

RECOMMENDATIONS

Birth anniversary

August 12 SM Sultan Anniversary Council, in cooperation with the District Administration, is holding a three-day Sultan Mela to mark the 79th birth anniversary of the artist in Narail.



Dance

August 12 A dance performance by visiting Indian cultural troupe led by Tanusree Shankar will be held at Osmani Memorial Hall at 7pm.

Exhibition

August 01-15 Gallery Chitrag (House # 21, Road #4, Dhanmondi) is holding an exhibition of print-works by four artists--Safuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Kibria, Rafiqun Nabi and Monirul Islam, from 10-9pm.

August 10-15

A children's book illustration exhibition is going on at the British Council. The display is open for visitors everyday from 10pm to 6pm.

August 15-28

An exhibition of artist Mostafa Kamal will start on 15th August at the Gallery of Alliance Francaise.

Book launching

August 13 The launching of a new book Under the Krishnachura by Niaz Zaman will be held at the Alliance Francaise at 6 pm. The book is published by UPL.

Drama Lane

Bangladesh Mahila Samity 4 Natok Soroni, New Baily Rd.

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Exhibition

Magic pencil

Children's book illustration exhibition held at the British Council

NOVERA DEEPITA

TASNUVA Amin Nova, a girl of twelve, liked one of the exhibited illustrations by Patrick Benson from the book The Minipins of Roald Dahl. It shows some very small people riding on the back of birds. Tasnuva likes the picture because it is very colourful and the people in it are so tiny. 'It reminds me of the Lilliputs in the Gulliver's Travels', she says. Tasnuva, came all the way with her friends from Narayanganj to see the exhibition and to have fun, watching the puppet show and animation films for children.



Eminent artist of the country Mustofa Monwar inaugurated the show.

British Council has acquired facsimile prints of 60 illustrations from the original Artwork of Magic Pencil and arranged an exhibition at the institute's auditorium. The illustrations have been chosen by the celebrated children's author and illustrator, Quentin Blake, first incumbent of the post of Children's Laureate.

The exhibition features the artworks of 13 most accomplished and innovative illustrators in print today of the UK like Quentin Blake himself, Raymond Briggs, Tony Ross, John Burningham and Michael Foreman. Others represent new and varied ways of approach-

ing book illustration, such as the photographic collages and creative layouts of Sara Fanelli and Lauren Child.

The illustrations are taken from different books of fairytales, comics and other books for children. An illustration by Angela Barrett taken from the book Snow White of Josephine Poole offers a pleasant picture. It shows Snow White is running through the woods along with the inhabitant--foxes, wolves and tigers. This tells her helplessness when she was evicted from home by her step-mother.

The exhibition was inaugurated by eminent artist of the country

Mustofa Monwar. He said in his speech, 'Illustration is not just a picture, it helps the child understand the story itself. Illustration depicts the love and affection for the children. And we have a tradition of illustration in our country and there is playfulness in these pictures.'

Among others Feroz Alauddin, Director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy, and Charles Nuttall, Deputy Director of British Council, also spoke at the occasion. Besides the exhibition there will be multimedia presentation, screening of animation films and puppet show arranged for the children. The exhibition will remain open up to August 15 every day from 10am to 6 pm.

TV Drama

New production house of Mimi

SHAKAL AHMED

AFSANA Mimi has started working with fresh enthusiasm. The making of the new mega serial Sharey Tintala has started this month under the banner of her new production house 'Krishnachura'.



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After the closing of Machranga in June, the audience along with the media world were quite disappointed as Mimi was producing two popular mega serials Bandhan and Grihagalpo under its banner. Everybody expected that she would present standard dramas when Machranga was closed all of a sudden.

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the younger one goes astray and gets involved with criminal activities. The cast of Keboli Raat Hoya Jaay included Dolly Zahur, Saleh Ahmed, Fakhrul Hassan Boiragi, ATM Shamsuzzaman, Touqir Ahmed, Zahid Hassan, Isheeta Mahfuz Ahmed, Tomalika Karmakar, Tanveen Sumeyya Shimu, Hridhi Haque, Simla and many others.

Initially the play aspires to be made

Pranab and Aranya come up with the story of a middle class family

HARUN UR RASHID

THE viewers of TV-soaps are to get yet another title very soon as writer Pranab Bhatta and young director Aranya Anowar unite together in a project for a 'mega serial'. Titled Keboli Raat Hoya Jaay, the shooting of the drama serial commenced recently at a house in Uttara. The beginning was celebrated amidst a host of guests and journalists along

with the actors and actresses of the drama. Eminent actor-director Abdullah Al Mamun ceremonially inaugurated the shooting of the play.

Keboli Raat Hoya Jaay is the story of a middle class family of a retired father, mother and their sons and daughters. The elder brother should

up to 101 episodes. Satellite TV channel Channel-I will start airing the drama serial approximately in November on three-days-a-week schedule.

The serial is being produced by Shandyadeep Audiovision.

Star search

Regional talent hunt comes to an end

One and only Star search award 2003

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Kumar Biswajit.

SOLO musician Rezaul Karim was announced as the best performer of Rajshahi regional Benson and Hedges Star Search competition.

The young crowd of Rajshahi and many of the local elite enjoyed the dancing, clapping and even voicing with the popular tracks of Kumar Biswajit who is famous for his western blend with Bengali songs and also with the 'Renaissance' best selling tracks that were popular for their folk-typed rhythm.

And with the announcement, made at a colourful ceremony at Nanking Community center in the city on Sunday night, the regional level auditions for the 'One and Only Star Search Award for 2003' were

The Rajshahi Award announcement session started an hour later



Walilul Hasan Sweet of The Heaven's Door band group performing song.

completed. Earlier in the day, twenty performers--eight band teams and 12 solo musicians (chosen from the 16 districts of Rajshahi division earlier) took part in a day long audition at a rest house in Padma residential area in the city.

than schedule. However, the entire hall was soon house full, but people were still coming in, although the entry was highly restricted.

The panel of judges were a bit dizzy while sieving through the promising musicians as they said in the announcement ceremony, but found it easy to officially declare Rezaul Karim as the Best Regional Performer.

Benson & Hedges introduced the initiative in 1999 to seek out talented musicians across the country and give them the chance to demonstrate their genius on a national scale.

The final decision of the judges comprising the country's noted singers and musicians -- Kumar Biswajit, Nakib Khan and Faisal Siddique were not solely based on musical composition but the performers' knowledge on music was also given importance.

But this year, the speciality of the 'One & Only Star Search' lies on its system to 'search' the music talents going from door to door i.e. the talents were chosen through holding auditions at the divisional headquarters.

The night at the Nanking hall room was wound up with drums, heavy lighting and above all a number of songs presented by the judges Nakib Khan, Faisal Siddique and their band 'Renaissance' and

It is certainly a great move and a very innovative gesture which has brought many previously unknown but talented musicians to the lime light.

The final round competition for the much coveted 'One and Only Star Search Award for 2003' will be held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel sometime next month.

Events

Uttara Club aims at promoting cultural activities

UTTARA Lekhak Shipli Club held a rainy-season based poetry recitation and musical session at the Uttara High School recently, says a press

release. The three-hour long "Barsha Kaleen Kobita Utsab" marking reflection of rains in the life of Bengali people kept hundreds of cul-

tural-minded people spell-bound. Renowned poets Prof. Alauddin Al Azad, Prof.Md. Moniruzzaman, Khaleida Ediv Chowdhury, Hayat Saif and Faruque Alamgir presented self composed poems. Noted litterateur and ex-Director General of Bangla Academy Prof. Rafiqul Islam narrated the history of rains reflected in Bengali poetry and music. Eminent poet Dr. Alauddin Al Azad traced history of rains in the Bengali literature. Club's General Secretary MA Awwal welcomed the guests.



Eminent cultural personalities at the Barsha Kaleen Utsab

The club's affiliated bodies which performed include Anjali Nriyayakala Niketan, Ajnabi Academy, Doel-Koel Lolitkala Mahabidyalaya, Uttara Guitar School, Uchchhash

TV GUIDE

Table listing TV programs for ATN Bangla, News Bulletin, and BTv. Includes show names and times.

Table listing TV programs for ZEE TV and Channel-i. Includes show names and times.

Table listing TV programs for BBC World. Includes show names and times.

Today's Highlights section featuring Star Movies (A Rage in Harlem, Sea of Love) and Undercover Brother. Includes descriptions and cast details.

Pick of the Day section featuring Undercover Brother. Includes a description of the movie and a list of other TV programs.

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Table listing TV programs for ESPN and Ten Sports. Includes show names and times.