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Centre Stage Creations present Double Deal Reloaded



KOLKATA, JUNE 8 /--/ Centre Stage Creations present "Double Deal Reloaded" which is directed by Mahesh Dattani. Cast will be Bharat Dabholkar, Manjari Fadnis at GD Birla Sabhagar on 23rd June this Saturday from 6.30 pm onwards. Price range will be between 250/- to 2000/- Tickets will also available in Bookmyshow or call 9830015510 This is a story of deceit, betrayal and greed - Double Deal Reloaded has been directed by award winning director, playwright and film maker, Mahesh Dattani. The play stars renowned playwright, actor and director Bharat Dabholkar, well-known for his roles in Bollywood movies such as Company and Corporate among a number of other theatre productions, and the talented and beautiful Manjari Fadnis who is best known for her fantastic performance in the Hindi film Jaane Tu... Ya Jaane Na and the award winning Bengali film Faltu.

Double Deal Reloaded is a psychological thriller with a lot of mind games and twists at every turn. The characters Rhea and Jeet, even though appear to be strangers, are in some way connected through an incident in the past. The question that audiences will be asking throughout the show is who is he and what does he want from her? Jeet helps Rhea pay her grocery bill in a store and therein starts their friendship. What starts off as an innocent encounter between strangers turns out to be a roller-coaster ride of deceit and betrayal. Crimes and misdemeanors of the past turn the present into an impossibly bizarre battle over blood money. Or is it? (EOIC)

Dolphins too give names to identify friends and rivals, new study suggests



SYDNEY, JUNE 8 /--/ Dolphins may be more akin to humans than believed, said a study released on Friday, confirming that the marine mammals use individual "names" to identify friends and rivals among social networks. While parrots, bats, elephants and primates are also known to make vocal calls, they are very similar to one another. Dolphins, however, are able to retain unique signature whistles. According to the study led Stephanie King of the University of Western Australia (UWA), no other non-human animal has ever been found to do this, even when forming long-term cooperative partnerships. "When two groups meet each other they will exchange their signature whistles so that they know who's present," the Evolutionary Biologist told Xinhua news agency. "They sometimes also copy the signature whistle of another animal when they are not around but we don't know what that means yet." The study was conducted in the Shark Bay, where researchers collected recordings of 17 male bottlenose dolphins, which are known for their formations of alliances. From a small research vessel, the scientists observed the dolphins and used underwater microphones to record them. The team was able to determine the "names" or individual vocal label of each male. "Retaining individual names is more important than sharing calls as it allows dolphins to negotiate a complex social network of cooperative relationships," King said. "The names help males keep track of their many different relationships; who their friends are, friends' friends are, and who are their competitors." King said the next step will be to study the males' relationships more closely, in order to develop a further understanding of the political landscape of dolphin alliances in Shark Bay. (PTI)

Pippa Harris named BAFTA chairperson

LOS ANGELES, JUNE 8 /--/ Veteran producer Pippa Harris has been appointed as the new chair of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). The 51-year-old, a revered name in the British film and TV industry, will take the baton from Jane Lush, according to The Hollywood Reporter. She has been the deputy chair for the past year and closely involved with the British Academy for a decade. Her tenure will last for two years. Talking about the new stint, Harris said she is elated to be following in the footsteps of Lush, who propelled the Academy ably during tumultuous times the industry saw last year. "It's a great honour to be elected chair of BAFTA and I'm fortunate to be following in Jane Lush's footsteps," she said. "The last year has been a difficult and turbulent time for many in our industry, and I want to pay tribute to the calm, determined leadership that Jane has shown," she said.

Kevin Spacey allegations were 'shocking' for Mena Suvari

LOS ANGELES, JUNE 8 /--/ Mena Suvari said the recent sexual assault allegations against Kevin Spacey were "shocking". The 39-year-old actor, who starred with the embattled actor in the 1998 Academy Award-winning film, said it was "heart-wrenching" when Spacey was accused by Anthony Rapp of having made inappropriate sexual advances towards him when he was 14-years-old. "I think with everything that I've been seeing that everyone's been going through, it's shocking. It's really heart-wrenching," Suvari told Megyn Kelly on her show. She said a turn in tide was around and it is important that the victims of sexual harassment are heard and get a chance to heal. "It's important to focus on the conversation that's happening and the healing, the victims - the right thing that's to come out of this. That's sort of what I try to hope for and focus on the most. It's something that we're truly changing and moving out of," she added. Reminiscing the time she spent working on "American Beauty", Suvari said she had a "wonderful" time on the film sets.

"For me, having the opportunity to work on 'American Beauty' was something that was so special and so beautiful. I was so young and was so grateful to have a job. And to be working with such experienced individuals. Everyone on that set was wonderful to me. I had a beautiful experience working on that film," the actor, who played the best friend of Spacey's on-screen teenage daughter, whom his character becomes infatuated with, said. Spacey, who won the best actor Academy Award for the film, has been lying low since he was accused but released a statement addressing the allegations in which he also came out as gay. Later more allegations came up against the actor of him having assaulted several men both in the US and UK. Investigations are on in the both countries. (PTI)

Book seeks to demystify crucial period of parenting

GUWAHATI, JUNE 8 /--/ Parents in today's nuclear family setup often find it difficult to deal with the crucial first five years of a child's life and early childhood educationist Vasavi Acharya seeks to address issues like this in her just published book. "Many research studies reveal that the first five years of a child's life play a pivotal role in the complete development of the brain but many are still unaware of the importance of an enriched environment imperative for the development of a child," the author says in "The First 5 Years: Demystifying the crucial period of parenting". Parenthood is a blessing and should never be taken for granted, says Acharya, who is associated with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati as a faculty and is also the managing director of Inner

I Foundation, the parent company of the preschool brand 'Tender Petals'. With increasing work pressure or demands of society, some parents tend to ignore the need of personal care, quality time, love and comfort that a child needs to grow up well, she points out. "Over the years, I was loaded with innumerable queries from parents regarding their child's behaviour, attitude, likes and dislikes, character traits, teaching morals and values and this encouraged me to write this book for young and expectant parents," she says. "The book is a guide for parents who want to 'know more about rearing their child in the most nurturing manner'." "Without the comforting presence of elders in nuclear families and with both parents often working outside the house, it helps immensely to have a book of this kind at hand

to understand the psychological and physiological aspects of the growing toddler and be guided on how best to handle the inevitable challenges," says author-columnist Mitra Phukan. The book is sectioned into four parts with the first dealing with psycho-social development, brain development, socio-emotional development, emotional intelligence and quotient and basic characteristics of toddlers and ways to deal with them. The second section focuses on how to shape children the right way need to talk, being a role model for the child, instilling values, impact of storytelling, importance of fairy tales, teaching children empathy and spending quality time with the child. The third section highlights ways to deal with a child's curiosity, creativity, handling

disobedience and lying, how much stress a toddler can handle and above all addresses the most important issue that most modern-age parents have to deal with is how to deal with screen addiction. The final section has some very interesting subjects like finding the right preschool for a child, what to look for in a preschool facilitator, the child's first day at school and classification of parents in different categories like the over involved, uninvolved, difficult, over sensitive and the unaccommodating parent. "The author has successfully created a judicious combination of the science and art of raising a child from birth to five years and a must read for parents and teachers to understand their children given the complexities of modern life and society," says editor of Guwahati Plus Swapnil Bharali. (PTI)



MTV Dating in the Dark

KOLKATA, JUNE 8 /--/ MTV Dating in the Dark, presented by Engage Deos and Perfumes is going to ignite fire between two potential lovers who have never seen each other before. The show will not only engross the viewers but also the participants who will substitute and maximize all their senses in the DARK to connect with their 'could be prospects.' As the season's host, Moroccan beauty Nora Fatehi will be hosting a fabulous date for the contestants in the dark starting 8th June, every Friday 7.00 PM only on MTV. MTV Dating in the Dark is a dating reality show that will witness curiosity raising the temperature soaring high with mysteries whirling around. It could be a daring adventure to remember or nothing. Based on an international format giving an exciting chance to three single men and three single women to get to know each other by losing all their inhibitions and trusting their instincts. The brand new format promises to bring a lot of unpredictability and double the excitement for the viewers, as the singletons get ready for a first date in pitch darkness. They say there is light at the end of the tunnel but find out if there is love in the dark. (EOIC)



Actor George Clooney and his wife Amal pose at the 46th AFI Life Achievement Award Gala in Los Angeles, California. U.S. - REUTERS

Dave Bautista wants Drax solo movie

LOS ANGELES, JUNE 8 /--/ WWE wrestler-turned-actor Dave Bautista, the 40-year-old actor joked about getting a stand alone movie. "But on the bright side, which is why I try to look at... any second now" then the chances of me

tweet about the news of the Joker movie, the 40-year-old actor joked about getting a stand alone movie. "But on the bright side, which is why I try to look at... any second now" then the chances of me

getting a Drax movie have got to be astronomically high! Like so high that I'm going to stop tweeting and sit by the phone and wait for @MarvelStudios to call! ...any second now" Bautista tweeted. James

Gunn, who directed Bautista in "Guardians of the Galaxy" and its sequel, had recently backed the idea of a Drax solo film. "I think a Drax movie could be incredible," Gunn had tweeted.

Three-day gourmet festival to start in Bengaluru from today

BENGALURU, JUNE 8 /--/ For the gastronomes of Bengaluru, here is a three-day mega food festival 'World on a Plate' starting from tomorrow. Stalwart master chefs will conduct exclusive fine dine master classes and interact with budding professionals during the three-day 'World on a plate' event here. Organised by Gold Rush Entertainment, the event will see eminent master chefs George Calombaris, Sarah Todd and Ranveer Brar, conducting exclusive fine dine master classes and tete-a-tete with budding professionals. "Culinary expert and chef Sarash Goila will kick-start 'World on a Plate Season 3' with a demonstration of his signature Goila butter chicken, the best butter chicken in the world as Calombaris calls it.

Patrons can savour the epishodish at VR Bengaluru, or from the comfort of their homes by ordering it via 'Uber Eats'. The organisers said in a press release. There will be a 'GiftAMeal with HUG' initiative to collect funds for the underprivileged, as part of a hunger management programme aimed at giving away one lakh meals in 2018. (PTI)

Bill Cosby wants apex court to review Dickinson defamation lawsuit

LOS ANGELES, JUNE 8 /--/ Disgraced actor-comedian Bill Cosby is preparing to ask the US Supreme Court to review the defamation lawsuit filed by former supermodel Janice Dickinson against him. The legal counsel for the 80-year-old actor, who stands convicted of sexual assault as of April, has submitted an application to justice Anthony Kennedy asking for an extension on their deadline to submit a petition seeking intervention, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Dickinson, who has also accused Cosby of drugging and raping her in the 1980s, is suing over a press statement from his former attorney Marty Singer. As the scandal started to take shape in 2014, Singer told media outlets that the model's story was "fabricated" and is an outrageous defamatory lie. Last November, a California appeals court allowed Dickinson to move forward in her defamation lawsuit. In the decision, California associate justice Lawrence Rubin rejected Cosby's assertion that Singer's letter to media outlets merely conveyed opinion rather than provable facts.

"Cosby takes the position that the demand letter is not actionable as it is simply Singer's opinion, based on fully disclosed facts. We disagree. As we shall explain, nearly every factor of the totality of the circumstances test points strongly toward the conclusion that a reasonable fact finder could conclude the demand letter states or implies a provably false assertion of fact - specifically, that Cosby did not rape Dickinson, and she is lying when she says that he did," wrote Rubin. In Cosby's application, his lawyer Becky James at Greenberg Gross highlights two of his successes over a press statement from his former attorney Marty Singer. As the scandal started to take shape in 2014, Singer told media outlets that the model's story was "fabricated" and is an outrageous defamatory lie. Last November, a California appeals court allowed Dickinson to move forward in her defamation lawsuit. In the decision, California associate justice Lawrence Rubin rejected Cosby's assertion that Singer's letter to media outlets merely conveyed opinion rather than provable facts.

have two opportunities to weigh in on defamation law as it pertains to him. The actor wants the Supreme Court to reassess this holding. "In the years since Milkovich was decided, lower courts have struggled with its application, and as here, reaching conflicting outcomes as to virtually identical statements. Commentators have repeatedly noted the unworkability of the distinctions made in Milkovich between actionable and non-actionable statements of opinion. "Nowhere is that unworkability more problematic than in this case, where the uncertainty in the law chills an attorney's ability to effectively represent an accused client. The Court therefore should intervene to revisit Milkovich and provide clarity as to the scope of First Amendment protection in the increasingly prevalent context of statements made in response to public accusations of misconduct," Cosby's lawyer's says in petition. According to James, she needs 30 extra days until July 12 in order to file a petition for Supreme Court review. (PTI)