

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Selim Al Deen Death Anniversary
Organiser: Dhaka Theatre and Bangladesh Gram Theatre
Venue: Bangladesh Shipakala Academy
Date: January 14-18
Time: 6:30 pm (January 14-15)
10:30am onwards (January 16-17)
5pm (January 18)



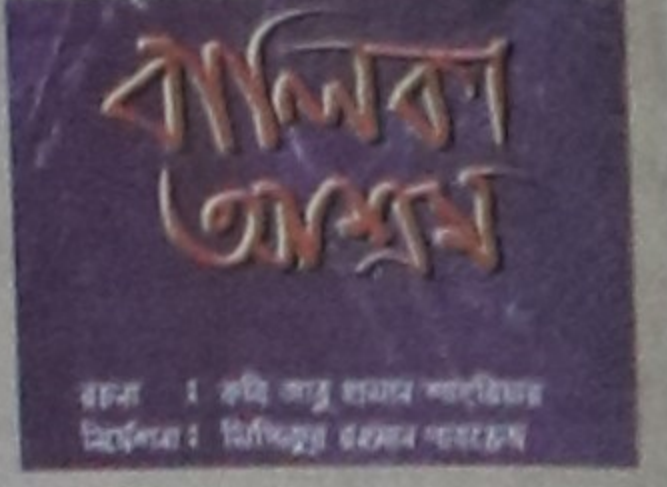
StreetWise Art Exhibition
Selected artworks by street children
Venue: Bay's Galleria, Radius Centre (5th floor), 57, Gulshan Avenue
Date: December 2008-February 2009
Time: 11am-6pm



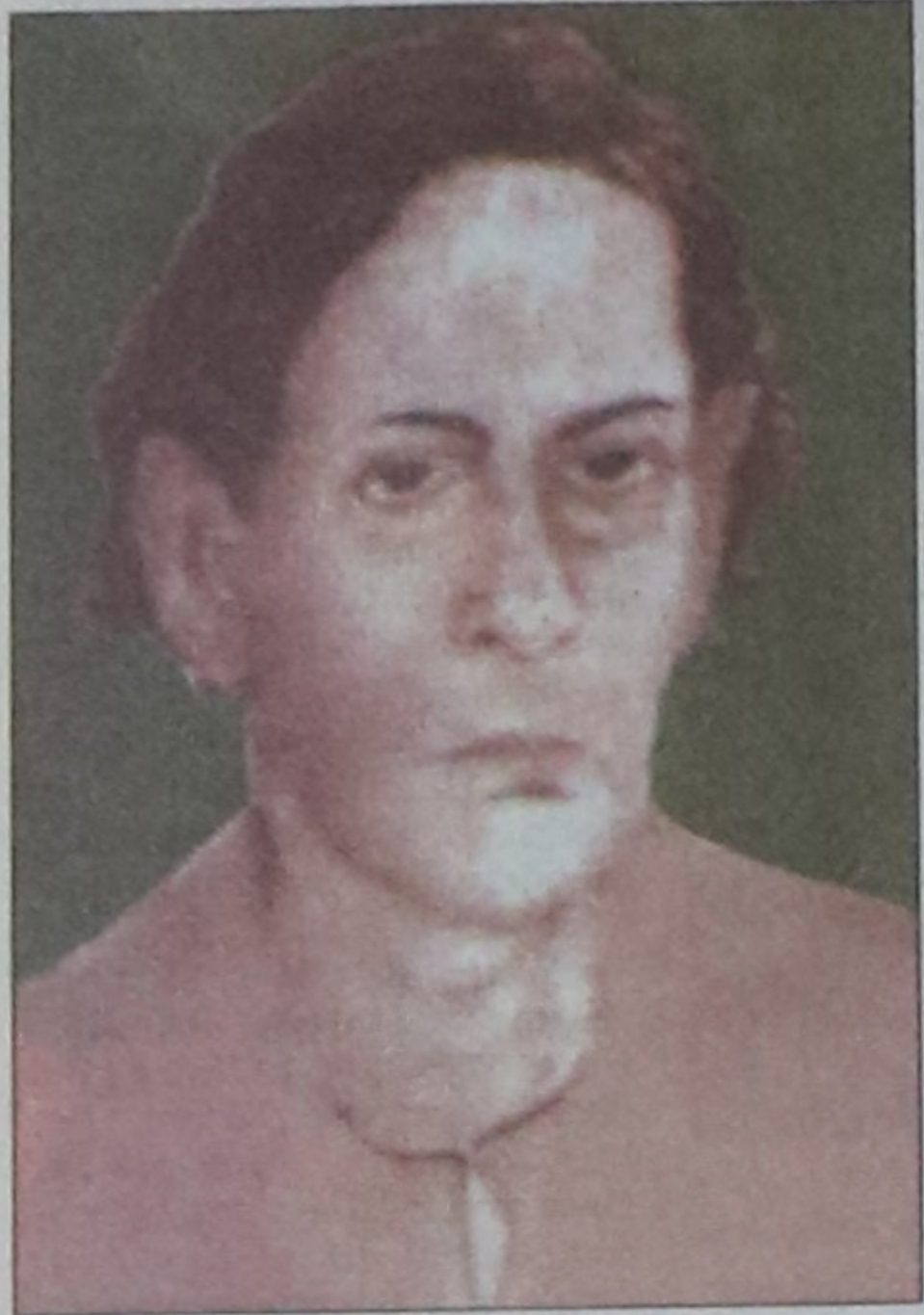
Classical Music Festival
Organiser: Chhayanat
Venue: Chhayanat Sangkriti Bhaban
Date: January 15-17
Time: 5:30 pm



Recitation
Title: Balika Ashram
Organiser: Mukladhara
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: January 17
Time: 6:30pm



Poet Bande Ali's birth anniversary today



A portrait of poet Bande Ali Miah

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Today is the 104th birth anniversary of Bande Ali Miah, one of the foremost poets in Bangla literature. Bande Ali's forte was his unpretentious depiction of life in rural Bengal. The poet also demonstrated his skills in painting and scriptwriting.

Bande Ali was born on January 17, 1906 at the village Radhanagar, by the river Ichamoti in Pabna. He grew up in Pabna town and completed his matriculation in 1923 from Radhanagar Majumdar School. Bande Ali attained a diploma in painting from the Indian Art Academy in Calcutta in 1930.

"Uncomplicated presentation of our rural life in his writings has encouraged me," poet Sufia Kamal once remarked about Bande Ali's works.

Bande Ali's first book of poems "Char Jama" was published in 1927 from Ashutosh

Library in Calcutta. In total 84 books including poetry, prose and drama (most of them highlighting life in the countryside) by the poet have been published.

Perhaps his most popular poem, "Mainamotir Char", was published in 1931 by D.M. Library, Calcutta. Considered to be one of the most evocative depictions of nature that is typical to Bengal, "Mainamotir Char" touched many for its surprising simplicity:

"Boroshar jol shoriya giyechhey jagiya utthechhey char"

Gang-shalikera gorto khuriya bandhitechheyshoreyghar..."

Admiring the poem, Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore wrote in his letter to Bande Ali (in 1932), "In 'Mainamotir Char' you have painted the casual life of the Padma shoal people. You have concentrated your emotions and created genuine imagery with your words."

Among Bande Ali's books, "Anurag" (1933), "Padma Nadir Char" (1933), "Shapno Shadh" (1936), "Madhumatir Char" (1946), "Aranya Godhuli" (1958) and "Tasher Ghar" (1954) are considered remarkable. The poet had also published some books for children including "Megh Kumari", "Jongoler Khobor", "Shishuder Bishad Shindhu" and more.

Bande Ali worked as a schoolteacher in Calcutta until 1947. He edited "Bikash" and "Bhorer Alo", two well-known periodicals published from Calcutta. After the Partition, the poet returned to East Bengal. He was appointed at Rajshahi Radio Centre in 1964 as a scriptwriter. Bande Ali worked at the radio centre till death. The poet passed away on June 27, 1979 at his Kazihatpara residence in Rajshahi town.

A daylong programme has been chalked out for today, marking the poet's birth anniversary. A discussion and cultural programme would be held at Debottor Kobi Bonde Ali High School premises in Pabna.

Appreciating classical music

"Shuddho Sangeet Festival" at Chhayanat

AUREEN AHSAN

The second "Shuddho Sangeet Festival" began at the auditorium of Chhayanat Sangkriti Bhaban, Dhanmondi on January 15. The three-day festival is being organised by Chhayanat, and sponsored by Brac Bank Ltd.

Noted Nazrul artiste and general secretary of Chhayanat, Khairul Anam Shakil, presented the welcome speech. Ustad Khurshid Khan inaugurated the festival. Khan along with Sanjida Khatun, president and a founder member of Chhayanat, inaugurated the programme by lighting 'pradeep'.

Ustad Khurshid Khan was appointed as a 'sitar' instructor at Chhayanat in 1963, and served with utmost devotion for over 40 years. After the inauguration, he said, "I would like to take this opportunity to pay homage to the late Wahidul



Through "Shuddho Sangeet Festival", Chhayanat intends to encourage the practice and appreciation of classical music.



Haque, who contributed relentlessly to the development of Chhayanat. I would also like to thank Sanjida Khatun for giving me the honour of inaugurating this festival."

In her speech, Sanjida Khatun cited the reasons as to why artists are often reluctant to delve into 'Shuddho Sangeet' or classical music. She said, "This is undoubtedly a difficult genre. Very few artistes take up 'Shuddho Sangeet', and most of them eventually move on to other genres such as Nazrul or Rabindra Sangeet or modern songs -- owing to their mass popularity. We have a department

solely dedicated to the practice of 'Shuddho Sangeet' here at Chhayanat, and we hope to have this festival every year."

The programme began with a chorus rendition of 'Dhruvad', 'Raag Kedar', directed by Anup Barua. Artistes Rezaul Karim, Fakir Shahidul Islam, sitar player Feroz Khan, among others took the stage. Vocalists were accompanied by 'tabla', harmonium and sitar.

Renowned artistes and musicians including Shaheen Samad, Anup Barua, Gazi Abdul Hakim, Ashit Dey, Md. Yakub Ali are scheduled to perform at the festival that ends today.



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

On Air

BTV

- 09:05 Kobita O Chhobi
- 09:30 Harano Din-er Gaan
- 10:30 Debate
- 11:20 Desher Gaan
- 11:30 Ongona
- 12:10 Tele-film
- 01:30 Shukhi Ponbaar
- 02:15 Sisimpur
- 02:45 Bangla Feature Film
- 07:00 Geeti Malo
- 08:35 Drama Serial: Shopner Shohorey
- 09:00 Drama: Torkey Bohudur
- 10:30 Apnaar Doctor

ATN BANGLA

- 08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro
- 08:30 Dance Programme: Nupur-er Chhondey
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyay Bhalo Achhi Ma
- 10:30 Hello Bangladesh
- 11:05 Asian City Top Spin
- 12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkor
- 01:30 Prapok
- 02:40 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
- 05:30 Banijyo Mela Protidin
- 06:20 Square Hostpat 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
- 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

- 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh Public Reaction
- 09:45 Grameenphone Trilo Malra
- 09:50 Talk Show: Amader Aaina
- 11:05 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: FM Method
- 04:30 Sholyer Shondhaney
- 05:30 Otoi Banijyo Mela
- 06:00 Amar Bangladesh
- 07:30 Grand Finale: LUX Channel i Superstar
- 11:30 First Minister
- 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ETV

- 08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
- 09:35 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shabag Dhaka 1000
- 10:02 Deho Ghori
- 11:30 Spondon
- 02:02 Bangla Feature Film

- 02:30 Drama Serial: Khoma
- 03:15 Super Hero Super Heroine
- 04:10 Gallery
- 05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey
- 05:35 Alokaat
- 06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
- 09:00 Drama: Shesher Kobitar Porer Kobita
- 11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

CHANNEL 1

- 08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
- 10:30 Drama: Protishodh
- 01:00 Drama: Opurnota
- 02:00 Shoptaho Sheshey
- 03:30 Shit Nidrar Porey
- 04:30 Show Case
- 05:15 Amar Ghar
- 06:00 Saaj Bela

- 02:00 Media Bhubon
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla
- 03:05 Raat Biraatey
- 04:20 Sports Vision
- 05:15 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
- 05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
- 06:20 Selected Programme
- 06:50 Special Programme: Roktatto Gaza Stop Genocide
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Jogphol
- 09:05 Talk Show: Lizan Mehedi Amar Ami
- 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
- 11:25 Law Chamber
- 12:10 Shangbad Protidin

DIGANTO TELEVISION

- 08:05 Bigyanmoy Quran
- 08:30 Ektara Dolara
- 11:30 Jibon Onnesha

- 05:30 High School Musical 1
- 07:35 The Hollywood Reporter
- 08:15 Heat and Dust
- 11:00 Renaissance Man

HBO

- 08:30 Apollo 13
- 11:15 Look Who's Talking Too
- 12:45 Ri Sine Presents: The Haunting Hours
- 02:30 Swordfish
- 04:30 Justice League: The New Frontier
- 06:00 Crimes Of Passion
- 07:45 Cats & Dogs
- 09:30 Smokin' Aces
- 11:15 On Deadly Ground

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

- 11:30 Inside
- 12:30 The Pirate Code

STAR MOVIES

- 08:00 The Royal Tenenbaums
- 09:50 Wings Of The Dove
- 01:35 Moulin Rouge
- 01:45 The Condemned
- 03:40 Broken Arrow
- 05:30 The Marine
- 07:00 1408
- 08:50 Day Watch
- 11:00 The Beach
- 01:00 Code Name: The Cleaner
- 02:40 Black Swarm

STAR WORLD

- 09:30 Carpoolers
- 10:00 The Knights Of Prosperity
- 10:30 Koffee With Karan



Shesh-er Kobitar Por-er Kobita
On ntv at 9:00 pm
Single Episode TV play
Cast: Mim, Nobel

abc radio 89.2 FM

- 06:00 Shorer Jenality
- 09:00 Mubhonto Jhonney
- 12:00 Darun Daputry
- 03:00 Daranto Bhalay
- 05:00 Shondhata
- 07:00 Saaj-er Mays
- 09:00 Raat-er Akashay
- 11:00 Jay Gopner Shesh Nil

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

- 08:00 Saturday Morning Show
- 12:00 Bolyer Pota
- 02:00 Four's Unlimited
- 07:00 Celebrity on The Hot Seat
- 10:00 Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM

- 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00 Mass Unlimited
- 01:00 Saturday World Music
- 04:00 U-lum
- 08:00 Top Of The Week
- 11:00 Raat Vor Gan
- 2:00 Back to Back

SMOKIN' ACES

Smokin' Aces
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action
Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Andy Garcia, Alicia Keys

- 05:30 Sports Plus
- 05:45 Ekusher Shondha
- 06:30 Bhuboghurey Dol Com
- 07:45 Dhum Ta Na
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Marjet Shabag, Dhaka 1000
- 10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
- 11:45 Business Trends
- 12:02 Ekusher Raat

BANGLAVISION

- 08:00 Shubho Shokaal
- 08:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Antyonkiho
- 10:10 Shamol Bangla
- 11:05 Drama Serial: Shada Megh Kalo Megh
- 11:35 Home Care
- 12:30 Gharey Bairey

- 03:05 Lokaloy
- 04:30 Meley Dhori Ichheyguli
- 05:30 Syastho Diganto
- 06:30 Shorol Path
- 07:00 News Hour
- 08:05 Jaal Shaj
- 08:30 Sholyer Shakhkhi
- 09:25 Career Line
- 11:05 Diganto Shaniaap

- 09:30 NG's Amazing Moments
- 10:30 Perilous Journeys
- 11:30 Dangerous Encounters
- 12:30 Inside The Forbidden City
- 01:30 Operation Hot Pursuit
- 02:00 Gone To Save The Planet
- 02:30 Hollywood Science
- 03:30 Wild Dog Diaries
- 04:30 Snake Wranglers
- 05:30 I Didn't Know That
- 06:30 Rough Trades
- 07:30 Living With Big Cats
- 08:30 Hippo Hell
- 09:30 Naked Science
- 10:30 Against All Odds

FOX HISTORY & ENTERTAINMENT CHANNEL

- 09:30 Mahabharata
- 11:30 Around The World In 80 Treasur
- 12:30 Farhan Akhtar
- 01:00 Subhash Ghai
- 01:30 Legends Of Wimbledon
- 02:30 Lords Of The Mafia
- 03:30 Friday Film
- 05:30 The Greats
- 06:30 Hannibal- Enemy Of Rome
- 08:30 Napoleon
- 09:30 Spartacus
- 10:30 Richard The Lionheart
- 11:30 Attila
- 12:30 Bob Marley & The Wallers