

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Living Colour and Dancing Lines  
Artist: Monirul Islam  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: November 24-December 6  
Time: 12-8pm



### Cartoon Exhibition

Title: Cartoon Against Corruption  
Organiser: Transparency International Bangladesh  
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi  
Date: Nov 28-Dec 4  
Time: 3-8pm



### Film Screening

Film: Bipasha  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan-1  
Date: December 5  
Time: 6pm



### Robert Bresson Retrospective

Organiser: Bangladesh Short Film Forum  
Venue: Bangladesh Film Centre, Jazz Super Market, Shaibag  
Date: Nov 30-Dec 4  
December 2, 4pm: Pick Pocket, 6pm: The Trial of Joan of Ark



## Enriching the cultural bank

Album launch by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered



Clockwise (from top-left) Shakila Zafar, Fahmida Nabi and Nasim Ali Khan perform at the album launch.



### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"Throughout the centuries our cultural bank has been enriched by Lalou, Hason Raja, Tagore, Nazrul and innumerable artists. When one contributes to this bank, he/she does it altruistically. Contests like 'Celebrating Life' can play a key role in discovering talents, provide them with a much-needed exposure, and enhance our cultural bank in the process. The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank deserve accolades to put together this competition for budding lyricists, photographers and filmmakers. Hopefully, this initiative will blossom further and cover more areas of our culture," said renowned media personality Mustafa Monwar.

Monwar was the chief guest at the launch of "Music for Celebrating Life (Volume 1)" - album featuring 10 winning songs from the lyric writing segment of the competition. The event was held at Windy Tower, Bangladesh

China Friendship Convention Centre on November 30.

Special guest, veteran singer Ferdausi Rahman, said, "I believe that music is life. What better way to celebrate Bangladesh than with songs? On behalf of the community of Bangladeshi artists, my gratitude to both organisations. When a leading newspaper and a renowned bank join hands, they can work wonders in developing the cultural scene."

Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star said in his speech, "Everyday we read about where we are lacking, but what about our achievements as a nation? It's time we highlight our accomplishments -- big and small. Right now we need a sense of pride -- pride that stems from dignity and self-assuredness. Through 'Celebrating Life,' we have made an attempt in recognising the creativity of our youth. We intend to continue this initiative."

Osman Murad, CEO of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh said, "As an organisation, we believe that

growth without cultural development is not sustainable. Partnering The Daily Star in organising this competition validates that commitment."

Songs in the album -- including "Ki ghar bandhimu ami," "We love Bangladesh," "Kothaye tomar bari," "Shobdo, ekti shobdo" and "Bangladesh, my love" -- written by young lyricists have been set to tune by skilled musicians and composers like Nakib Khan, Bappa Majumder, Foad Nasser Babu, Syed Hasan Tipu and sung by famed artistes Subir Nandi, Shakila Zafar, Fahmida Nabi, Samina Chowdhury and Syed Abdul Hadi. Incidentally, Fahmida Nabi made her debut as a music composer with this album. The album also includes an instrumental piece by Shimul Yousuf.

At the programme Shakila Zafar, Fahmida Nabi and Nasim Ali Khan performed songs from the album.

Rafi Hossain, in-charge of Star Insight, coordinated the 'Celebrating Life' contest.

## Bangladeshi theatre throughout the decades

Discussion at Natmondol

### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Karigar organised a discussion programme on 'Post-Liberation Bengali Theatre: Current Context and Hope' at Natmondol (Dhaka University) on November 30. Dr. Afsar Ahmed, member of the National Film Grants Committee; Golam Sarwar, eminent theatre personality; and theatre exponent Pulak Raha spoke at the programme.

Eminent theatre personality Keramat Mowla chaired the programme.

Golam Sarwar said, "We can categorise our theatre history into three decades -- '70s, '80s and '90s. In the '70s, theatre was charged with emotion. In '80s, our theatre went through a revolution and we got many constructive plays. The

Group Theatre Federation started its journey in the '80s. In fact '80s should be considered a 'golden age' for our theatre. During that period we also realised that we need education and experimentation in theatre."

"In the '90s, the quality of our productions started to fall and this downward spiral still remains. Lots of plays are produced now but there is little life, little charm and little appreciation. Lure of satellite TV channels is one of the key reasons behind this downfall. Professionalism is yet to be ensured in our theatre."

Dr. Afsar Ahmed said, "Theatre is a major instrument for development of a society. In the '70s, our productions followed the trends of Kolkata and the West. In the '80s, our stages were geometric and spacious. In

'90s, the set designs were substandard."

Keramat Mowla said, "Before independence, there was no group theatre movement. The only existing troupe was 'Drama Circle.' After Liberation War, several devoted and enlightened dramatists such as Syed Shamsul Haque, Selim Al Deen, Abdullah Al Mamun and others emerged. In the '80s, our theatre went through a revolution and different aspects including set and light designs, scriptwriting and acting flourished."

After the discussion, an experimental film was screened. The film, "Ghor" highlights the reality of our time and the prevalent instability that has possessed the system. Mohammad Amin has directed the film.

## Annual programme by Coronation Dramatic Club

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Local cultural organisation Coronation Dramatic Club (CDC), Tangail staged their annual programme at Bhasani Hall in the town last Sunday.

This year artists of the club staged the play "Ei Deshey Ei Beshey." The drama encompasses the great achievements of the Liberation War and its values.

The play was directed jointly by Dulal Anaholee and Saïdur Rahman Thandu. Script for the play was written by S.M. Solaiman.

Earlier, a discussion was also held at the same venue.

With CDC President Ataur Rahman Khan in the chair,



A scene from the play "Ei Deshey Ei Beshey." PHOTO: STAR

Tangail district and session judge Chowdhury Muniruddin Mahfuz, veteran politician Shamsur Rahman Khan Shajahan, dramatist Golam Ambia Nuri and acting secretary

of CDC Syed Mahmud Tarek spoke at the discussion.

At the programme CDC leaders asserted that they would observe the 100th anniversary of the club in 2011.



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any

### On Air

<b>News Bulletin</b>	<b>BTB</b>	<b>CHANNEL-i</b>	<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	<b>ETV</b>
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).	08:20 Shuprobhaat 08:45 Selected Programme 09:05 Talk Show 09:30 Musical Programme 10:05 Open University 10:30 Drama 11:30 El Prithibi 12:10 Educational Programme 12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha 01:00 Dosh O Bigyan 01:30 Mati O Manush 02:15 Mukti Pathay 02:40 Children's Programme: Amra Shobal Raja	09:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction 09:50 Grameenphone Trito Matra 11:05 Medha Bikash 11:30 Amar Chhobi 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Tarokakathar 01:05 Ebonog Clnemar Gaan 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma 02:30 Hridoyer Gaan 03:05 i Sports 03:30 Boi Ebonog Boi 04:30 FCT Business Talk	08:00 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am. 04:30 Geet Bitan 05:05 Moner Katha 05:30 Krishi Diba Nishi 06:15 Quiz Quiz 07:00 Shondha Maloti 07:30 Drama Serial: Phul Mian 08:35 Drama Serial: Gaaner Manush Praner Manush 09:10 Drama Serial: Cactus 10:30 Musical Programme: Shornali Shondha	08:15 Aker Shanbadpotro 08:30 Documentary Programme: Ashay Pasher Manush 09:15 Drama Serial: Shoa Paanch Aral Lain 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti 11:15 Live Programme: Top Spin 12:15 Shornali Shadakalo 01:25 ATN Music 02:30 Selected Programme 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhyu Nai 03:45 Openy Bioscope 04:20 Shornali Din 05:10 Onoyaya 05:35 Ebonog Bangladesh 06:20 Kathamala 08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhill	News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm News (English) at 6:00pm Rtv News (Bangla) at 7:00pm and 10:30pm ntv News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

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08:30 Aker Shokaal 08:55 Drama Serial: Aim in Life 09:30 Madok O Amader Jobu Shomaj 10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan 10:30 Music Jam 11:30 Cookery Show 12:10 El Shomoy 01:05 Japan Video Topic 02:30 Drama Serial: Khoma 03:15 Music Express 04:10 Live Quiz Show 05:25 Ithaasher Ei Diney 05:35 Apnar Jigyasha 06:10 Shubho Sandhya 06:45 Frankly Speaking 08:15 Drama Serial: Eit Kaather Khacha	02:00 Daily Soap: Mahanagar 02:30 Cookery Show 03:05 Voter Lorai 04:20 X Crime 05:45 Musician 06:20 Elson Three Cheers 06:50 Ebong Class-er Bairey 06:50 Classical Hometex Ghorey Bairey 08:15 Daily Soap: Mohanagar Ganalaap 09:05 Drama Serial: Antanikkha 11:25 Special Programme: Voter Larai 12:10 Shangbad Protidin	02:00 Daily Soap: Mahanagar 02:30 Cookery Show 03:05 Voter Lorai 04:20 X Crime 05:45 Musician 06:20 Elson Three Cheers 06:50 Ebong Class-er Bairey 06:50 Classical Hometex Ghorey Bairey 08:15 Daily Soap: Mohanagar Ganalaap 09:05 Drama Serial: Antanikkha 11:25 Special Programme: Voter Larai 12:10 Shangbad Protidin	08:15 Drama Serial: Mayur Bahon 04:00 Nangar 04:30 Music One 05:15 Rong Beronger Khabor 06:00 Saaj Bela 07:00 Drama: Hirok Baari Shonnar Churi 08:15 Drama: Moyur Bahon 09:00 Vote Bitorko	08:30 Legend of the Red Dragon

**Ontorikhyo**  
On Banglavisión at 9:45 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Abul Hayat

05:30 Mukhtijudho Protidin 06:00 Talk Show: Khola Akash 06:20 Business Show 07:50 Meridian Channel i 08:00 Shubho Shokal 08:30 Sports Vision 09:00 Banglavisión Cafe 10:10 Obhibashir Ghamer Taka 11:30 Talk Show: Aamar Ami Toley	11:30 Talk Show: El Shomoy	10:30 Ekusher Business 02:30 Drama Serial: Tun Tuni Bhila 03:30 Tomi Mian Recipe 04:02 Total Music 04:30 Shornali Shadakalo 05:30 Sports Plus 06:30 Selected Programme	10:30 Asterix and Obelix vs Caesar 01:00 Forever Mine 03:30 Hell Boats 05:30 Charlie Chaplin 06:00 Sweet Home Alabama 08:30 Pinocchio 11:00 50 First Dates	09:05 Borat: Cultural Learnings Of America 10:25 Home Of The Brave
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**Radio Foorti 88.0 FM**  
07:30am Hello Dhaka  
10:00am Music Junction  
12:00pm My Time  
01:00pm No Tension  
04:00pm Dhaka Calling  
09:30pm Night Rider  
01:00am Back to Back music

**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00am Masti Unlimited  
01:00pm Today's Adda  
04:00pm U-turn  
08:00pm Tobe Tal Hok  
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan  
02:00 am Back to Back

**BORAT**

**Borat: Cultural Learnings of America**  
On Star Movies at 9:05 pm  
Genre: Drama  
Cast: Sacha Baron Cohen, Ken Davitian

05:30 Around the World In 80 Treasur	06:30 Lords of The Mafia	08:00 Colours of War I	08:30 Augustus: First Emperor	09:30 Lords of The Mafia	10:30 Colours of War I	11:30 Lords of The Mafia
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