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Every year has a story to tell, and it goes without saying that there is a bittersweet feeling once it comes to an end. The best part about the year end is the ability to look back at the past and cherish the memories. Despite the good or bad, the happy or sad, 2015 really did shape us-for better or for worse.

Change is a doorway to new beginnings. With that in mind, ICE Today slips into a brand new image. Being the longest-running premier lifestyle glossy, we have commitments to the broad spectrum of style and culture. Hence, we have taken it upon us to introduce a plethora of events for the fashion and lifestyle industry.

As a stepping stone to that, Project Fashionscape is a first-of-its-kind dialogue platform that brought in Yves Saint Laurent (YSL) Designer, Arrington De Dionyso who wowed the audience with his illustrations and insights on fashion. We have launched a special Instagram workshop for Bangladeshi models through which models will learn how to popularise their social media fan following.

Although 2016 has just begun, it'd be too soon to assume what it will bring. However, there are a few hard-hitting issues that we are anticipating in our Cover Focus. Along with that, we also applaud the efforts of those in various fields of entertainment (Great Expectations, p71).

Our motto this year is 'out with the old.' To celebrate that adage, we've put together an exotic fashion spread featuring snazzy collections from the city's finest clothing lines. It's a brand new year; make the most of it and don the very best!

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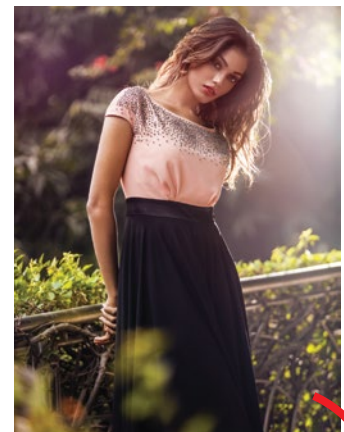
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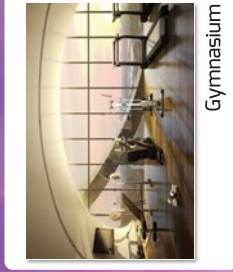
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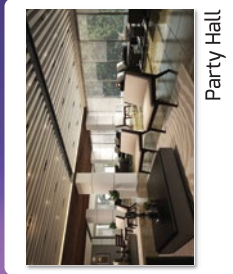
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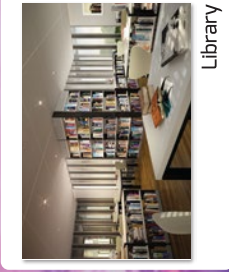
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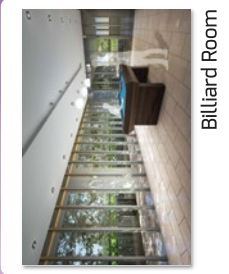
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## For A Majestic Ride

Executive motors Ltd, the sole importer and distributor of BMW vehicles in the country, launched the new BMW 3 series 1.5 liter cars for the first time in Bangladesh. The launch took place on December 4th at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel. The General Manager of Executive Motors Ltd Dewan Muhammad Sajid Afzal unveiled the new BMW 3 series sedan. The event was attended by BMW owners, future customers, media professionals, doctors, bankers and business professionals.



## Power Couple

Banking Professional Zara Mahbub with Stand Up comedian Naveed Mahbub never looked this good. Here's a picture of the stunning couple from the Josephites Ball that was held in December 18, 2015.



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# Oh! Laila!

Laila Plamondon's unforgettable jazz numbers and Christmas songs left **Rumana Fouzia Choudhury** star struck

A vision in her red dress, matching red lipstick and shoulder length black hair, Laila arrived at the New York Cabaret in the Red Shift Coffee Lounge, along with her family, an hour and half early for her live performance. She spoke in hushed tones punctuated at times with thoughtful pauses or girlish laughter. She is not your cookie-cutter singer, "If all I had to do is write papers on psychology," pondered this Fulbright Scholar and Smith alumna, "I would do that for fun."

Presently the associate director of product solutions at Uncommon Schools, in New York City, Laila speaks passionately about developing educational technology for public schools in low income areas and closing the achievement gap by "giving these kids an opportunity to not only go to college but make it through college." She switches to Bangla to explain that this is something Bangladeshis understand very well, that "without education you are not going to go anywhere."

While it would have been very easy for her to use work as an excuse to give up singing, Laila finds herself saying yes enthusiastically to any opportunity to perform live. However, when inquired about her intentions to perhaps transition into a career in music, she had a surprising answer, "While I love to perform and sing," she then explained, "I don't like the life of a musician." Upon inquiring further, she said, "I love going to work at the same



Photograph by Sakib Muhtasim

time and getting out and having that balance in my life. I don't enjoy staying up late. So going out at 2am to jam with people I don't know and coming back at 4am by myself is a nightmare for me and that is not what I think is fun or sustainable." When asked what it is about jazz that she loves so much, Laila reflected on her Third Culture background, and the Third Culture phenomenon on which she has done much research, she answered, "The improvisation,

the experimentation and play that happens in jazz transcends nationality and gender. It is a genre that allows for more communication, more cultural understanding than others." With each song Laila sang, the audience concluded with resounding applause and all too soon, the show came to an end. All we can do now, is wait for this time next year, when Laila will be back with more jazz and Christmas cheer. ☐

**"I don't like the life of a musician"**



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# Oscar Hopefuls

2015 was a strong year for the big screen, and the hour of the Academy Awards is fast approaching. As with every year the Oscar forecasts might not hold true as such things are unpredictable, moreso than the weather. Although the following list maybe treated as a solid forecast chart – things can and will change when it's time.

By Tamzidur Rahman

{InThe Buzz}

Best Film	 Spotlight	 Star Wars	 The Revenant	 Mad Max: Fury Road	 The Martian
Best Director	 Steven Spielberg "Bridge of Spies"	 George Miller "Mad Max: Fury Road"	 Ridley Scott "The Martian"	 Alejandro G. Iñárritu "The Revenant"	 Tom McCarthy "Spotlight"
Best Actor	 Leonardo DiCaprio "The Revenant"	 Bryan Cranston "Trumbo"	 Johnny Depp "Black Mass"	 Eddie Redmayne "The Danish Girl"	 Michael Fassbender "Steve Jobs"
Best Actress	 Cate Blanchett "Carol"	 Brie Larson "Room"	 Jennifer Lawrence "Joy"	 Charlotte Rampling "45 Years"	 Saoirse Ronan "Brooklyn"
Best Original Screenplay	 "Bridge of Spies"	 "The Hateful Eight"	 "Inside Out"	 "Joy"	 "Spotlight"
Best Original Score	 "Bridge of Spies" Thomas Newman	 "The Danish Girl" Alexandre Desplat	 "The Hateful Eight" Ennio Morricone	 "Spotlight" Howard Shore	 "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" John Williams