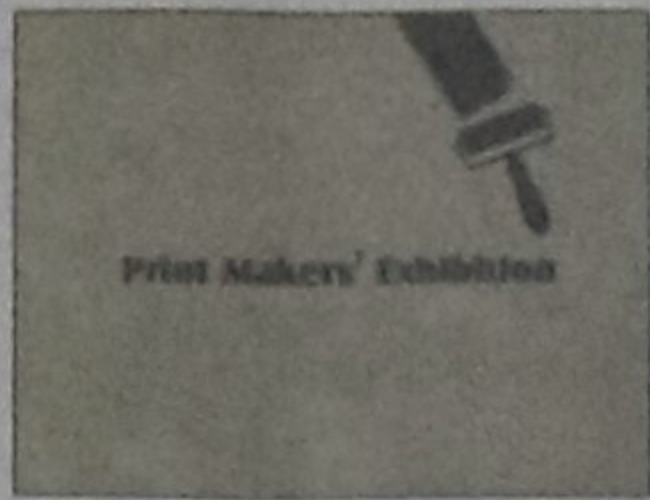


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Print Makers' Exhibition

Organiser: Shilpangan
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H 26, Rd 3, Dhanmondi
Date: December 25-January 8
Time: 12pm-8pm



Cartoon Exhibition

Title: Cartoon from 1971 and South Asian Cartoon Congress
Organiser: Himal, South Asia-Drik and Unmad-Drik
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi
Date: December 22-28
Time: 3pm-8pm



Musical Soiree

Organiser: Srijon
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag
Date: December 27
Time: 6:05pm



Film Screening

Film: The Scarlet Flower
Organiser: Children's Film Society and RCSC
Venue: Auditorium, RCSC, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: December 27
Time: 5pm



Kingbodonti A musical tribute to Sanjeeb Chowdhury



Artiste Ila Majumdar and Sanjeeb Chowdhury's daughter Kingbodonti launch the album. Also seen in the photo are Sanjeeb's widow Shilpi Chowdhury (right-first row), Bappa Majumdar (centre) and Shankar Shawjal.

NADIA SARWAT

"Tui je amar mon munia Kingbodonti chander kona Buker bhitor lukiyechhish Chirokaaler chirochena..."

A song by the late artist-musician-journalist Sanjeeb Chowdhury for his daughter Kingbodonti.

"Kingbodonti," the much-awaited album featuring the last song recorded by Sanjeeb Chowdhury, was launched on December 25. The album, which is named after the five-year-old daughter of the late artiste, is a tribute to the memory of Sanjeeb Chowdhury.

The album launch was held at the seminar hall of Central Public Library. The album features two popular bands of the country, Dalchhut (Sanjib Chowdhury was one of the

founder members of the band) and Souls.

Media personality Shankar Shawjal; renowned classical artiste Ila Majumdar; popular artiste and Sanjeeb Chowdhury's band-mate Bappa Majumdar; Sanjeeb's widow Shilpi Chowdhury; and keyboardist Masum of the band souls, among others, were present at the programme. Rage Records has released the album.

"Even after a year, it is still not easy for us to get over Sanjeeb's untimely demise. However, this is a joyous occasion. This album is something that we all wanted dearly; this is actually an expression of our love for Sanjeeb. We are glad to be able to release this album on his birthday," Bappa Majumdar said on the occasion.

On behalf of the band Souls, Masum said, "We have been working on this album for about a year. As Partha (The lead

vocalist of the band) rightly puts it, 'there was a tremendous emotional attachment to the album from all of us.'"

Apart from the title song "Kingbodonti," six songs featured in the album are adaptations of poems written by the deceased artiste. The poems were found in Sanjeeb's journal after his death. Dalchhut and Souls have composed the songs. The songs titled "Jalkumari," "Biponno nogorey" and "Porey cigarette" have been recorded by Souls, while Dalchhut has recorded songs titled "Tinjon," "Achin brikkho" and "Tinjon-2".

The event concluded with an announcement from Rage records that the proceeds from sales of the album will go to Kingbodonti's personal account.

Eartha Kitt, a seducer of audiences, dies at 81

Eartha Kitt, who purred and pounced her way across Broadway stages, recording studios and movie and television screens in a show-business career that lasted more than six decades, died on Christmas Day. She was 81 and lived in Connecticut.

The cause was colon cancer, said her long-time publicist, Andrew E. Freedman.

Kitt, who began performing in the late '40s as a dancer in New York, went on to achieve success and acclaim in a variety of mediums long before other entertainment multitaskers like Julie Andrews, Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler.

With her curvaceous frame and unabashed vocal come-ons, she was also, along with Lena Horne, among the first widely known African-American sex symbols. Orson Welles famously proclaimed her "the most exciting woman alive" in the early '50s, apparently after a performance of "Time Runs," an adaptation of "Faust" in which Kitt played Helen of Troy.

In 1953 Kitt recorded her biggest hit, "Santa Baby," whose precise, come-hither diction and vaguely foreign inflections (Kitt spoke four languages and sang in seven) proved that a vocal sizzle could be just as powerful as a bonfire.

Her singing style would later be the template for other singers with pillow-talk voices like Diana Ross (who has said she patterned her Supremes sound and look largely after Kitt), Janet Jackson and Madonna (who recorded a cover version of "Santa Baby" in 1987).

She was married to Bill McDonald, a real-estate developer from 1960 to 1966; later, during Kitt Shapiro, survives her, as do two grandchildren.

From practically the beginning of her career, as critics gushed over Kitt, they also began to describe her in every feline term imaginable: her voice "purred" or "was like catnip"; she was a "sex kitten" who "slinked" or was "on the prowl" across the stage, sometimes "flashing her claws." Her career has often been

said to have had "nine lives." Appropriately, she was tapped to play Catwoman in the 1960s TV series "Batman," taking over the role from the leggy, lynxlike Julie Newmar and bringing to it a more feral, compact energy.

She drew on the hardship of her early life. She was born Eartha Mae Keith in South Carolina on January 17, 1927, a date she did not know until about 10 years ago, when she challenged students at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, to find

piano and dance lessons, a pattern of abuse developed there as well. By her early teenage years she was working in a factory and sleeping in subways and on the roofs of unlocked buildings. She would later become an advocate, through Unicef, on behalf of homeless children.

Her show-business break came on a lark, when a friend dared her to audition for the Katherine Dunham Dance Company. She passed the audition and permanently escaped the cycle of poverty and abuse that defined her life till then.

But she took the steeliness with her, in a wilful, outspoken manner that mostly served her career, except once. In 1968 she was invited to a White House luncheon and was asked by Lady Bird Johnson about the Vietnam War. She replied: "You send the best of this country off to be shot and maimed. No wonder the kids rebel and take pot." The remark reportedly caused Mrs. Johnson to burst into tears and led to a derailment in Kitt's career.

As bookings dried up, she was exiled in Europe for almost a decade. But President Jimmy Carter invited her back to the White House in 1978, and that year she earned her first Tony nomination for her work in "Timbuktu," an all-black remake of "Kismet."

She earned a Grammy nomination for "Back in Business," a collection of cabaret songs released in 1994.

As Kitt began the sixth decade of her career, she was still active. In 2000 she received her second Tony nomination, for best featured actress in a musical in "The Wild Party." Branching out into children's programming, she won two Daytime Emmy Awards, this year and in 2007, as outstanding performer in an animated programme for her role as the scheming empress-wannabe Yzma in "The Emperor's New School."

"I'm a dirt person," she told Ebony magazine in 1993. "I trust the dirt. I don't trust diamonds and gold."

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent



Eartha Kitt performing in London in 1960.

She also played serious roles, appearing in the films "The Mark of the Hawk" with Sidney Poitier (1957) and "Anna Lucasta" (1959) with Sammy Davis Jr. She made numerous television appearances, including a guest spot on "I Spy" in 1965, which brought her the first Emmy nomination.

For these performances Kitt likely drew on the hardship of her early life. She was the illegitimate child of a black Cherokee sharecropper mother and a white man about whom Kitt knew little. She worked in cotton fields and lived with a black family who, she said, abused her because she looked too white.

At 8 she was sent to live in Harlem with an aunt. Though she was given



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

On Air

News Bulletin

BTV
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)

CHANNEL-1
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

ATH BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
News (English) at 6:00pm

Rtv
News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

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News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV
News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTV

09:05 Selected Programme
09:30 Smitimoy Geetimoy
10:05 Swashto Sheba
10:30 Haldey Pakhir Palok
10:55 Debate
11:20 Musical Programme
12:10 Selected Programme
01:30 Shukhi Ponbaar
02:15 Sisimpur
02:45 Bangla Feature Film
05:35 Laukik Bangla
06:15 Wrestling
07:00 Geeti Malyo
08:35 Drama Serial: Shangshaptak
09:00 Drama: Kokhon Kibhabej Jeno
10:30 Selected Programme

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Dance Programme
09:15 Asian City Top Spin
10:30 Rajnollik Ongikaar
11:05 Narider Bhabna
12:15 Shesh Okhkhokhor
01:25 Prapok
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Char Deyaler Kabyo
06:20 Square Hostipat Shushtho Thakun
06:45 Projonmo Katha
08:00 Drama Serial: Sagai
08:40 Drama Serial: Eka
09:20 Drama Serial: Noksha
10:40 Mukto Shonglaap
11:00 Election Hour
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trito Matra
11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aaina
12:05 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Katha
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shobaar Jonoy
01:30 Shorboshesh Bigyan Dharona
02:30 Selected Programme
03:30 Aktel Money Talk
04:05 Educational Programme:

ETV

08:30 Ekusher Shokal
09:35 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shabag Dhaka 1000
10:02 Deho Ghori
02:02 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondha
06:30 Nirbachoni Chalchitro
08:00 Winning Factor
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Martjet Shabag, Dhaka 1000
10:10 Ekusher Saankeet
12:02 Ekusher Raat

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08:30 Ajker Shokaal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro
05:35 Alokpaat
06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
09:00 Drama: Shunchhen
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:40 Drama: Shubarno Rekha
12:10 Tele-film
02:00 Shoptaho Sheshey
03:30 Drama: Ratan
04:00 Show Case
04:30 Music One
05:15 Shomoyer Swad
06:00 Saaj Bela
07:00 Cine Tune
08:15 Drama: Ditiyo Aguntaak
09:00 Vote Bitarko

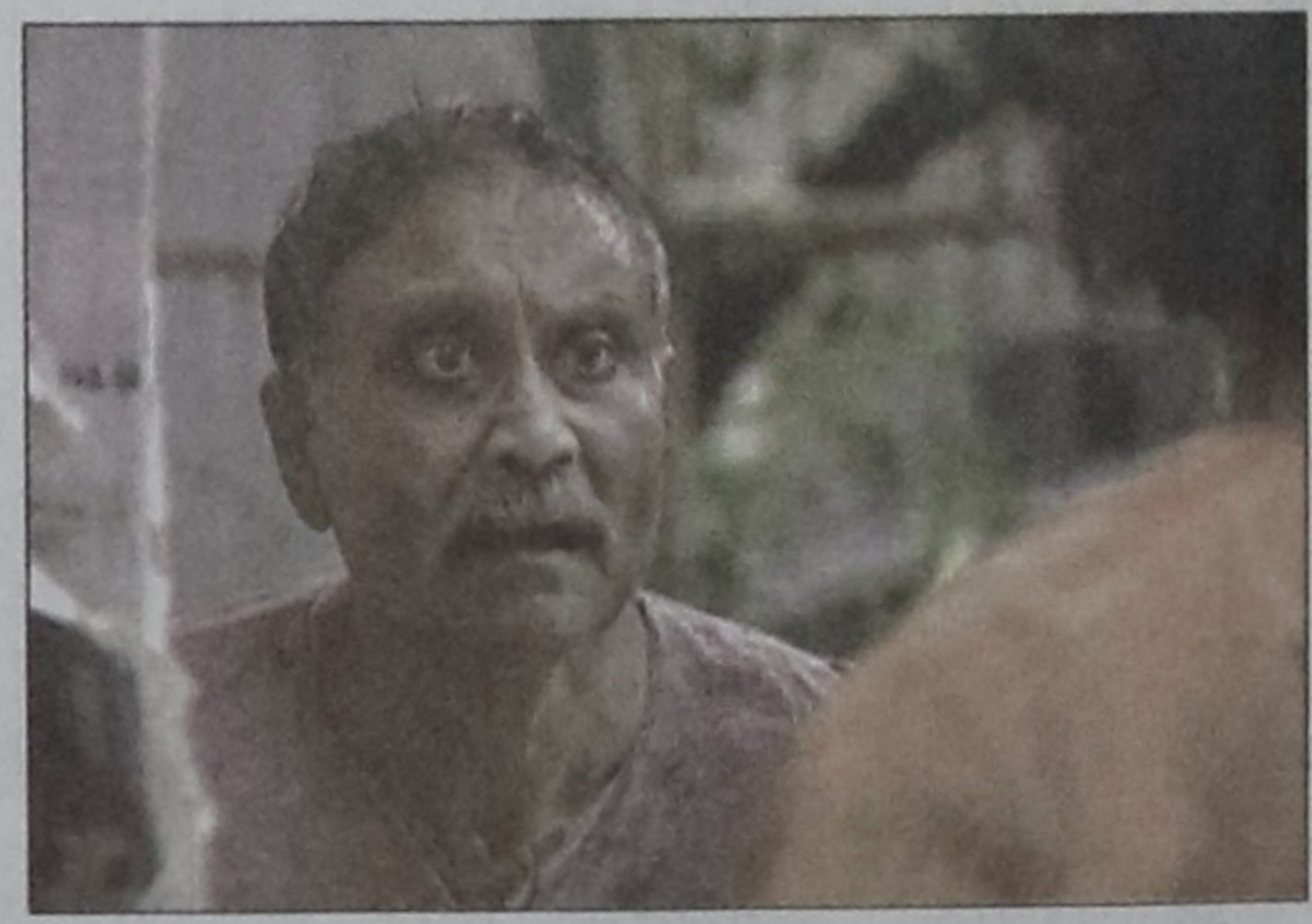
11:35 Home Care
12:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jaal
02:00 Media Bhubon
02:30 Adibashi O Shdharon Nirbachon 2008
03:05 Vote-er Lorai
04:20 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla Avenue
05:15 Daily Soap: Gulshan
05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Desh Jurey Vote
08:15 Drama Serial: Jogphol
09:05 Amar Ami
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Voter Lorai

HBO

12:15 Talladega Nights: The

11:00 Jaws: The Revenge
STAR WORLD
09:30 Carpoolers
10:00 The Knights Of Prosperity
10:30 Koffee With Karan
12:00 Seinfeld
12:30 The Simpsons
01:30 Psych
02:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
03:30 Last Comic Standing
04:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero
05:30 Most Daring
06:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
07:30 Kyle Xy
08:30 90210
09:30 Shark
10:30 Criminal Minds
11:30 Heroes

03:30 When Billie beat Bobby
05:30 Biography
06:30 Secrets of the Forbidden City
08:30 Colours of War
09:30 The Fight
ZEE STUDIO
08:30 Meet the Robinsons
10:45 The Mystic Masseur
01:00 Hollywood on Set
01:30 Hound of the Baskervilles
03:30 Bruce Almighty
05:45 Snatch
08:00 The Hollywood Reporter
08:30 Free Willy
11:00 Secret Window
STAR MOVIES
09:05 TITAN A.E.
10:40 True Lies
01:00 Waitress
02:50 The Rock
05:05 Goal II: Living The Dream
07:00 Titanic
10:10 The Fountain
11:45 Volcano
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
09:30 Most Dangerous Moments
10:45 Creative Vision-NGC
11:30 Amazing Moments
12:30 Walking With Lions
01:30 Crocodiles: Under the Skin
02:30 Super Pride
03:30 Taboo
04:30 Snake Wranglers
05:30 The Living Edens
06:30 Rough Trades
07:30 Street Monkeys
08:30 Strange Days
09:30 Naked Science
10:30 Food Lovers Guide To The Planet
11:30 Inside: Rio Carnival
12:30 Monkey Thieves



Shunchhen On ntv at 9:00 pm Single Episode TV play Cast: Aly Zaker, Rawnak Hassan

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
08:00am Saturday Morning Show
12:00pm Boyer Poka
02:00pm Foorti Unlimited
07:00pm Celebrity on The HotSeat
10:00pm Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masti Unlimited
01:00pm Rast Vor Gan Music
04:00pm U-tum
08:00pm Top of The Week
11:00pm Rast Vor Gan
2:00 am Back to Back

TITANIC
On Star Movies at 7:00 pm
Genre: Romance

FM Method
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Cartoon
02:30 Drama Serial: Khoma
03:15 Super Hero Super Heroine
04:10 Gallery
05:25 Iltishar Ei Din-ey

04:30 Shukher Shondhaney
05:30 Mukher Jadhoy Protidin
06:00 Amar Bangladesh
07:50 Election Countdown
10:00 Channel 1 Exclusive
11:30 First Voter

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokaal
08:30 Amader Rannaghar
09:00 Deshjurey Vote
10:10 Ganalop
11:03 Drama Serial: Antyonkhyo

Ballad Of Ricky Bobby
Chameleon
04:15 Jerry Maguire
07:00 Hollywood One
On One 21
07:30 Shrek The Third
09:30 Stardust

12:30 Most Daring
THE HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Mahabharata
11:30 Indian Journeys
12:30 Napoleon
01:30 Richard The Lionheart
02:30 Lords of the Mafa