

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

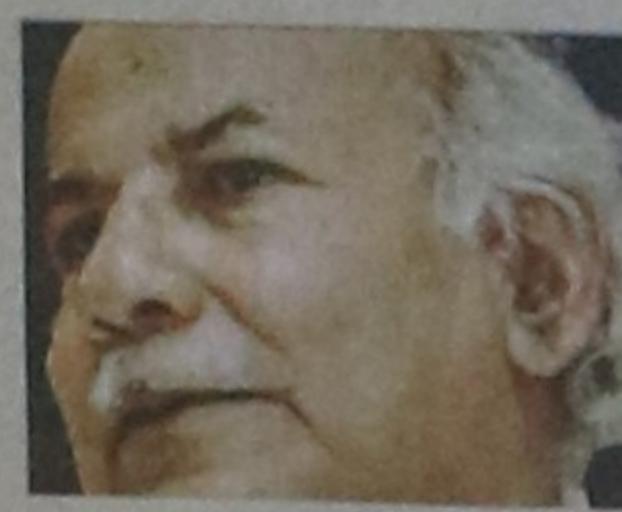
Mimodrama
Play: Jadur Pradip
Troupe: Swapnadal
Venue: National
Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: February 4
Time: 7pm



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



**Waheedul Haque
Memorial
Programme**
Organiser: Chhayanat
Venue: Bakultala,
Faculty of Fine Arts,
DU
Date: February 5-6
Time: 5pm onwards



**Street Theatre
Festival 2009**
Organiser: Bangladesh
Group Theatre Federation
Venue: Central Shaheed
Minar premises
Date: February 1-7
Time: 4 pm onwards



Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy turns six



Moloy Kumar Ganguli (R) receives the award from Syed Hassan Imam.

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MAINUL HASSAN
On February 1, Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy celebrated its sixth anniversary with a lively programme at Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum.

Named after the legendary folk singer Momtaz Ali Khan, the academy was founded on January 31, 2003 in an effort to preserve the works of the late artist and to promote folk songs on the whole.

"Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan was a singer, a lyricist and a collector of folk songs. His contribution to our folk music genre is immense and incomparable," said Golam Kuddus, general secretary of Sammilito Sanskritik Jote, at the programme.

"He was an avid patriot. In 1971 he actively took part in

the war. He used to go from camp to camp and sing patriotic songs to freedom fighters to boost their morale. It is regrettable that after his death no initiative has been taken to preserve his works. Even worse, many are trying to pass off his creations as their own," Kuddus added.

Golam Kuddus was the special guest at the programme.

Since its inception in 2003, the academy has been conferring the Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Padak every year to individuals for their contribution to folklore and music.

This year's awardees are Ashrafuzzaman Khan (posthumous) and veteran folk artiste Moloy Kumar Ganguli. Novelist, playwright and freelance journalist Ashrafuzzaman died on December 19, 2008.

Singer Abdul Halim Khan received the award on behalf

of Ashrafuzzaman. The awards were handed by cultural personality Syed Hassan Imam who was present as the chief guest.

Speaking on Momtaz Ali Khan, Imam said, "Momtaz Ali Khan wrote many songs and tuned more, enriching our opulent folk music further. He also contributed in grooming and training many renowned singers including Abdul Alim."

Reminiscing on the late Ashrafuzzaman, Imam said, "He was always on the lookout for talented upcoming artistes. One day he saw our theatre performance and invited us to the radio office. He took a short interview and introduced us to the audience. In his lifetime he provided many artistes with much needed exposure."

Golam Kuddus said, "Ashrafuzzaman was the Regional Director of Pakistan

Radio in 1971. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic speech on March 7, 1971 was supposed to be aired live but was stopped at the last moment by the Pakistani junta. In protest, Ashrafuzzaman halted the radio service and the government was forced to negotiate with him. The recorded version of Bangabandhu's speech was aired the next day on March 8."

Speaking of Momtaz Ali Khan, award recipient and artiste of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, Moloy Kumar Ganguli said, "Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan made significant contribution to my making as a singer. During my first recording in 1965 at 'His Master's Voice,' he became my guarantor, signing with the company."

Among others, Rupu Khan, daughter of Momtaz Ali Khan and executive director of Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy, spoke at the event.

The cultural programme opened with a group performance by the students of the academy. They sang "Kothay achhey dildorodi sha(ni)," a Lalon composition which was later set to tune by Momtaz Ali Khan and "Munshi path dekhaiya(dao)" written by composed by Khan.

Next, members of Bonhishikha performed a Lalon song "Tora dekhbi jodi aye," set to tune by Khan and "Bangadesher mati," written and composed by Khan.

Rupu Khan, Sohana Ahmed, Ariful Haque, Abdul Halim Khan, Orthi Rahman and others gave solo performances at the programme.

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Students of
Department of
Music, Kazi
Nazrul Islam
University,
Trishal,
Mymensingh
brought out a
procession on the
university
campus recently
to celebrate
'Nabanna Utsab'.



35th anniversary of Tiny Tots School



Children perform at the programme.

On February 2, Tiny Tots School celebrated its 35th Anniversary on the school campus in Mohammadpur amidst much fanfare, according to a press release. The school took on a festive hue, as it was decorated with wall paintings by children.

Among several events were dress-as-you-like, a cultural programme, plays and celebrations with clowns. As part of its anniversary celebration the school authority will organise another programme on February 6 at its Dhanmondi campus.



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Child artistes dance at a cultural programme held at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy on February 1. The programme was organised by Gram Banglar Theatre to celebrate the organisation's 9th anniversary.

All programmes are in local time.
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for any change in the
programme.

On Air

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Showa Paanch Arai Lane
09:15 Vision 2020
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Selected Programme
12:15 Shornali Shadakalo
01:25 ATN Music
02:30 Selected Programme
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhni Nai

03:45 Children's Programme: Aha Ki Anando
04:20 Shornali Din
05:10 Onanya
05:35 Documentary Programme: Climate Change

06:20 Talk Show: Kathamala
06:50 Projmonno Katha
08:00 Drama Serial: Baksho
08:40 Drama Serial: Shath Shomuddur
09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsnakaal
11:30 Drama Serial: Choto Choto Koshti

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL 1
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shanglaap
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

02:30 Hridoyer Gaan
03:05 i Sports
03:30 Boi Ebong Boi

04:05 Saangeelma
04:30 Boimela Protidin
05:30 Shonmoeki

06:00 Talk Show: Khola Akash
06:30 Business Show
07:50 Musical Programme: Meridian Channel I Khudey Gaan

09:35 Shongshar
10:00 Western Union Probashi
11:30 First Minister
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

ETV
08:30 Ekush-er Shokal

09:35 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong
10:30 Drama Serial: Tun Tuni Vila
02:30 Tomi Mian Recipe
04:00 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong
Amra
04:30 Shornali Shadakalo
05:30 Sports Plus
07:45 O Bondhu Amar
08:30 Drama Serial: Akey Shunyo
Drama Serial: Tomtom
Financial Bulletin

ntv
08:30 Ajker Shokal
08:55 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
10:30 Music Jam

BANGALVISION
11:30 Selected Programme

DIGITAL TELEVISION

11:30 Chena Ochena

BANGLA
09:00 Shubho Shokal
09:30 Drama Serial: Ontyorkhyo
09:00 Drama Serial: Swapnochura

STAR CHANNEL 1

10:30 Drama Serial: Ei Shomoy
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Boi Niye
03:30 Drama
04:00 Nongor
04:30 Stop and Rock
06:00 Boi Niye
06:35 Top News
07:00 Rang Beron-er Khobor
08:15 Drama: Moyur Bahon
09:00 Drama: Hiraaka Ban Shonar
09:30 Bioscope
10:30 Selected Programme

STAR CHANNEL 2

11:30 Taraka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon
Kothaye Jabe
01:03 Stock Exchange
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Japito Jibon
04:00 Protidin
05:30 Nari O Nokhyotro
06:03 Road to Democracy
07:00 Drama Serial: Ei Bari Oi Bari
08:45 Drama Serial: Mohon Pur-er Golpo

STAR MOVIES

12:15 Return To Me
02:10 Finding Rin Tin Tin
03:45 Sleuth
04:15 School For Scoundrels
05:15 Lake Placid 2
06:45 Species: The Awakening
10:10 Haunted

STAR WORLD

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

ABC RADIO 89.2 FM

06:00 Bhor Janay
09:00 Mukhuri Jibon
12:00 Durun Duprey
03:00 Durun Bilekay
05:00 Shersha Tora
07:00 Sajer Maya
09:00 Rauti Alahay
11:00 Joy Golpo/ Sheesh Nal
Radio Four 89.0 FM
07:30am Hala Dhaka
10:00am Morning Express
12:00pm My Time
01:00pm No Tension
04:00pm Disha Calling
09:00pm Night Rider
01:00am Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Mass Undated
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-tam
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok

DIGITAL TELEVISION

11:30 Chena Ochena
12:30 Oporajita
03:00 Paathshala
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STAR CHANNEL 3

12:15 Return To Me
02:10 Finding Rin Tin Tin
03:45 Sleuth
04:15 School For Scoundrels
05:15 Lake Placid 2
06:45 Species: The Awakening
10:10 Haunted

STAR CHANNEL 4

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

STAR CHANNEL 5

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

STAR CHANNEL 6

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

STAR CHANNEL 7

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

STAR CHANNEL 8

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

STAR CHANNEL 9

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

STAR CHANNEL 10

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

STAR CHANNEL 11

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path

STAR CHANNEL 12

11:30 October Road
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Monk
The Ellen Degeneres Show
02:30 Murder She Wrote
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path