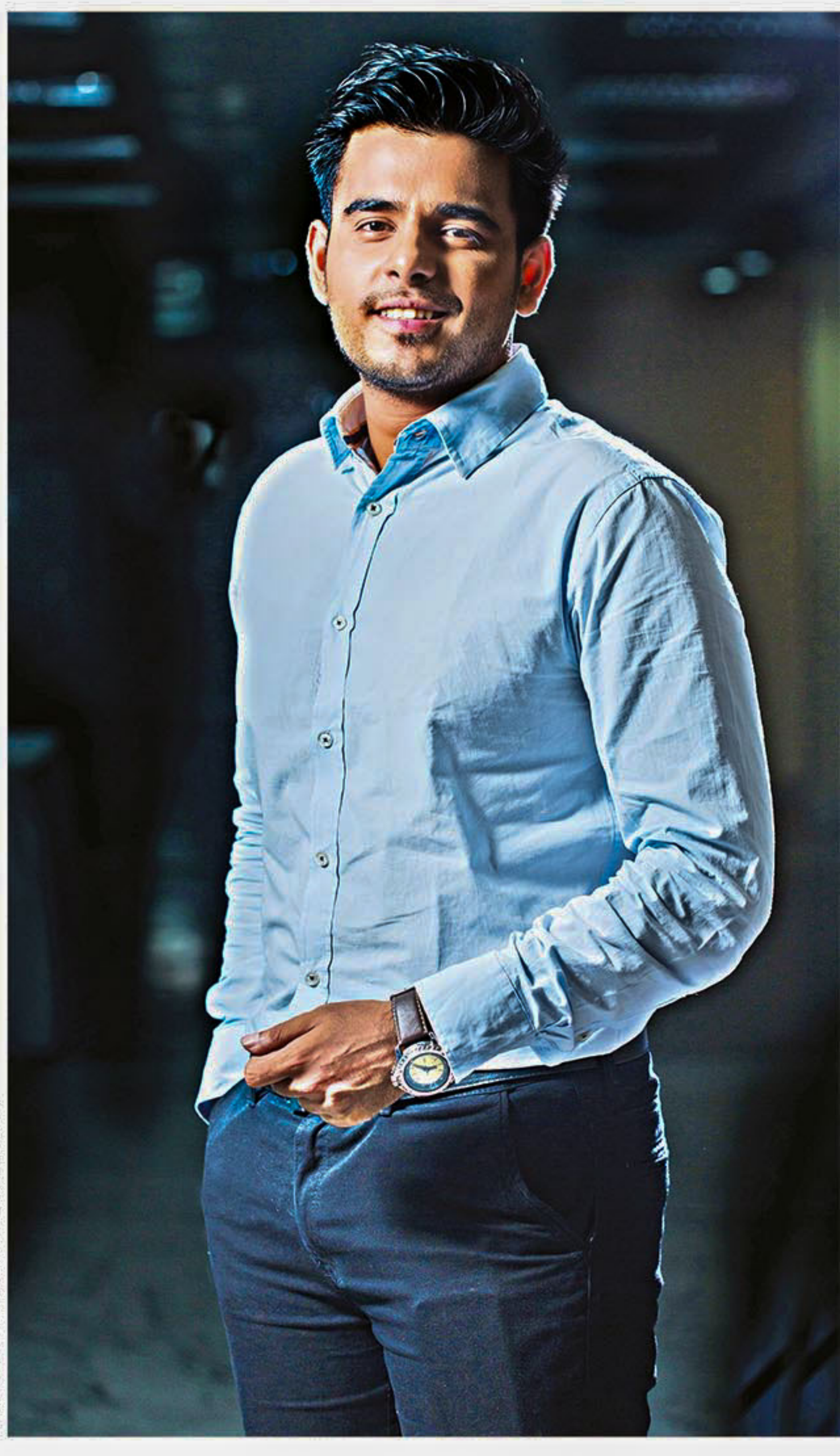


# SIAM AHMED

## talks upcoming ventures

Popular actor Siam Ahmed rose to fame with consecutive successful performances in a career spanning just a few years. Starting with his debut film till now, the audience has been extremely receptive to his work. Siam is currently gearing up for two upcoming films, and he is in talks for yet another one. The Daily Star caught up with the charismatic actor, amidst his busy filming schedule in Cox's Bazar, for a chat.

**SHAH ALAM SHAZU**  
*Reports claim that you will be acting in a new film titled Shopnobaji. How is the project coming along?*  
 I will be, indeed. Shopnobaji will be directed by Raihan Rafi. I have discussed the story and my character with the director, but have not signed a contract yet. I am looking forward to working on this project. Raihan Rafi was the first director I worked with on a film. I am confident that this film will be something spectacular, and challenging for me at the same time. Shopnobaji will boast an all-star cast.  
*You are currently filming for a movie titled Shaan. How far along is that project?*  
 We have completed nearly 60 percent of the shooting for Shaan. The film is directed by M Rahim and carries an important social message. I am playing the titular role of a young boy who works in the Special Branch of the law enforcement agency and aspires to do something for his country.  
*What are you filming for in Cox's Bazar?*  
 We are filming for Bishwa Shundori at a beach here. My character's name in this film is Shadhin. I am enjoying the whole process so far.  
*What has the experience been like working with Pori Moni?*  
 Pori Moni is quite organised when it comes to her work. She is immensely passionate about acting. I did not expect to have such an instant chemistry with her. It has been a wonderful experience. We are looking forward to present the audience with something new in this project.  
*What are your future plans, in regards to your career?*  
 My only plan is to keep doing good work. I want to choose the right projects and work on things that challenge me. At the end of the day, the good films are the ones that resonate with the audience.



# Shakib Khan to star in 'Agun'

Shakib Khan, one of the most popular actors of our time, is set to star in the upcoming film, Agun. It will be directed by Bodiul Alom Khokon, a filmmaker that the actor has previously teamed up with for numerous hit films. Newcomer Jahara Mitu will be seen opposite Shakib Khan in the film. On the other hand, the superstar is also gearing up for Moner Moton Manush Pailam Na, which is slated to release this Eid ul Adha.

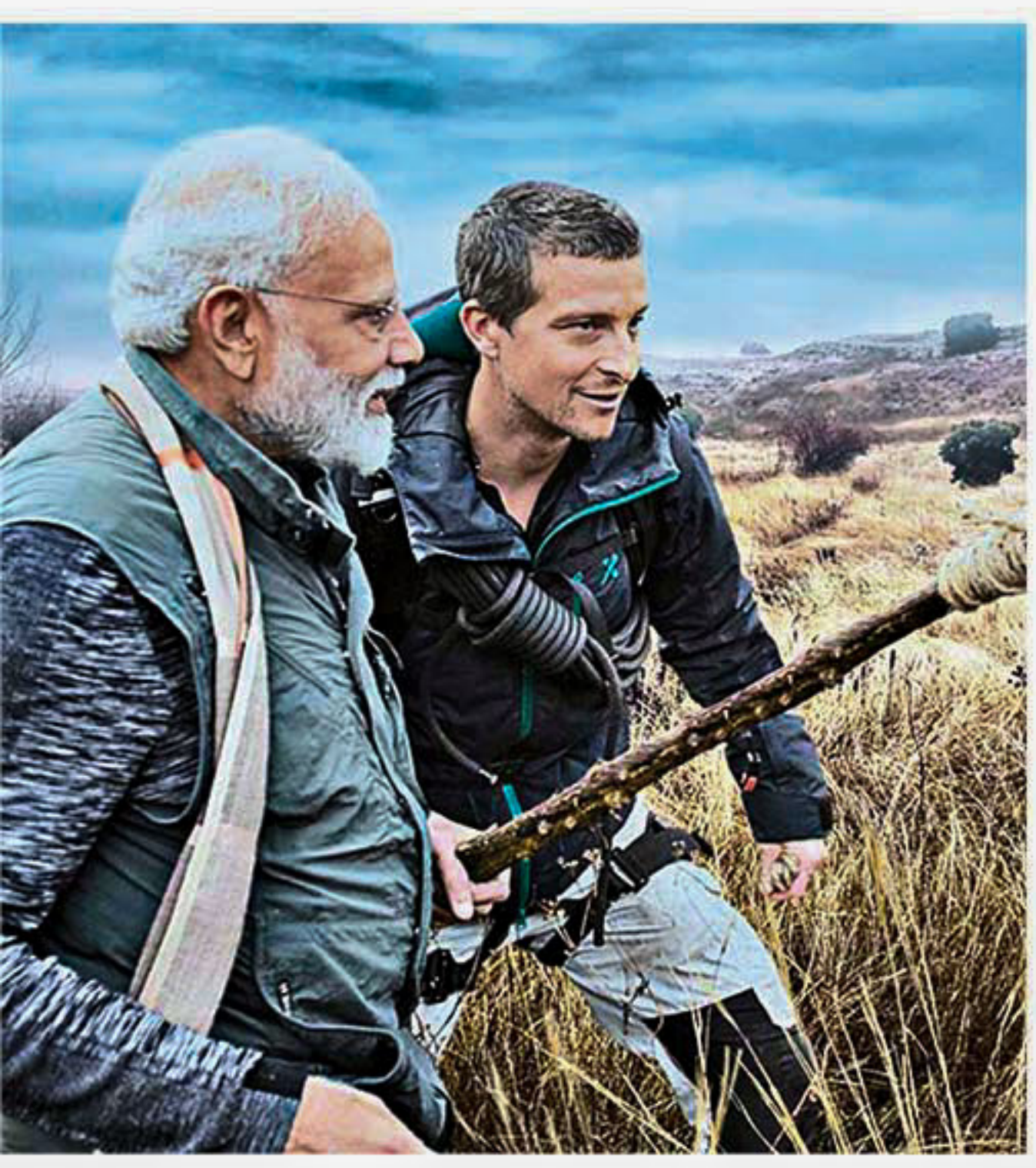


**(From left) Chandra Bhattacharjee, Aditya Basak, Atin Basak and Jayanta Naskar.**  
**ZAHANGIR ALOM**  
 Four Indian artists, Aditya Basak, Chandra Bhattacharjee, Atin Basak and Jayanta Naskar, were a part of the Bangladesh Art Trip 2019, from July 26 to 31. Galleri Kaya invited the artists and organised their trip to Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Dhaka. Renowned artist and gallerist Gautam Chakrabarty accompanied them in the trip.  
 The artists interacted with several Bangladeshi journalists at Galleri Kaya on July 30. "Close contacts between Bangladeshis and Indians are necessary. An artistic arrangement of this kind paves the way for engagement and interaction between different artists from both the nations," said Aditya Basak, whose works mainly shed light on the atrocious ramifications of World War I and II.  
 Gautam Chakrabarty stated that the objective of the art trip was to familiarise the Indian artists with the culture and people of Bangladesh and that he looks forward to taking part in many more such trips in the future.  
 "Bangladeshi artists regularly go to India to participate in different art workshops. We contact them in India, but we seldom come to Bangladesh. Galleri Kaya has given us that opportunity," said Chandra Bhattacharjee, who works on human visages and their multifarious expressions along with the language of the body.  
 On the other hand, Atin Basak works on the relationship between living and non-living things. Jayanta Naskar, who is a senior assistant professor at the Department of Printmaking at Rabindra Bharati University in Kolkata, loves to work on socio-political themes.

# Galleri Kaya organises Bangladesh Art Trip 2019

# AKASH MOHOL to release on August 2

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**  
 Delwar Jahan Jhantu is a name synonymous with many hit films in Dhallywood. His latest directorial venture, Akash Mohol, is set to release tomorrow. The film, produced under the banner of Impress Telefilm, will star Emon opposite Airin.  
 The actors are eagerly waiting for the release of the film and are hopeful that the audience will admire the work of such a prominent director like Delwar. They further emphasised on the fact that everyone is optimistic about the project.  
 After getting its clearance from the Bangladesh Film Censor Board in May, Akash Mohol is finally scheduled for release across multiple cinemas in Bangladesh.



A recent twitter post made by British TV adventurer Bear Grylls, regarding an upcoming episode of Discovery Channel's 'Man vs. Wild' that features Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, created quite the hype across the social media platform. Bear tweeted, "People across 180 countries will get to see the unknown side of PM @narendramodi as he ventures into Indian wilderness to create awareness about animal conservation & environmental change. Catch Man Vs Wild with PM Modi @DiscoveryIN on August 12 @ 9 pm. #PMMotionDiscovery."

# Queen alongside Adam Lambert to headline Global Citizen Festival 2019

Legendary band Queen alongside Adam Lambert is set to headline this year's Global Citizen Festival, which will be taking place in New York's Central Park later next month.  
 Held annually since 2012, the event aims to eliminate extreme poverty, as world leaders gather in New York for the UN General Assembly, Global Citizen distributes tickets for free to supporters who pledge to take actions such as sending letters to their governments in support of development aid.  
 "After next year we will have only ten short years to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals," said Hugh Evans, the CEO of Global Citizen. "The policies and progress that we make this year, and into 2020, will determine whether we successfully eradicate extreme poverty by 2030, and failure is not an option for the world's poor."  
 Prominent artists, including the likes of Pharrell Williams, Alicia Keys, OneRepublic, H.E.R. and Carole King are scheduled to perform among other great musicians this year. The festival will be hosted by Australian acting couple Hugh Jackman and Deborah-lee Furness, with co-hosts Forest Whitaker and Rami Malek.

