



Back on stage back on track

Stars express relief on return of live shows

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The last couple of winters were arguably incomplete without stage shows and live performances, as the world suffered from the effects of the pandemic.

This year, life returned to musical venues, as stars were relieved to get back to what they love doing the most: perform for the people.

"I have returned to live performances in full swing," shares celebrated musician Kumar Bishwajit. "I don't know what the future has in store for us, but I want to keep performing live for as long as possible."

"Closeup 1" winner Salma also shared her excitement.

"I had to keep away from live performances, and it really hurt," she shares. "I am now doing shows every month, and wish that we never have to return to the



dark days."

Liza was seen in multiple shows last month, and has more performances lined up for 2022. "I can interact directly with my fans, and that's what I love the most about stage shows," she mentions.

Beauty, who is famous for her folk performances, says, "It feels like we have been reborn."

"I started performing on stage as soon as the cool winter breeze began to flow," shares an excited Aankhi Alamgir, fresh off a show in Sylhet. "I am enjoying every second, and so are my fans. That inspires me to keep performing."

"I missed the stage for 2 years, and it broke me," says renowned pop and playback singer Imran. "My fans are my strength, and the way that they shower me with love and affection means the world to me."

Singers Zhilik, Sabbir Zaman, and Kornia are busy with live performances. "I performed at a university last week, and the energy was magical," recalls Zhilik.

"Performing in front of thousands of people while they sing along – that is what defines our being," says Kornia.

"The thirst of a real artiste is never

quenched without stage

shows,"

shares Sabbir. "We are spending a great phase, and I promise to do a lot of live performances this winter."

Talented singer and composer Belal Khan told The Daily Star that he wants to do as many shows as possible. "Nothing really beats being up there, no matter what anyone says."

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Marking the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh's independence, folk queen Momotaz Begum made her much-awaited return to stage.

With winter winds growing chilly, the stars now look to having a great year ahead, jam-packed with stage shows and live performances.



Sohel Rana's condition improves, shifted to cabin

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Veteran actor and freedom fighter Sohel Rana was admitted to ICU, as his health deteriorated after he was diagnosed with Covid-19. He has been shifted to the cabin, as his health condition improved.

His son, Mashrur Parvez, confirmed the news to The Daily Star.

"We have shifted him to the cabin from ICU on January 6, and we are happy that he is improving," says Mashrur.

Sohel Rana was admitted to the hospital on December 25, with a fever and cold. Later, he tested positive with Covid-19.

The actor earned accolades for his performance in "Ora Egaro Jon", the first film made on the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

The legendary actor began his career in the film industry in 1973. He was honoured with the National Film Awards' Lifetime Achievement Award.



'Will scream from rooftops when film with Shah Rukh Khan gets finalised'

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Noted Indian actress Taapsee Pannu is looking forward to working with none other than Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan in Rajkumar Hirani's next project. In an interview with India Today, the "Mulk" actress opened up about working with Shah Rukh Khan, and expressed her sheer excitement. Although the film has not been finalised yet, Taapsee could not contain her happiness.

She said that she would be the first person to tell everyone about the project once the final statement comes up from the makers. "Let things get finalised and let things move ahead otherwise there will be mere speculations. I will scream and announce the film from rooftops when it's finalised. I am that excited," she expressed.

Mithila to feature in Hoichoi's 'Montu Pilot'

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Rafiath Rashid Mithila will be starring in the second season of Hoichoi's popular web series, "Montu Pilot", replacing Solanki Roy in the role of Bhromor, as per reports.

However, she is unable to join the shoot at the moment, as her husband Srijit Mukherji and daughter Ayra have tested positive for Covid-19. Mithila is currently in isolation at home with them.

Starring Saurav Das in the lead role, "Montu Pilot", directed by Debaloy Bhattacharya, is about the character Montu who wanted to be a pilot in his childhood. His mother tried everything to take him out from the red-light area of Neelkuthi but failed and met a terrible end.

The first season of "Montu Pilot" was released in 2019.

