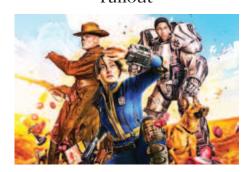


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Ritu Raj blends tradition and panache



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From his early days in 'Close Up-1' to his enthralling performance in Coke Studio Bangla's 'Bulbuli', Ritu Raj's melodious voice has left a lasting impression on audiences. While 'Tomakei Khuichhev Bangladesh' served as a stepping stone towards his musical journey, his corporate life posed challenges to his dreams. However, destiny intervened, and after eight years in the corporate world, he made the bold decision to leave his job and pursue his passion, reigniting his musical career. Since then, there has been no turning back for the artiste.

RAHMAN MISHA

A while back, the singer released his track Poro Choitali Shajhe from his album

Raj, a project that had been a dream for both him and his elder brother, Prithwi Prithwi's untimely passing

momentarily halted their work.

"We had nearly completed eight tracks for the album. However, we couldn't bring it to songs go viral fruition. Then, in 2019, my brother passed away. He was the driving force behind our YouTube channel Jilapi, boasting over 2.5 million subscribers. There's a dedicated crowd that adores his work. Completing his unfinished projects would allow his fans to by the mass, continue enjoying his work," explained Ritu.

The arrangement for **Poro Choitali** also great. I Shajhe was finalised in 2014, but its release was delayed until 2024, a decade later.

"Even though it was finalised a decade ago, feedback from listeners suggests that the song still resonates with contemporary audiences. My goal was to preserve the essence of the music as arranged by my brother during that time. The upcoming tracks will embrace a rock format, pretty different than my usual style which audiences have grown accustomed to," the singer elaborated.

For an artiste, corporate life can be quite cumbersome, as Ritu Raj experienced firsthand. "I had to constantly request leaves for shows; and organisers were often hesitant to hire me, as they thought I wouldn't be able to make the time for it. Then, Covid struck, and it was a miserable time. Working round the clock took a severe toll on my mental health. Frustration and misery pushed me to resign from my job. I found myself staring at the ceiling for hours until an opportunity for an online show arose, where I performed alongside Nandita, with Shuvendu Das Shuvo *bhai* on guitar."

After that show, Shuvo approached him arguably be and asked him whether he knew the song the greatest Bagichay Bulbuli Tui. And unfortunately, he didn't. "He then sang the entire song his memory. right in front of me, and I attempted to lip-

sync along. Later, I met Arnab da, and that's it's crucial to ensure that his songs when I learned that Coke Studio Bangla was reach the younger generation, while the coming to Bangladesh. I never imagined that Nazrul Sangeet would resonate with the This approach serves to honour Nazrul and younger generation to the extent that they'd

delivering such a massive hit. "I'm uncertain which of my songs will become hits

sing along." future generations," expressed Ritu Raj. While Coke Studio Bangla's Bulbuli remains one of the most-watched songs are necessary for this purpose, it's equally important to safeguard the essence of the with over 28 million views, there is a sense of pressure on Ritu Raj to prove himself after music, ensuring that it remains intact. Now

this is solely my view, and out of respect for their expertise as Nazrul Sangeet exponents, I don't want to refute Unfortunately, or go viral, especially their statement. However, if considering my genre the authentic essence of the music is preserved, I believe isn't dance or additional changes will pop-oriented. not be a big issue for Nazrul Sangeet," he can't added in conclusion. and my primary goal. If it gets picked then that's simply remind myself that my focus should always be on quality producing work. Ultimately, I have no control over which of my songs the audience will embrace," he confessed. Recently, Nazrul Sangeet exponents stated changing the original form

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OUT AND ABOUT IN DHAKA



Pathshala presents 'All That Weathers'

April 27 | 5pm DrikPath Bhobon, Panthapath



International Jazz Day April 30 | 7pm 138 East



Prachyanat edition of 'Khowabnama'

April 30 | 7pm Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

1-MINUTE REVIEW

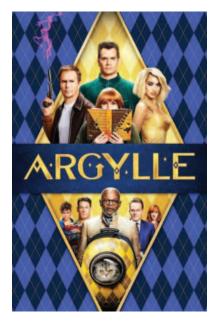
Fiction branches off of Elly's reality in Matthew Vaughn's latest

Matthew Vaughn who is known for helming massively relished films like X-Men: First Class, Kick-Ass, and the Kingsman series amongst others, takes on yet another turn at blurring the lines between fiction and reality through his film Argylle.

Featuring a star-studded ensemble cast comprising Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bryan Cranston, Dua Lipa, Sam Rockwell, and many others, the film depicts the story of a struggling author Elly Conway (Bryce) trying to determine why the story she is writing is bewilderingly transpiring in real-time. On her way to discover the reason behind the big question, only encounters new people associated with the

professional spy world but a series of actionpacked events unfold considering she ventures into the world of a super spy called Argylle (Henry Cavill) and his comrades.

The glimpse into the more grounded aspects of Elly's life — as a bestselling spy writer, she engages with her adoring fanbase at sold-out bookstore readings amidst many other activities intermingled with the heightened dealings surrounding the spy world cook up a storm of a fascinating watch.



STYLE STATEMENT GRETA LEE

Greta Lee's style statement the essence of refined luxury,

Vanity Fair Oscar Party this year. and captivating. The choice of attire perfectly complements her poised demeanour, enhancing blend her natural beauty without overpowering it.

ensemble captures major red-carpet event.

exudes effortless elegance and showcasing her impeccable taste understated glamour. Clad in a and fashion sensibility. With this golden sage greenish backless look, she radiates confidence silk gown, she epitomised and allure, embodying a modern sophistication and grace at the aesthetic that is both timeless

It's a stunning representation of Lee's ability to effortlessly elegance contemporary flair, making a memorable statement on any

WHAT'S PLAYING

Little Trip to Heaven (On The Wings Of Your Love)

Tom Waits' Little Trip to Heaven (On The Wings Of Your Love) from his debut album Closing Time(1973), is a treasure trove of piano-based

singer-songwriter gems.

The song, infused with a jazz-tinted lullaby and adorned with Waits' signature gravelly vocals, reflects the profound joy and contentment inspired by a cherished muse. Waits' evocative lyrics capture the euphoria of being in love with heartfelt sincerity.

This song, wrapped in a warm musical embrace, is a glimpse of the album's enduring appeal and Waits' ability to craft melodies that linger in the hearts of listeners long after the music fades.

