

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), Dhanmondi
 Date: October 10-29
 Time: 12pm-8pm



13th Asian Art Biennale '08
 Organizer: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Osman Memorial Hall and National Museum
 Date: October 21-November 19
 Time: 11am-7pm (Fridays 3pm-8pm)



Musical Soiree
 On Lalon and Abbas Uddin death anniversary
 Organizer: Bangladesh Loko Sangeet Parishad
 Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
 Date: October 28
 Time: 4:30pm



Group Art Exhibition
 Artists: Mahmudur Rahman Dipon, Shaheer Sultana and Aowlad Hossain
 Organizer: Kamranga
 Venue: Kamranga, H 30, Rd 42, Gulshan 2
 Date: October 25-November 1
 Time: 10am-7pm



Grand Finale of "Magic Tin Chakar Taroka" held

Omar Ali receives the "Shera Magic Taroka"



Mokhlesur Rahman (2-L), Omar Ali (4-L) and Abdur Rahman Khokon (3-R) with eminent personalities.

JAMIL MAHMUD
 The curtains came down on the unique talent hunt, "Magic Tin Chakar Taroka". The grand finale of the event was held at the Hall of Fame, Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre on October 25. Omar Ali, a 50-year-old rickshaw-wala, received the best award "Shera Magic Taroka", while Mokhlesur Rahman and Abdur Rahman Khokon became the first and second runner up respectively.

The winner received Taka one lakh and an opportunity to release an album under ATN Music. The first and second runners up received Taka 50,000 and 25,000 respectively. Noted folk singer Momtaz, who was the guest judge in the previous rounds, gave Taka one lakh to the best 10 contestants.

A colourful cultural programme was held prior to the awards. Beginning with a patriotic song, rendered by the best 10 contestants, the cultural programme highlighted performances by the contestants alongside eminent artists.

Faisal, one of the top 10 contestants, performed popular song *Aamar buker moddikhane* with noted Nazrul singer Ferdous Ara. Mohammad Rakib Hossain, Mohammad Shohag, Hamidul Islam and Anwar Hossain rendered songs along with Abida Sultana, Subir Nandi, Mohammad Abdul Jabbar and Kanak Chanpa.

The best three contestants also rendered songs at the programme.

Shishir Bindu, a Mirpur-based event management organisation, initiated the programme and will release a mixed album featuring top 10 contestants. Later the organisation was joined by ATN Bangla and Square Toiletries Ltd to popularise the programme. The programme initially featured only rickshaw drivers and CNG drivers as contestants. In the words of Munni Saha from ATN Bangla, "Shishir Bindu embarked on the programme with the idea of entertaining the rickshaw-walas." She attended the first round of the programme at Mirpur where she had gone to cover the event. Later, impressed by her coverage, her colleagues, in particular Manjurul Ahsan Babul, encouraged her to go further with the programme. "Then I talked to Square authorities," says Munni.

Munni also took the initiative of roping in noted media personality Asaduzzaman Noor as MC for the programme. "Noor bhai's personality is outstanding and I felt that the contestants, most of whom are underprivileged, would feel more comfortable with him rather than with a young person."

The gala round will be telecast on ATN Bangla on November 1 at 8pm.

Cultural evening at Mymensingh Shilpakala

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking the reunion of Mymensingh Association of Marketing and Sales (MAMS), a cultural evening was held at local Shilpakala auditorium recently. MAMS is a forum of officials and employees involved with marketing and sales in greater Mymensingh.

The reunion was held to coincide with the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr and Durga Puja, the greatest religious festivals of both the Muslims and the Hindus.

Eminent Baul artiste of the country Baul Sunil Karmakar and classical music artiste Ustad Anwar Hossain among others enthralled the audience with their mesmerising voices. A local band also performed on the occasion.

73 companies from Mymensingh region that includes Mymensingh, Sherpur, Tangail, Jamalpur, Netrokona and Kishoreganj districts attended the function. Earlier a discussion was held with MAMS president Tuhin Ahmed Chowdhury in the chair.

Among others, MAMS general secretary Mohammad Selim Miah, organising secretary, Mohammad Musleh Uddin; press secretary, Mohammad Shafiqul Islam; Sirajul Islam; Ferdous Alam and Moeen Ahmed Russel spoke on the occasion.

The speakers said that when people are afflicted by the ennui of marketing jobs, they should relish the rich traditional culture of the country. "A reunion brings us together to share our problems and to find out a proper remedy to resolve the glitches," concluded the speakers.



Baul Sunil Karmakar (R) sings at the programme.

Premiere of digital film "Bathan" today



A scene from "Bathan".

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The premiere of digital film "Bathan" will be held today at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at 7pm. Ashish Khandakar directs the film.

Set against the backdrop of the Swadeshi Movement, the film depicts the lifestyle of a gypsy community of northern Bangladesh. Members of the community gradually forsake a nomadic life and seek to enter society by running a buffalo and duck farm.

The central figure of the film is gypsy Shahinur, who is forced into the sex trade after her husband abandons her. Both the stepbrothers Chantu and Barobawant to marry Shahinur. But time takes its toll and pushes them in different directions.

Though the period of the film is the last era of the East India Company, the story is not related to the movement. Ashish Khandakar, who works on environmental theatre, highlights the socio-cultural changes of the gypsy community in his film. "In the film, I want to depict the relationship between nature and human beings," says Ashish Khandakar.

The film has taken the crew to the scenic locations of greater Dinajpur including Panchbibi, Patharghata and Joypurhat.

Produced by Three Sixty Entertainment Ltd., the film features Runa Khan, Golam Sarwar, Faysal Abdullah, Shaheer Huda Rumi and Shamima Akhtar Mukta as the protagonists.

Cultural programme by artistes of Anandaloke

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Renowned Tagore singer of Sylhet and founder of Anandaloke, Rana Kumar Sinha was given a warm reception with a colourful function on his 50th birthday on Friday last. Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha and Anandaloke organised the event at the Sylhet Zilla Parishad auditorium.

Head of the department of Bangla in the Madan Mohan college-Dr. Abul Foteh Fattah chaired the function while veteran educationist Professor Mohammad Abdul Aziz was chief guest.

The function began with Tagore songs performed by the members Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha and Anandaloke. Then guests wished Sinha with bouquets of flowers and presentations.

Chief executive officer of Zila Parishad Maniruzzaman, veteran cultural personalities Hemchandra Bhattacharya, Anil Kishore Sinha, AK Sheram and Rafiqur Rahman Lozu, Shuvendu Imam and general secretary of the Shilpi Sangstha, Sumana Aziz also spoke at the function. The speakers complimented Rana Kumar Sinha for his contribution to Rabindra Sangeet in Sylhet as well as the cultural field.



Artistes sing at Sylhet Zilla Parishad auditorium.

PHOTO: STAR

Film based show

"Chalachchitrer Galpo" on ATN Bangla



Mazharul Islam seen with filmmaker SA Haque Alik in the show.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A film based programme, titled "Chalachchitrer Galpo" will be aired on ATN Bangla at 1:30 pm. Directed by Amjad Kabir Chowdhury, the programme is hosted by popular cine-commentator Mazharul Islam. This is the 129th episode of the programme.

The show deals with film-related news and other issues relating to the silver screen. A celebrity cinema personality is invited in each episode of the show. This show is popular amongst the viewers mainly because of the captivating discussion that takes place between the host and the celebrity and also a peek into the movie scenes and film songs.

Today's guest is young filmmaker SA Haque Alik. Alik has carved a niche for himself, thanks to his hit film "Hridoyer Kotha". His new film "Akash choan valobasha" was released on October 24. The director will share his thoughts and expectations on this film in the show today.

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