

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



Lecture
Topic: Auchin Pakhi
Lecturer: Inam Al Haque
Venue: Chhayant Sangskriti Bhavan
Today at 6:30pm



Digital Biography and Photography Exhibition
Title: Jibon O Chitrey Gunjon
Organiser: Gunjon
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: January 6-10
Time: 9am-12pm, 5-8pm



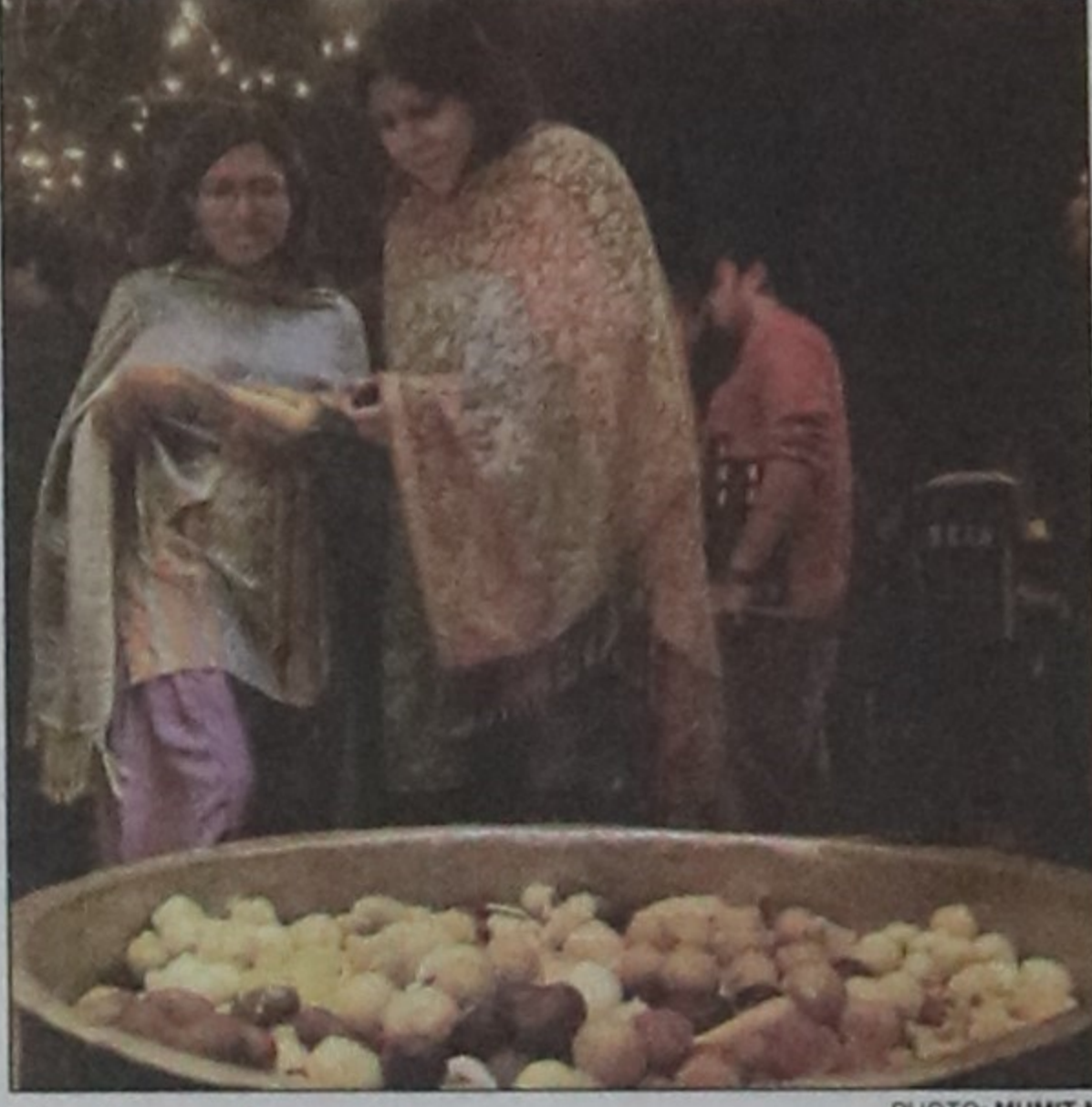
Dance Drama
Play: Hey Ananta
Punya
Troupe: Shadhona
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: January 9
Time: 7pm



Ringling in the New Year



Afzal Hossain and Mustafa Monwar (centre) cutting a cake amidst much cheer.



The heap of sweets. PHOTO: MUMIT M

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

It was a shindig of a different kind; more like a dignified 'adda'. The venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi. Hosts: Singer Fahmida Nabi and celebrity beautician Kaniz Almas. The occasion: First day of 2009.

Though the list of guests included the who's who in the cultural arena, the "most important" among the invitees were journalists -- from both electronic and print media -- as Fahmida Nabi put it. Each guest was asked to bring 'mishti' (any kind of sweets/ dessert), which were all accumulated in a huge platter.

Tanvir Alam Shawjeeb was the first to perform in the live music part of the evening. Shawjeeb did covers of SD Burman classics including "Ghum", "Ke jash rey" as well as his song "Kobey jabo pahar-e" (from the "Jhalmuri" albums). TV personality Shahidul Alam Sachchu kept the mood jovial -- at times being cheeky and occasionally at others' expense, making jokes.

Veteran media personality Mustafa Monwar was seen swaying to the rhythm and melody. Abul Khair Litu, chairman of Bengal Foundation, and Luva Nahid Chowdhury, managing director of Bengal Foundation, attended the event.

Gradually more artistes, musicians, and film, ad and TV play directors including Afzal Hossain, Mostafa Sarwar Farooki, Chayanika Chowdhury, Giasuddin Selim, S.I. Tutul, Partha Barua, Sweetie, former "Close Up 1" champion Salma and previous finalists from the show, Topu, Tisha, Shajal and others joined in.

Fahmida Nabi and Partha Barua sang with "Close Up 1" stars; actor Tisha chimed in Topu, vocalist of the band Yaatri. Seems like a good start. Hopefully 2009 will see the Bangladeshi cultural arena thrive.



Tisha and Topu perform a duet.



Fahmida Nabi and Partha Barua (centre) singing with "Close Up 1" stars.

Heath Ledger 2008's biggest movie story, according to poll

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Australian actor Heath Ledger beat all-comers in a 2008 movie poll released last Thursday, sweeping the biggest news story, most missed star and best villain categories thanks to his posthumous hit film "The Dark Knight".

Ledger, whose death at age 28 in January of an accidental prescription drugs overdose shocked the world, was voted the biggest movie news story of 2008 by 83 percent of votes in the poll by AOL's online movie site Movie-fone.com. The actor also topped the list of movie stars voters will most miss after their deaths, edging out the late Paul Newman by 56 to 20 percent of votes.

Ledger has won Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild nominations for his supporting actor role as The Joker in the Batman movie "The Dark Knight", which was released six months after his death.

"The Dark Knight", the biggest-grossing box office movie worldwide of 2008, easily won the best action movie and "movie most worth your cash" in the Moviefone poll.

But teen vampire movie "Twilight", a favourite with young girls around the world, gave Ledger and "The Dark Knight" a run for the money.

"Twilight" beat "Sex and the City" as the best chick



flick of 2008, while actor Robert Pattinson was voted breakout star of the year. Pattinson and his "Twilight" co-star Kristen Stewart won the best on-screen couple with 41 percent of votes.

Angelina Jolie topped the poll as the actress with the best multiple performances of 2008 for "Wanted", "The Change-ling", and "Kung Fu Panda".

But Jolie and her partner Brad Pitt came second to Will and Jada Pinkett Smith as the best off-screen couple with 32 percent and 38 percent of

votes respectively. The Mike Myers comedy "The Love Guru" was deemed the worst movie of 2008 by 40 percent of voters, with Paris Hilton's performance in "Repo! The Genetic Opera" heading the list of stars with the worst performances.

Looking ahead, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince", out in July 2009, was the most anticipated movie followed by the latest "X-Men" instalment "X-Men Origins: Wolverine."

The poll ran from Dec 17-29 and attracted 3.5 million votes.



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

ATN 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 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 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

ntv
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

FM Method
04:30 Shotyer Shondhaney
05:30 Selected Programme
06:00 Amar Bangladesh
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
08:25 Drama Serial: Shagotaam Bhalobasha
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
11:30 Selected Programme
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Dance Programme: Nupur-er Chhondey
09:15 Asian City Top Spin
10:30 Talk Show: Onnodrishti
11:05 Selected Programme
12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkor
01:25 Prapok
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Banijyo Mela Protidin
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 Mukto Shonglaap
10:40 Drama Serial: Khoma Super Hero Super Heroine
04:10 Gallery
05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey

ETV
08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
09:35 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shabag Dhaka 1000
10:02 Deho Ghon
01:30 Bhuboghurey Dot Com
02:02 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports Plus

CHANNEL i
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangla-desh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aaina
12:05 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shorboshesh Bigyan Dharona
02:30 Selected Programme
03:30 Aktel Money Talk
04:05 Educational Programme:

ntv
08:30 Ajker Shokaal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Cartoon
02:30 Drama Serial: Khoma Super Hero Super Heroine
04:10 Gallery
05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey

STAR MOVIES
07:15 Back To The Future Iii
09:05 Flirting With Disaster
10:45 Ronin
12:45 Babel
03:05 Thank You For Smoking
04:40 Guardian, The

BANGLAVISION
08:00 Shubho Shokaal

Rtv
09:00 R Music

FM Method
11:03 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama
01:03 Dhaliwood Beats
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Selected Programme
07:00 Road To Democracy
09:00 Just Band
10:00 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash
11:30 Jegey Achho Ki

STAR WORLD
08:30 The Simpsons
09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 Carpoolers
10:00 The Knights Of Prosperity
10:30 Koffee With Karan
11:30 Koffee With Karan
12:30 The Simpsons
01:00 The Simpsons
01:30 Psych
02:30 American Idol
04:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero
05:30 Most Daring

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
08:00am Saturday Morning Show
12:00pm Boiyer Poka
02:00pm Foorti Unlimited
07:00pm Celebrity on The HotSeal
10:00pm Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masti Unlimited
01:00pm Saturday World Music
04:00pm U-turn
08:00pm Top of The Week
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00 am Back to Back

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MARK RUFFALO LAKE GYLLENHAAL ROBERT DOWNEY JR.
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SE7EN AND PANIC ROOM
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Thriller

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
07:30 Food Lovers Guide To The Planet
08:00 Food Lovers Guide To The Planet
08:30 Snake Wranglers
09:00 Snake Wranglers
09:30 Most Extreme Moments
10:30 Perilous Journeys
11:30 Inside The Forbidden City
12:30 Camels, Courts & Concubines
01:30 Triumph Of Life
02:30 Alive In The Andes
03:30 Perilous Journeys
04:30 Snake Wranglers
05:00 Snake Wranglers
05:30 I Didn't Know That

HBO
12:30 Monkey Thieves
08:45 Small Soldiers
11:00 My Kid Could Paint That
12:45 Ladies Night
02:30 Torque
04:15 Hollywood Spotlight: Jennifer Lopez
04:45 The Making Of Zodiac
05:30 Xii Pt 1
07:15 Xii Pt 2
09:00 Hollywood's 10 Best: Bad Boys
09:30 Zodiac

ZEE STUDIO
10:30 Pinocchio
01:00 6IXTYNIN9
03:15 Cocktail
05:45 Shall We Dance
08:15 The Hollywood Reporter
08:45 The House
11:00 Holes

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
08:30 Creative Vision
08:45 Creative Vision
09:00 Creative Vision
09:15 Creative Vision
09:30 Mahabharata
10:30 Mahabharata
11:30 Around The World In 80 Treasur
12:30 The Future
01:00 The Future
01:30 Michael Schumacher The Red Baron
02:30 Lords of the Mafia
03:30 Friday Film
04:30 The Greats
06:00 The Greats
06:30 Icons of Power
08:30 Marco Polo
09:30 Marco Polo
10:30 Marco Polo
11:30 Marco Polo
12:30 Jimi Hendrix