

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mimodrama

Play: Jadur Pradip
Troupe: Swapnadal
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: February 4
Time: 7pm



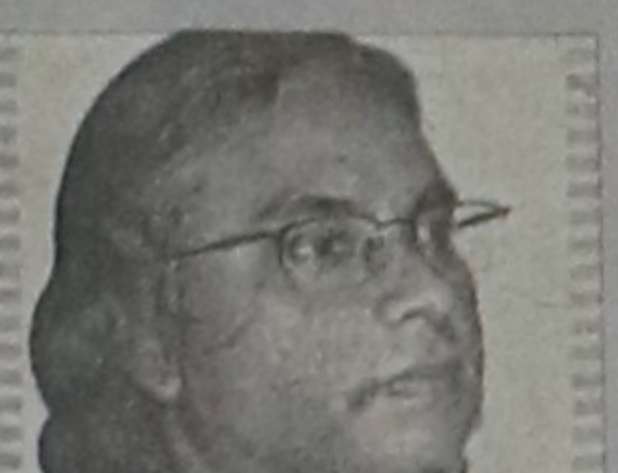
Streetwise Art Exhibition

Venue: Bay's Galleria, 57, Gulshan Avenue
Date: December 2008-February 2009
Time: 11am-6pm



Solo Recitation

Recitor: Zahidul Haque Khan
Organiser: Kantroshilan
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: January 31
Time: 7pm



Pitha Utsab

Organiser: Coffee House, BSA
Venue: Coffee House premises, BSA
Date: January 23-31
Time: 3pm-9pm



A musical conversation

"Praaner Khela" at Bengal Shilpalay



PHOTO: MUMIT M

Anup Barua (centre) sings to the audience at Bengal Shilpalay.

KARIM WAHEED

As part of its ongoing endeavour to promote traditional Bangla songs, Bengal Foundation held a musical soiree at its Shilpalay (gallery) in Dhanmondi last Thursday evening. This instalment of "Praaner Khela", a monthly programme -- was sponsored by Eastern Bank Ltd.

Aditi Mohsin and Anup Barua were the featured artistes.

The gallery was packed. Audience included music enthusiasts -- young, middle aged and elderly -- all sitting on the floor, to accommodate a maximum number of people. The setting was essentially 'baithaki'. The inter-

action between the artistes and the audience was direct and the performances were more like musical conversations.

Aditi Mohsin, a virtuoso Rabindra Sangeet singer, was the first to perform. After a somewhat uninspiring start -- with renditions of "Bohey nirantar anandadhara" and "Ratri eshey jethaye meshey", Aditi's performance picked up with "Biraho madhur holo aaji." Perhaps, it was the warmth of tea that the artiste's susceptible voice needed -- joked an elderly member of the audience.

True or not, from that point on the audience was fully engaged as the artiste cast her melodic spell. Aditi went over the inspiration behind the

songs. Talking about "Ogo amar chiro achena pardeshi," the artiste mentioned Victoria Ocampo who according to many was a muse to Tagore. The artiste however, inadvertently perhaps, referred to Ocampo as an "English" elite. Ocampo was an Argentine intellectual.

Aditi's next rendition "Bhalobeshey shakhi nibhritey jataney" confirmed that Tagore's lyrics rise beyond the territories of genres and themes. Though labelled as a 'kirtan', the song could just as well be a universal ode to love. Lines marking genres fade as devotion to the divinity is manifested in affection for one's beloved -- that is the USP of the bard's verses.

"Dibash rajani ami jeno kaar

ashaye ashaye thaki" (from the play "Mayar Khela") denoted the bitter-sweet anticipation of love. "Bo(n)dhu kon alo laglo chokhey" (from the play "Chitrangada") became an immaculate imagery of one hit by Cupid's arrow, or it could just be the coming of age of a soul.

After Aditi it was Anup Barua's turn. An accomplished Nazrul Sangeet artiste and classical music teacher, Anup started with a rendition of "Anjali laho more." Unfortunately, the 'tabla' was seemingly having trouble accommodating the singer. Despite that, the artiste managed to wow the audience with his outstanding vocal abilities, improvisation of 'alaap' and flawless execution of even the smallest details.

Anup reminisced on the late cultural personality and activist Waheedul Haque and dedicated his rendition of the Nazrul song "Shunyo e bukey pakhri mor" to his memory. Next was another Nazrul Sangeet in the 'bhatiyali' form, "Amar sampan jaatrinoloy."

Anup's repertoire also included a range of semi-classical songs -- his forte. The artiste sang "Amakey ashtey boley" and "Kaar torey nishijago Rai" (which sounded curiously like the well-recognised Wajed Ali Shah 'thumri', "Babul mora").

The artiste then moved on to oldies and 'adhunik' Bangla songs with "kader kuler bou." An ardent fan of Niaz Mohammad Chowdhury, Anup also performed "Aj ei brishtir kanna" (made famous by Chowdhury in the '80s). Other songs included an SD Burman classic "Borney gandhey chhandey geetity" and an Ajoy Chakraborty song "Madhulagan boyejaye."

The concert ended with a rendition of a 'Raaga Mishra Paharai' based composition.



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As part of its initiative to introduce an alternative space for theatre for the masses, Prachyanat staged "Kathopokothon," a short play, at Gallery Nittya Upohar, Aziz Cooperative Supermarket, Shahbagh recently. In cooperation with the Nittya Upohar proprietors, Prachyanat will stage plays at this venue once a month from now on. "Kathopokothon" is written and directed by Rinkon Shikder.

Angelina Jolie is off Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

Angelina Jolie is not fit to be Lara Croft anymore. It's over and done with.

According to El, Warner Bros. has confirmed plans to reboot its successful "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" franchise. Just not with Angelina.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, the third film will completely revise the sexy, video-game-based Croft and will probably change her origin (no more English aristocracy blood) and introduce exciting missions, positions, love interests and bad guys.

It's just way too early to sign a star, the producers say, until they've cast a writer and director.

Oh yeah, it's unheard of to sign on a star before the writers or director. Who are they kidding?

But so far, you know who -- Megan Fox -- is the undisputed blog-world pick to succeed Jolie.

Don't feel bad for Jolie. She's probably going to adopt another kid this year anyway.

Source: Internet



News Bulletin

BTB
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

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

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
abc radio
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am

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

On Air

BTB

09:05 Kobita O Chhobi
09:30 Smritimoy Geetimoy
10:05 Swashtyo Sheba
10:30 Amader Aangina
11:20 Desher Gaan
11:30 Ongona
12:10 Selected Programme
01:30 Shukhi Poribar
02:15 Sisimpur
02:45 Bangla Feature Film
05:35 Selected Programme
07:00 Geeti Malyo
08:35 Drama Serial: Shomoy Oshomoy
09:00 Drama: Shesh Chithi
10:30 Apnaar Doctor

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Dance Programme: Nupur-er Chhondey
09:15 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyaye Bhalo Achhi Ma
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkor
01:30 Prapok
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Teletalk Banijyo Mela Proldin
06:20 Square Hostipat Shushitho Thakun
06:45 Projomno Katha
08:00 Drama Serial: Sagal
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
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

Cinemas Gaan

01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shoroboshesh
Bigyan Dharona
02:30 Selected Programme
03:30 Aktel Money Talk
04:05 Educational Programme: FM Method
04:30 Shotyer Shondhaney
05:30 Otobi Banijyo Mela
06:00 Selected Programme
07:50 Mega Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
09:35 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Mati O Manush
11:30 First Minister
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal

Rtv

09:00 South Asian Super Star
10:03 Documentary Programme
11:03 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama: Taarpor Paruler Din
01:03 Documentary Programme
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Selected Programme
06:03 Probidin
07:30 Road To Democracy
09:00 Just Band
10:00 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash
11:30 Jegey Achho Ki

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08:30 Aiker Shokaal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film



Eka
On ATN Bangla at 8:40 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Moushumi

09:35 Drama Serial: Aziz Market
Shabag Dhaka 1000
10:02 Deho Ghor
11:30 Spondon
02:02 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondha
06:30 Bhuboghurey Dot Com
07:45 Dhun Ta Na
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Martjet
Shabag, Dhaka 1000
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
11:45 Business Trends
12:02 Ekusher Raat

12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Cartoon
02:30 Drama Serial: Chena Chena Lagey
03:15 Super Hero Super Heroine
04:10 Gallery
05:25 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
05:35 Aloppaat
06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
09:00 Drama: Khokoner Cycle
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
BANGLAVISION
08:00 Shubho Shokaal

09:00 Cinebit Shadakalo
09:30 Choturaango
10:10 Shamol Bangla
11:05 Drama Serial: Shada Megh
Kalo Megh
11:35 Home Care
12:30 Gharey Bairey
02:00 Media Bhubon
02:40 Drama Serial: Ontyorkhyo
03:20 Anyo Nayan
04:20 Sports Vision
05:15 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
06:20 Selected Programme
06:50 Desher Pathey
08:15 Drama Serial: Jogphol
09:05 Talk Show: Lizan Mehedi Amar Ami
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue

09:25 Career Line
11:05 Shobaar Aagey Desh
HBO
08:30 Christine
10:45 Basilisk
12:30 My Dog Skip
02:30 Connors' War
04:15 The Making Of Happy Feet
04:30 The General's Daughter
06:45 Hollywood One On One 24
07:15 Twister
09:30 License To Wed
11:30 Ocean's Thirteen
ZEE STUDIO
08:00 Batman Returns

Iova: Farewell To
02:30 Yash Chopra
03:00 Karan Johar
03:30 Maxwell
05:30 Tour of Duty
06:30 Secrets of the Forbidden City
08:30 Jumbo Movie
12:30 Queen: Live in Budapest
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
10:30 Rivers And Life
11:30 Inside The Forbidden City
12:30 ShowReal Asia
01:30 Built For The Kill
02:30 Naked Science
03:30 Rikers And Life

Moulin Rouge
On Star Movies at 8:50 pm
Genre: Romance/Thriller
Cast: Ewan McGregor, Nicole Kidman

04:30 Snake Wranglers
05:30 I Didn't Know That
06:30 Rough Trades
07:30 Hunter Hunted
08:30 Dangerous Encounters
09:30 Naked Science
10:30 Against All Odds
11:30 Inside: Speed Week
12:30 Super Factories
STAR MOVIES
11:10 Apocalypso
01:20 Shallow Hal
03:15 Rocky Balboa
04:55 Hitch
07:00 Enchanted
08:50 Moulin Rouge
11:00 Severance

STAR WORLD
10:00 The Knights Of Prosperity
10:30 Koffee With Karan
12:30 American Idol
02:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
03:30 Last Comic Standing
04:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero
05:30 American Idol
07:30 Kyle Xy
08:30 90210
09:30 Shark
10:30 Boston Legal
11:30 Heroes

FOX HISTORY & ENTERTAINMENT CHANNEL

09:30 Mahabharata
11:30 Alien Galaxies
12:30 Search for ET
01:30 Martina Navrati