

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

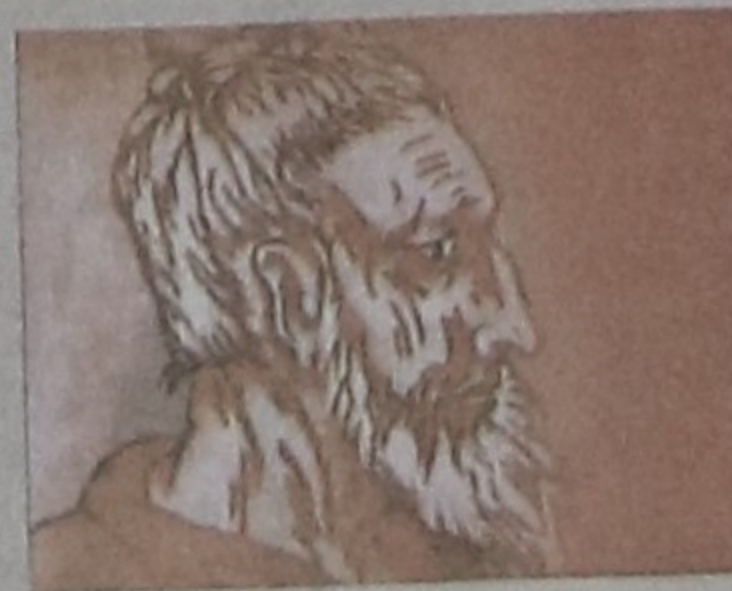
Solo Art Exhibition

Abdur Razzaque Retrospective
Title: Rhythms of Figures, Forms and Nature
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dharmadi
Date: October 10-29
Time: 12pm-8pm
Inauguration: October 10 at 6pm



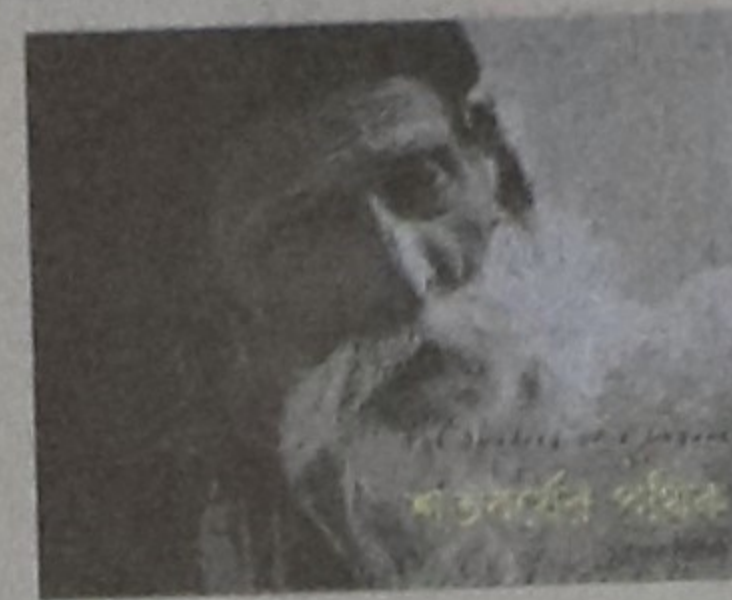
Lalon Death Anniversary

Organiser: Lalon Academy, Kushiia
Venue: Lalon Academy premises, Chheuria, Kushiia
Date: October 16-18
Time: 7pm everyday



Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: The Journey of a Legend
Photographer: Shahadat Parvez
Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU
Date: October 10-16
Time: 12pm-7pm
Inauguration: October 10 at 4pm



Film Screening

Four films by Eldar Ryazanov
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and RCSC
Venue: RCSC Auditorium, H 510, Rd 7, Dharmadi
Date: October 15-16
October 15
Watch Out for the Automobile-4pm, The Irony of Fate, or Enjoy Your Bath-5:30pm



The Journey of a Legend

Shahadat Parvez's solo photography exhibition



Momin Ali Mridha, known as "Dadu" featured in the photographs.

JAMIL MAHMUD

A solo exhibition titled "The Journey of a Legend" featuring photographs by Shahadat Parvez is on at Zainul Gallery-1, Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University.

What sets this collection of photographs apart is that Shahadat has selected an individual as the subject. The fact that Shahadat has chosen Dadu, a familiar face to the students of Fine Arts, as his subject adds to the intrigue.

Momin Ali Mridha, known as "Dadu" to everyone at the Faculty

of Fine Arts (FFA), has been living in Dhaka since the Language Movement (1952). Apparently Momin Ali has witnessed World War II.

Before frequenting the FFA, he was a caretaker at a magistrate's house. Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin knew the then magistrate. Momin was introduced to Zainul Abedin and it was him, who brought Mridha over to FFA (known as Art College back then).

Mridha modified his lifestyle and daily routine. FFA became his home away from home. He earns his living by making and selling

clay bead jewellery at the FFA premises and adjacent areas.

In the past, Dadu has modelled for many students' works -- paintings, sketches and sculptures. But this photography exhibition is different from the previous works.

For the exhibition, Shahadat followed Dadu as he went about doing his daily chores for five years. The photos feature the elderly man both at work and leisure.

Several photos show Dadu selling his jewellery to the students and others at FFA. Photos

also feature Dadu observing artworks, gossiping with street vendors, modelling for students, dancing and singing with students and much more. Some of his portraits are also on display at the exhibition.

Through the exhibition, those who have seen Momin Ali at FFA but don't know him personally can get an impression. Shahadat tries to address the philosophy of this nearly century old art enthusiast with his photographs.

Dhaka Heritage has organised the exhibition which will end tomorrow.

In conversation

Mahmuduzzaman Babu talks about Mrityika's new album

NADIA SARWAT

Mrityika, a band led by popular singer Mahmuduzzaman Babu, will release its new album titled *Manush* in December this year. One of the songs of this album, on the Argentine revolutionary Che Guevara, has already drawn the audience's attention. From October 9 (death anniversary of Che), the music-video of the song has been on air on different TV channels. *The Daily Star* talked to Mahmuduzzaman Babu about the song, Mrityika's new album and more.

About the song Babu said, "Mrityika always tries to focus on social commitments with its songs. This song is our tribute to the great leader, who became synonymous with every protesting voice, crossing the boundaries of his time and nationality. At a time when the human race is going through rampant ideological corruption and injustice often goes unopposed, Che can be an inspiration." Mrityika performed

the song at Che's death anniversary commemoration at the Rabindra Sarobar organised by Che Sanghati (a temporary platform to observe the occasion every year in Bangladesh), recently. Written by Mahmuduzzaman Babu, the song is composed by young music director Palash. The song is also being aired on FM radio stations.

Other songs of *Manush* address social issues as well. Babu said, "There are so many talented artists and music groups who sing of love, sorrows and bliss. But social issues are rarely addressed in our contemporary music and we want to focus on this. We haven't lost hope, we believe in people. People have to be vocal to put an end to all the injustice. Each song of our new album tries to shed light on the multidimensional human character -- contradictions, weaknesses, and the power to overcome evil. If our songs can inspire people even a little, we will consider this album a success."



Michelle Yoeh wants to work with Shahrukh

Michelle Yoeh, best known for acting in multiple-Oscar winning film *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and Bond film *Tomorrow Never Dies*, loves to deliver punches on screen but her ultimate desire is to pair with India's romantic idol Shahrukh Khan.

Yoeh, whose science-thriller *Babylon A.D.* released in Indian theatres recently is also hoping that the film would be liked in India.

"I know Shahrukh Khan is quite famous in India and I would love to star opposite him. But unfortunately no calls yet. But, yes I wish I could get to work with him as a lead actress, be it a Hollywood or Indian film," says the 46-year old actress.

This Malaysian-Chinese actress is a Bollywood fan too. "I am an Asian and I like Indian films a lot. I have seen a couple of them in subtitles," Yoeh told PTI in an email interview.

Michelle Yoeh stars opposite Vin Diesel in *Babylon A.D.*, which is set against the backdrop of not-too-distant future where much of the planet is in a war zone left by nuclear meltdowns.



Michelle Yoeh

The actress says she enjoyed playing the role of a fighter nun as she got the chance of doing what she loves best -- kicking and punching. "In one scene I had to kick someone and by mistake I hurt him. I felt embarrassed as his nose just wouldn't stop bleeding but somehow Vin controlled the situation," says Yoeh recalling the incident.

"Since the incident the talk on the sets was about this Asian girl who kicks too hard and everyone warned each other to either stay away from her while doing stunts or take maximum precautions," says an amused Yoeh.

Yoeh admits that she takes special pride in her capability to do dangerous stunts. "For me stunts are the greatest challenge. I love what I do. I love the physical aspect of it. I do take a lot of pride, and I do respect the people that I work with, particularly the stunt people."

The actress is not ready to reveal much about her future plans though. "There are 4-5 untitled projects in queue. Well, 2009 might see a couple of biggies. I am keeping my fingers crossed," she says.

Source: Internet

Don Cheadle replaces Terrence Howard In "Iron Man" sequel

REUTERS, Los Angeles

In a surprise move, Don Cheadle will replace Terrence Howard as Robert Downey Jr's best friend in "Iron Man 2," the sequel to the superhero saga.

In the Marvel Studios summer smash, Howard played Jim Rhodes, Iron Man's future armour-clad hero War Machine. One scene featured Howard

looking at a silver suit of armour and saying, "Next time," a line that caused great delight for fans.

But there will be no next time for Howard.

Marvel had no comment, but sources close to the deal said negotiations with Howard fell through over financial differences, among other reasons. Marvel, which had wanted to work with Cheadle, then decided

to take the role in another direction and approached the actor, who is shooting Antoine Fuqua's "Brooklyn's Finest" with Richard Gere and Ethan Hawke.

The Rhodes character is expected to play a larger part in the sequel, which is rumoured to go beyond high-tech villains. Justin Theroux is writing the screenplay.

Jon Favreau is returning as

director, and Downey is expected back as billionaire industrialist Stark/Iron Man. Gwyneth Paltrow also is expected to be back as Stark's assistant, Pepper Potts. "Iron Man 2" is scheduled for release on May 7, 2010.

Cheadle most recently starred in "Traitor," a thriller on which he was also a producer. He will next be seen in DreamWorks' "Hotel for Dogs."

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