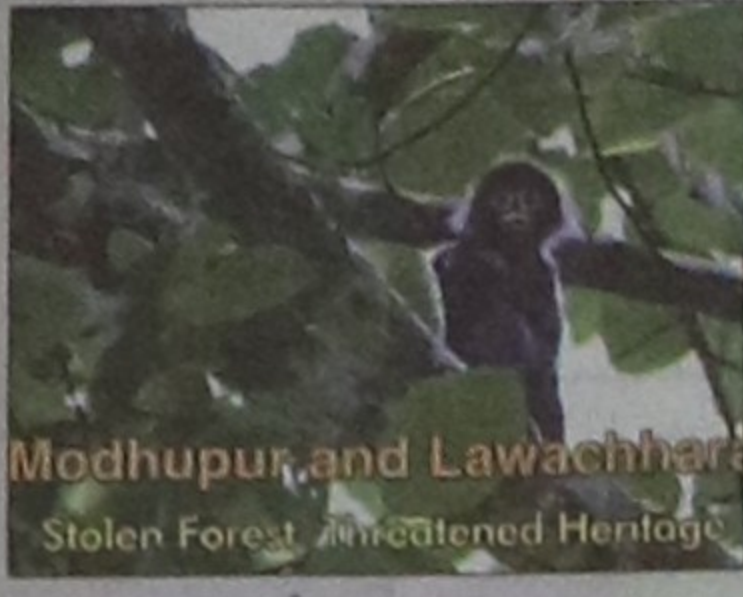


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photography Exhibition

Title: Modhupur and Lawachhara: Stolen Forest
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15/A (new), Dhanmondi
Date: June 21-27
Time: 3pm-8pm
An hour-long documentary screening (6pm-7pm) will feature everyday



Photography Exhibition

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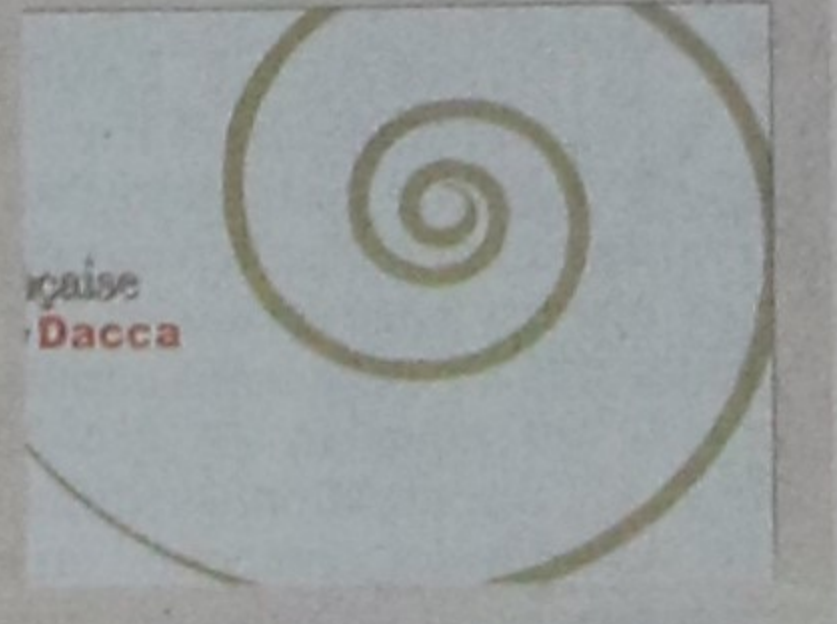
Documentary Launch

Introduction to the documentary "Tribunal for War Criminals" directed by Mithun Ahmed
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: June 24
Time: 6pm



Oriental Art Exhibition

Artist: Abdul Aziz
Venue: Gallery Zoom, Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: June 19-July 2
Time: 9am-12pm and 5pm-8pm (Saturdays 5pm-8pm)



Fête de la Musique '08

Delightful notes from Ecole de Musique



Young artistes perform at the programme

FAYZA HAQ

Like the last eight years, Ecole de Musique celebrated Fête de la Musique on June 22 at the Alliance Francaise auditorium. The live performances were lapped up by the audience going by the resounding applause every time the musicians performed.

Mehjabeen Rahman, founder of the Ecole de Musique, back from her studies at Malaysia said, "Initially, the Director of Alliance Francaise did not want the piano to be included in the programme, as I, their teacher have been away

more often than not. I called up my students, and four of them agreed to play at the function. They prepared their pieces in five days, apart from one who did it in two days."

Mehjabeen said that this time, the guitar and violin were added to the piano. "Earlier the piano performance was more accomplished as the students had five months to practice instead of five days," she said. There were much more difficult pieces and there had been twelve performers, she added. "The young musicians have welded music in their way of life and manners," said Mehjabeen.

"As my father just passed away, and I've been able to give my students so little time, I was hesitant about having a piano performance. Yet somehow I made up my mind that the piano should be included too in the programme," said Mehjabeen. "While I was away, Tabussum, who was once my student tutored the piano students. Aditto, another of my former students, also helped. They practised twelve hours a day for five days. Mahsima was earlier preparing her piece for our tenth concert in 2009, which she played this time. I find my students dedicated, all being teenagers."

Tabussum, in her turn, speaking of her experience as a music tutor, said, "I believe that my understanding of music has improved with my teaching of the young students. I taught them once a week and I think that the teacher-student relationship was very good. I have done my BBA from North South University. I hope to play two sonatas by Beethoven and Schubert at next year's concert."

Aditto added, "At first I was nervous at the prospect of teaching as I'm a high school student myself, and had no prior experience in teaching. I regard my students as junior friends, with the same inter-

est. I myself don't practise much these days as my exams are on."

Muktadir Hossain, who teaches western classical guitar at Ecole de Musique said, "My students vary from those who've studied for 18 months to others who've studied for six months. The lessons are once a week, for 40 minutes. I myself have learnt from Ifukhar' Anwar for a year. I'm playing the guitar for 10 years."

Philip Hazra, the violin teacher said, "I teach violin once a week at the Ecole de Musique. I have 32 students who are all beginners. I have expatriates as students as well."



PHOTO: MUMIT M.

Street show to generate awareness in Khagrachhari

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Dighinala Tripura Kalyan Sangsad recently organised a street show to generate awareness among the people living in the remote villages under Dighinala upazila in Khagrachhari district.

The programme addressed the

importance of primary and mass education and urged people to send their children to school.

The street show included dance, *Jari Gaan* and poetry recitation -- all focusing on the education drive.

One of the messages was that mass and primary education are tools that work as social equaliser

and help ensure the rights and privileges of people.

People at the Dighinala Bazar were also encouraged to fight against corruption.

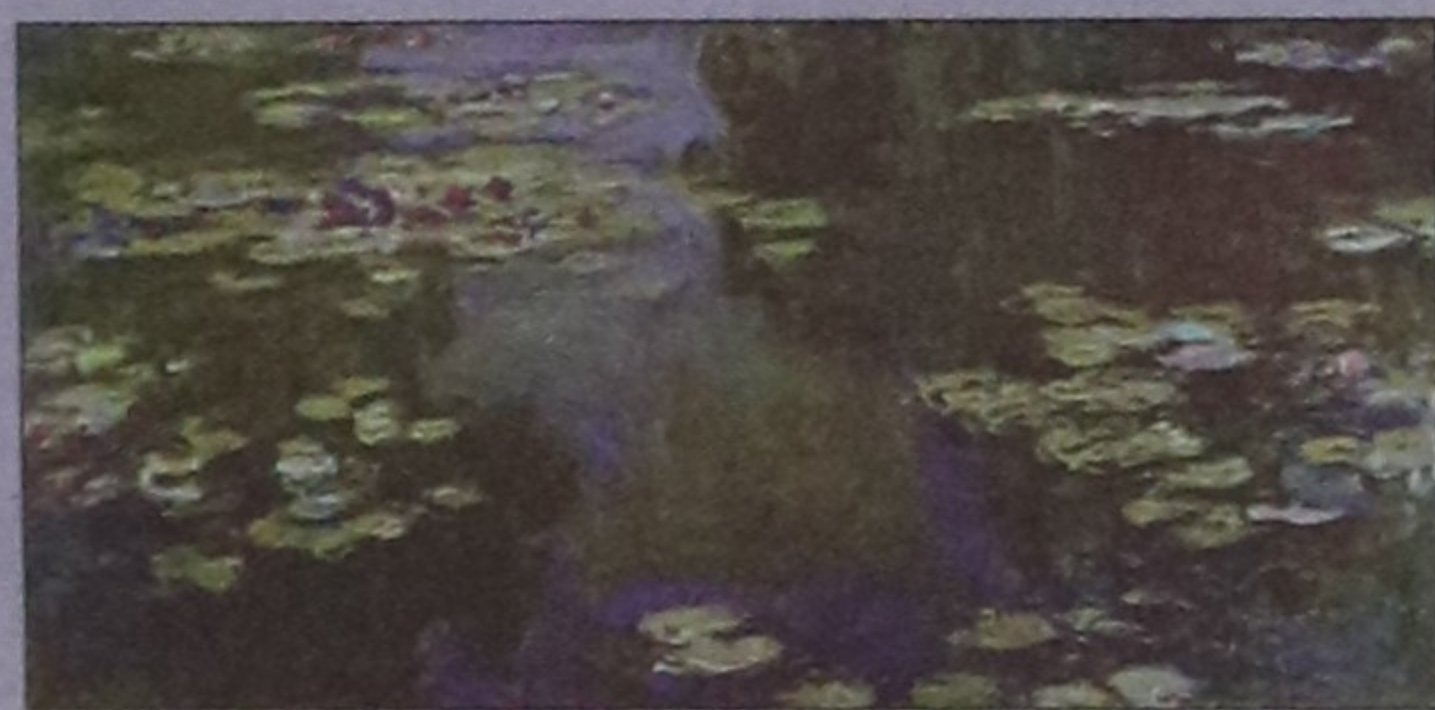
Many passers-by including farmers, traders, shopkeepers, children, students, teachers, day labourers and government officials enjoyed the street show.



Tripura artistes dance at the street show

PHOTO: STAR

Rarely-seen Monet goes on display



Le Bassin Aux Nymphéas was painted in 1919

A Claude Monet painting which has been seen in public only once in the past 80 years has gone on show in London.

The painting, "Le Bassin Aux Nymphéas," is one of four pieces from the impressionist's waterlily

series and was painted in 1919.

When it goes under the hammer at Christie's on June 24 it is expected to fetch between £18m and £24m -- a record for a Monet artwork.

"There's never been such a

picture sold at auction in Europe in the last 20 years," Oliver Camu of Christie's said.

"It will be the most important expressionist picture sold in Europe this year," he added.

Monet released the waterlily series during his lifetime, unlike most of his later works, which remained unfinished in the studio at the time of his death.

One of the paintings is in the collection of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, another was divided and the third is in a private collection.

Other major impressionist and modern works at the sale are by Henri Matisse, Pierre Bonnard, Marc Chagall, Pablo Picasso, Wassily Kandinsky and Camille Pissarro.

Source: BBC

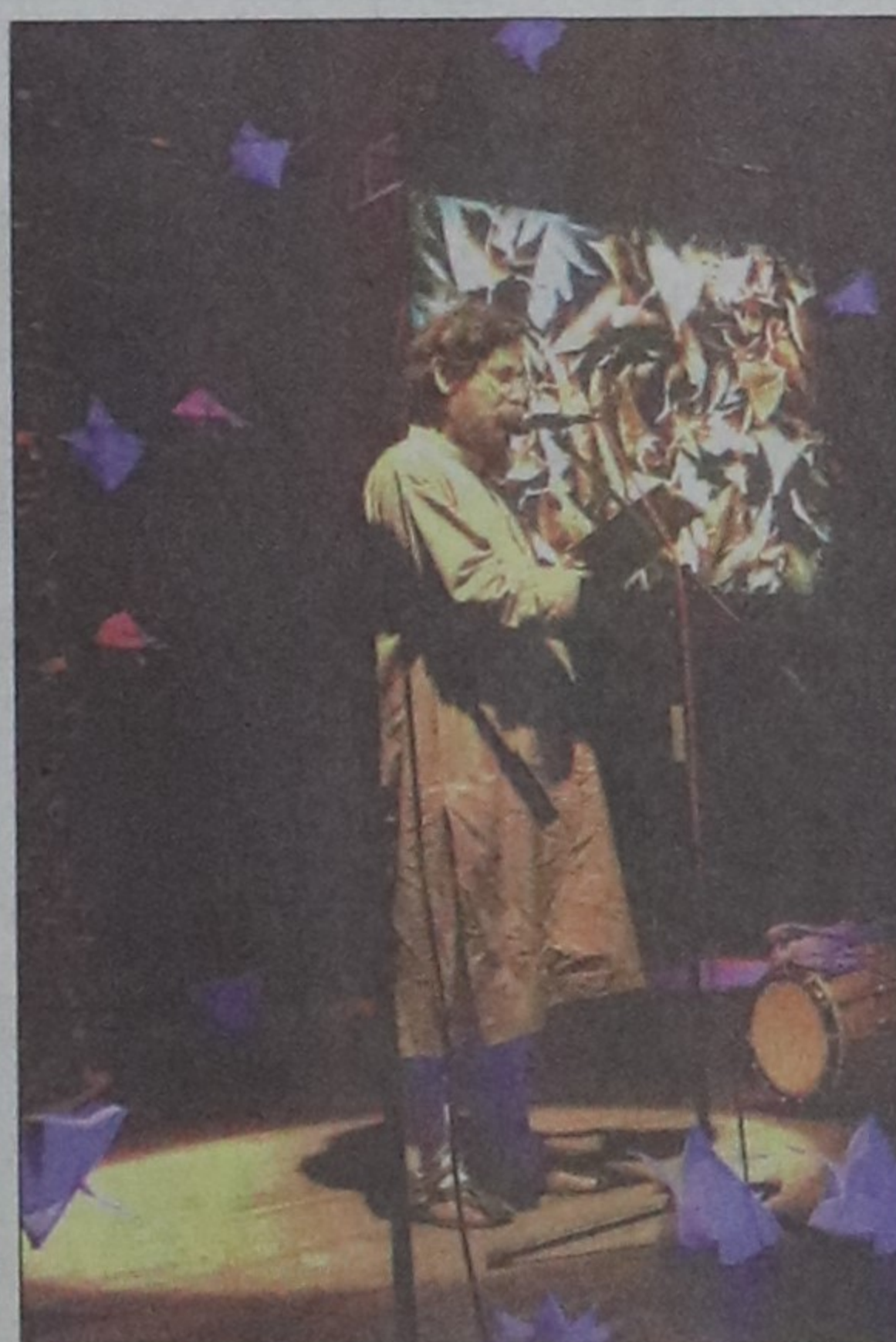


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Baikuntho Abriti Academy organised a memorial programme for the recently deceased theatre activist and music composer Zoglu Alam at the Shawkat Osman auditorium, Central Public Library on June 22. The programme featured reminiscence by noted theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar, recitation by Asaduzzaman Noor and Bhashwar Bandyopadhyay, rendition of songs by Mita Haque and Hasan Abidur Reza Jewel. Members of theatre troupe Prachyanat performed songs written and composed by Zoglu. The programme also featured a documentary on the works of Zoglu. The programme was hosted by Shimul Mustafa.

Stallone, Schwarzenegger to act in Bollywood film



Sylvester Stallone (L) and Arnold Schwarzenegger

Aging yet still popular Hollywood action heroes Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger are set to act in a Bollywood flick, a Rs 90-crore production, which is by far the highest budget of any Indian movie.

For the first time, Stallone, known for his towering roles in "Rocky" and "Rambo" series, and "Terminator Arnold", who is also the governor of California, will appear alongside Bollywood stars Akshay Kumar and Kareena Kapoor in producer Sajid Nadiadwala's latest venture "Kambakht Ishq".

The film is about an Indian stuntman, who takes Hollywood by storm, but having difficulty in finding his true love in the alien city.

Set for production at Hollywood's Universal Studios, "Kambakht Ishq" will be directed by Sabir Khan, who will be making his directorial debut with the film.

his success in landing Stallone and Schwarzenegger reflected the growing power of the Indian film market and Bollywood's increasing cooperation with Hollywood studios, which are keen to cut costs.

"Since the film is based in Hollywood... It made perfect sense to appoint casting agents in Hollywood and east mainstream Hollywood stars. This film is one of our most ambitious ventures to date and we didn't want to leave any stone unturned," Nadiadwala said.

Sabir Khan, who will be directing the film, said: "I have been working on the script for a long time now, and it's an exciting merging of Hollywood and Indian cinema. So, for me, it's like a dream come true and I have the best producer anyone can ask for. He is making even the impossible possible for me."

Source: Internet



Ghazal singer Mezbah Ahmed performs at a programme at Alliance Française on June 21. The musical programme was organised on the occasion of the World Music Day. The singer performed popular Bangla and Urdu ghazals at the programme.

"Mouchakey Dhill" on ATN Bangla tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The 56th episode of TV serial *Mouchakey Dhill* will be aired tonight at 8:00 pm on ATN Bangla. The cast includes A.T.M. Shamsuzzaman, Salahuddin Lavlu, Enamul Haque, Dolly Zahur, Azizul Hakim, Dipa Khandaker, Faruque Ahmed, Saleh Ahmed, Putul, Shabnam Parvin, Sohel, Ferdousi Lina, Hrida Haque and Sajjad Reza.



Azizul Hakim (L) and Saleh Ahmed in a scene from the play

Mouchakey Dhill is the story of a middle-class family. The plot involves the day-to-day events in a family and the people around them, and the way they cope up with the struggles of life with a dash of humour.

Written by Abu Sufian, the serial is jointly directed by Sabrina and Abu Sufian. The serial is aired every Tuesday and Thursday.