

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Ekushey Boi Mela '09

Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 01-28



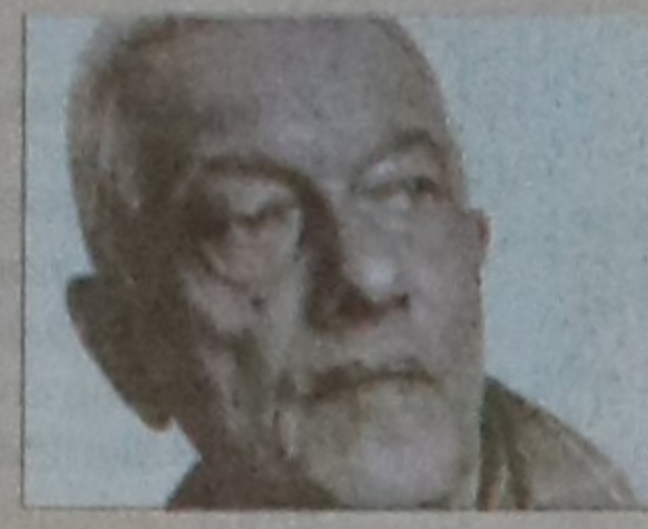
Chobi Mela V

Intl Festival of Photography, Bangladesh '09
Theme: Freedom
Venues: National Museum, BSA, Drik Gallery, Bengali Gallery, AF, GIB, British Council, Asiatic Gallery, Kalpana Bouding and Karwan Bazar underpass
Date: Jan 30-Feb 20



Mass Reception

To honour Language Movement veteran Abdul Matin
Organiser: Bhasha Matin Ganoshangbardhana Nagorik Committee
Venue: Main Auditorium, National Museum
Date: February 13
Time: 4pm



Photography Exhibition

Title: Plot Number Fifty Six
Photographer: Kasef Mahboob Chowdhury
Venue: Bangla Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: February 10-13
Time: 12-8pm



Babul's Canvas: Tribute to Language Movement martyrs and Birangana

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Babul Mahmood is a talented young artist who has been working on the theme, freedom movement of Bangladesh and its different aspects, over the last decade. "Ekushey Smaraney" and "Birangana" -- two such series by him -- delve into memorable events that forged our nation.

"Ekushey Smaraney" is a series of watercolours. The works are lucid and focus on Shaheed Minar. In Babul's works, the Shaheed Minar form appears hazy at times, but warm and soothing colours contrive impressive views. When we closely observe Babul's watercolours, we can easily recognise his fondness for various unfamiliar and familiar forms. His colours are vibrant and bold because he always works on the theme of burning national issues. Babul always gives importance to connecting form with colour, therefore his works seem to us eloquently harmonised. Language Movement was a significant part in bringing together the nation to ensure the right to speak our mother language Bangla.

According to the artist, "Not much interest is shown in subjects like Liberation War or Language Movement now-a-days. It's unfortunate that we've started neglecting our glorious past and history of this nation's origins. Sovereignty wasn't achieved in one day. Language Movement was one of the early steps towards that goal. Bangladesh is the only country in the world where people sacrificed their lives for the right to speak their mother language. The significance of February 21 is immense."

Works in the "Birangana" series have been done in acrylic, one of the delicate mediums. "This subject is profoundly connected to the Liberation War. Like men, women of our country too played a vital role in the struggle for independence. Throughout the nine months of Liberation War, many



Artworks by Babul Mahmood.

Bangladeshi women were brutally tortured, abused and violated. Unfortunately in most cases, these women, later called 'Birangana' (literally, heroine), were ostracised and abandoned. Not enough publications document their pain, their views. Their courageous involvement had been helped to win in the Liberation War. For many of these victims, agonising silence has become fate. Their contribu-



tions were rarely honoured and post-Liberation War generations have little or no idea what it means to be a 'Birangana.' This series is my way of recognising their role in our freedom movement; it's a homage to all the 'Birangana' in our country," remarked Babul.

Babul Mahmood now lives and works in Toronto, Canada.

Moment of decision

Khudey Gaan Raaj '08 at finishing line

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The grand finale of "Meridian Channeli Khudey Gaan Raaj '08", will be held tonight at National Women's Sports Complex, Dhanmondi. Channeli will air the programme live from 7:50 pm.

The announcement was made at a press conference held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

The finalists are Jewel, Saddo, Parshi, Jhuma and Saran. They will perform for the last time tonight for the crown of "Khudey Gaan Raaj".

The winner will receive Taka 5 lakh, the first runner up will receive Taka 3 lakh and the second runner up will receive a cash prize of Taka 3 lakh from Otobi.

Apart from the winners, each of the top 12 contestants will receive a credit card of Taka 20,000 from Premier Bank and a platinum card worth Taka 20,000 from Concord Entertainment Ltd and free educational facilities from Cambrian School and College.

Twelve organisations namely, Prime Bank Ltd, Trust Bank Ltd, Advance Development Technologies, United Commercial Bank, Eastern Bank Ltd, Citi Bank Ltd, Premier Bank Ltd,

Janata Bank Ltd, Destiny Group, Crown Cement, Maan Bangladesh Ltd and Sheltech Private Ltd will be bearing all educational expenses of the Top 12 for the next 10 years. Each organisation will sponsor one child, selected by lottery.

Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director Channel i and Impress Telefilms Ltd, Shykh Seraj, director news Channel i, and SM Kamal Pasha managing director, Meridian Foods Ltd were present at the conference. Among the sponsors Engineer S M Anwar Hossain, chairman, Advanced Development Technologies; Dr. Mohammad Zillur Rahman, deputy managing director, Janata Bank; Dr. HBM Iqbal, Chairman, Premier Bank; Habibur Rahman, Chairman & CEO, Maan Bangladesh Ltd; M. Reazul Karim, deputy managing director, Prime Bank Limited; Md. Alamgir Kabir, director, Crown Cement; Raihan ul Ameen, deputy managing director & chief operations officer, City Bank; Mohammed Sayeed ur Rahman, director, finance, Destiny 2000 Ltd and others were present at the conference.

A 20,000 strong audience is expected at tonight's programme.

Valentine's Day special on Banglavisision



Shimul and Nadia will feature in "Bhalobasha Karey Koy."

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"Bhalobasha Karey Koy"

Noted educationist Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed and well-known poet Nirmalendu Goon will appear in a Valentine's Day special programme on Banglavisision. The programme, titled "Bhalobasha Karey Koy", will go on air on February 14 at 6:25pm.

Apart from the duo, the programme will also feature celebrity couple Shimul and Nadia. TV reporter Iqbal

Khorshed is to come up with an interesting report on Valentine's Day celebrations across the country. For their part, artists Dipta and Maya will perform a romantic song. Saju Khadem is the producer of "Bhalobasha Karey Koy", while Sohail Arman and Lara Lotus will host the programme.

TV play "Love You Christina"

Special single episode TV play "Love You Christina" will be aired on Banglavisision on February 14 at 9:05pm. The

play is written and directed by Alvee Ahmed.

The romantic play revolves around two young individuals, Christina and Peter. Christina creates her own surreal world, where she lives with her beloved Peter. Christina's father and sister try to bring back her to reality--all in vain as Christina prefers to live in her surreal world.

The story takes a twist when Peter himself suggests that Christina should leave him and go back to her real life.

Aupee Karim, Partho Barua and Kahirul Alam Sabuj play lead roles in the play.

Special TV programmes on Pahela Falgun

February 13 ushers in Falgun, the spring season of our country. Various Satellite channels will air special programmes on the first day of the Bengali Month Falgun. Here's a run up:



Saadi Mohammad performs on the show "Shudhu Tomar Jonjo."



Bindu in a scene from the play "Bilombito Ticket."



Litu Anam and Diti in "Jakhon Bhalobasha."

ntv

"Naba Falguner Diney", a variety show, will be aired on ntv at 7am. Produced by Dipu Mahmud, the programme will feature performances by artistes Sadi Mohammad, Alam Ara Minu and Shamima Alam Chinu. Dance artiste Wasek and his troupe will also perform on the show.

At 2:35, recitation programme "Falguner Padaboli" will be aired. Produced by Jahangir Choudhury, noted recitation artistes Shimul Mustafa, Mahidul Islam, Pragma Laboni, Joyonto Chattopadhyay, Naila Tarannum Kakoli and Sharmin Lucky, the show will present these noted reciters.

From 3pm, ntv will air the "Bosonto Utsab" live from Rabindra Sarobar. The festival, organised by Jatiyo Bosonto Uddjapon Parishad, will feature songs, dances, recitation and a rally along with exhibitions of traditional food and attire. Several cultural organisations, such as Chhayarat, Surer Dhara, BAPA, Nazrul Academy, Spanadan, Dhrubotan, Nriya Nandan and Khelaghar will perform in the festival. Eminent artistes of the country will also perform.

A special show on Falgun, in ntv's regular programme "Tiffiner Fa(n)key" will be aired at 5:35pm. A



A scene from "Tiffiner Fa(n)key."

programme for school students, the show is hosted by Tazin Ahmen. This is the 200th episode of the show.

ATN Bangla

Special TV play "Bilombito Ticket" will be aired on ATN Bangla on the first day of Falgun (February 13) at 8pm. Written by Monir Hossain and directed by Mezbah Shikdar, the play has Apurba and Bindu in the lead roles.

In the play, Shovon comes to Dhaka on an office tour. While returning home, he misses his bus. Coincidentally he bumps into his former girlfriend, Swati after 12

years. Both Swati and Shovon are shaken by this sudden encounter. In a nostalgic moment, they hark back to the old days. However, they are forced to face reality--that they now live in separate worlds and must return to their respective lives. However, a question remains to be answered: Can the physical distance really separate the lovers?

Rtv

Rtv's Pahela Falgun special programme includes a musical programme, talk show, special TV play and live shows.

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Praney, a recitation programme by Bodhon Abritti Parishad, will be aired on Rtv at 9am. Produced by Wahidul Azam Tipu, the programme will be aired live from Nazrul Square stage, Chittagong.

A special TV play "Jakhon Bhalobasha" will be aired at 3 pm. The play has been written and directed by Mohon Khan. Litu Anam, Bannya Mirza, Diti and Rasheed Khan will act in the play.

The play puts the relationship of an expatriate couple --Mita and Rana--under scrutiny. The duo encounter each other in the picturesque backdrop of Thailand. They fall madly in love. However, with the passage of time, their love affair begins to falter. In the meantime, Rana's relatives come to visit him. Rana introduces them to Mita. Mithu, Rana's younger brother, poses a query to Mita, which makes her re-evaluate her relationship with Rana.

Special musical talk show "Shudhu Tomar Jonjo" will go on air on Rtv at 5:30 pm. Noted Tagore artistes Sadi Mohammad and Lily Islam will share their views on Falgun. Artistes Aniruddha Sen Gupta, Fahim Hossain and Shama Rahman will sing on the show. Afroza Sultana Chaiti is the producer of the programme.

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