

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Group Art Exhibition

Featuring 167 artworks by 107 Bangladeshi artists
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, F 40-41, D.C.C North Super Market, 2nd Circle, Gulshan
Date: April 11-May 12
Time: 10am-8pm



Dance Festival

Featuring Classical and contemporary dance
Organiser: Srishti Cultural Centre
Venue: National Theatre Stage, BSA
Date: April 25-26
Time: 7:00pm



Balshakhi Fair

Organiser: BSCIC
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: April 14-24
Time: 10am-8pm



Bangladesh Documentary Festival '09

Organiser: Bangladesh Documentary Council
Venues: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: April 16-19
11am, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm



Sneak Peek

Ustagarer Talika: A fake list that saved many lives

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Shooting for US-based Bangladeshi independent filmmaker Anwar Shahadat's debut full-length feature "Ustagarer Talika" (Circumciser's Tally) is near completion. The shooting began on March 2 in Nangalkote, Narayanganj and Kaikarten Bazar, Sonargaon.

The film narrates the valour of a circumciser, Motaleb Karigar, who saved many Hindus at his village during the Liberation War. Motaleb lied to the occupying Pakistani soldiers that there are no Hindus in his village as all of them converted to Islam during the riots of 1947. The officer in charge remarks that Motaleb's claim is "very interesting" and wants to see the tally of the Hindus who had converted.

Staying up the whole night, Motaleb and his wife Gul Bahar carefully devise a fake list of the names.

In sovereign Bangladesh,



Anwar Shahadat goes over a scene with Jayanta Chattopadhyay (centre) and Rokeya Prachi.

Motaleb's act of benevolence remains unrecognized until an NGO worker Nupur comes to the village conducting a research on the sacrifices and contributions of each citizen during the Liberation War. Nupur meets Motaleb -- now a decrepit old man. While

reminiscing the war days, Motaleb sheds light on the ups and downs of his profession, his youth, his marriage and his profound love for his wife. Eventually, he opens a wooden box and brings out the list that saved many lives.

Shahadat is also the

cinematographer and editor of the film. The film is in Bengali with English subtitles. The editing will be completed in the U.S. The director hopes to release the film towards the end of this year. Afifa Khanam and Shafiq Rahman are the

executive producers of the film.

Jayanta Chattopadhyay plays the protagonist Motaleb Karigar. Rokeya Prachi plays the role of Nupur. The cast also includes Rani Sarkar, Sushma, Shoma and Babu.

Unlikely diva grabs A-list attention

In the space of a few minutes and a few notes, unemployed Scottish charity worker Susan Boyle won over 3,000 fans. In the space of a few days and YouTube, she has grabbed the attention of millions.

And she also reportedly has A-list fans such as Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher.

She didn't play or dress the part of a star on reality TV show "Britain's Got Talent," but within seconds of beginning to sing, the auditorium knew she was one.

Boyle, 47, told the show she had never been married or kissed, and lives in Scotland with her cat, Pebbles.

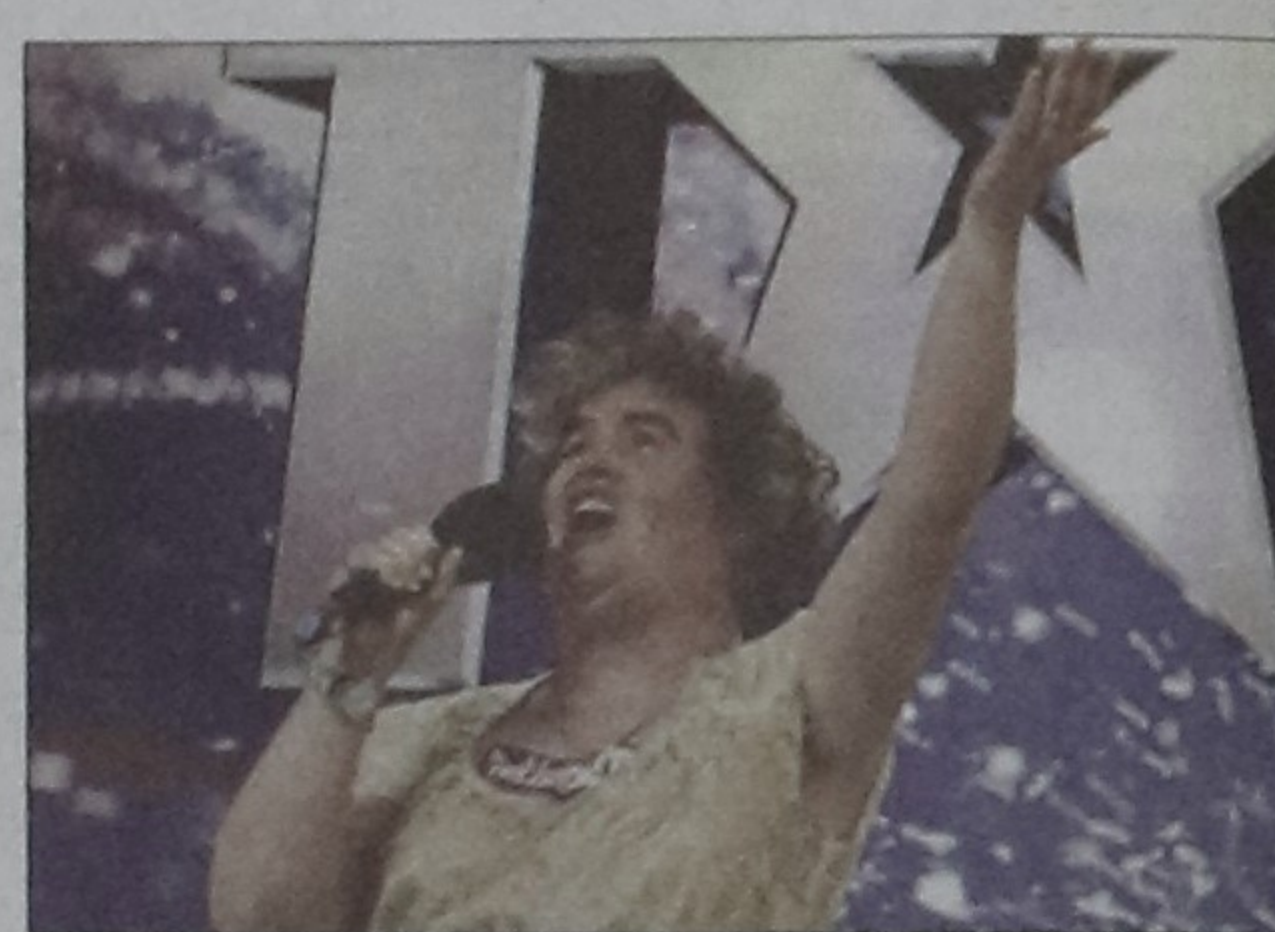
She still lives in her childhood home in Blackburn, West Lothian, and believes a promise to her mother, Bridget, who died at 91 in 2007, to go on the TV show.

The town, in northeast Scotland, is a former cotton and mining centre that now attracts commuters to nearby Aberdeen, the key city for the region's North Sea oil industry.

"I wanted to fulfil a wish to my mother that I wanted to do something with my life. Not only that, but I felt like I had a bit more to offer," she told Scottish TV's "Five-thirty" show.

As she revealed her dream to be a professional singer -- as big as Elaine Paige -- many in the 3,000 crowd in The Clyde Auditorium, Glasgow, Scotland, were smirking or even laughing.

Seconds later, the first gasps emerged as she sang the open-



Susan Boyle, 47, has become an overnight sensation.

ing lines of "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserables."

About five minutes later, a standing ovation and the praise of the judges, including the show's creator Simon Cowell, were ringing in her ears.

Judge Piers Morgan wrote on the show's website: "I watched her performance back again last night, I texted Simon in Hollywood: 'My god, Susan was even better than I remembered -- she's unbelievable.' He agreed, and I could almost feel his beady little eyes going 'KERCHING!' down the line from his new Beverly Hills mansion."

"For, unless I am a brainless aardvark -- which might, sadly, be true -- then this West Lothian villager is going to sell a lot of records once this series is over."

New fans also clogged the message board, many along the lines of Surfer 1960's: "I am

just blown away by her voice." Boyle was more critical, saying: "They say that television makes you look fat, and it certainly did. I looked like a garage."

Britain's Press Association reported Moore and Kutcher apparently watched Boyle on YouTube. About five million others have also tuned in to YouTube since the show aired last Saturday.

PA reported Cowell is already looking at a record deal for her.

Boyle is also among the most searched terms on Google, and her name has been a high trend on Twitter since her appearance.

Back in her hometown, Boyle has received quite the welcome. The Washington Post reported that children in the town are clapping when she enters stores.

Source: Internet

On Air

BTV
09:05 Kobita O Chhobi
09:30 Smritimoy Geetmoy
10:05 Swastho Sheba
10:30 Hodey Pakhir Palok
11:20 Desher Gaan
11:30 Apon Aloye
12:10 Tele-film
01:30 Shukhi Poribar
02:15 Sisimpur
02:45 Bangla Feature Film
05:05 Shomoyer Shangleap
07:00 Geeti Mayo
07:15 Jago Nari Jago
07:45 Documentary Programme
08:35 Drama Serial: Shomoy Ashomoy
09:00 Drama
10:30 Apana Doctor

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Dance Programme: Nupur-er Chhondey
09:15 Asian City Vision 2020
10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyaye Bhalo Achhi Ma
12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkor
01:30 Documentary Programme: Prapok
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Char Deyaler Kabyo
09:20 Square Hospital Shushtho Thakun
06:45 Kaandey Amar Ma
08:00 Drama Serial: Sagai
08:40 Drama Serial: Eka
09:20 Drama Serial: Naksha
10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Shangleap
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL I
08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:30 Shanbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Amader Aaina

BANGLAVISION

12:05 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shobshesh Bigyan Dharona
02:30 Selected Programme
05:30 Muktiudhyo Protidin
06:00 Quiz Show
06:20 Udyog
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Shari Shuri
09:35 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Nine Month in Brick Lane
11:30 Drama Serial: Chondro Carigar
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

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08:30 Aiker Shokaal

ETV
09:30 Drama Serial: Channel 21

RTV

09:05 Ekantyo Shangleap
10:30 News of the Day
12:30 Pathey Prantorey
03:00 Drama Serial: Shesh Kothay
03:30 Bob the Builder
04:30 Shokaal Belar Pakhi
05:30 Shashito Diganta
06:05 Desh Diganta
06:30 Sholor Path
08:05 Drama Serial: Mohor
08:30 Shotyer Shakhkhi
09:25 Career Line
11:05 Shobaar Agey Desh

RTV
09:00 R Music
10:03 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori
11:03 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: FDC
01:03 Dhrupadi Kahini
02:03 Documentary Programme
03:00 Drama: Bridhya Asrom

HBO

08:45 Torque
10:30 The Jane Austen Book Club
12:30 The Making Of Blood Diamond
12:45 Smokin' Aces
02:30 Mission Impossible
04:45 December Boys
06:45 Hollywood One On One 35
07:15 Bird On A Wire
09:30 In Bruges
11:30 Blood Diamond

STAR MOVIES
09:20 The Simpsons Movie
11:00 Lock Up

STAR WORLD

08:00 The Simpsons
09:00 Kath & Kim
09:30 How I Met Your Mother
10:00 According To Jim
12:00 American Idol
13:00 Psych
14:00 Jimmy Kimmel Live
15:00 Last Comic Standing
16:00 American Inventor
17:00 Most Daring
18:00 American Idol
19:00 Smallville
20:00 90210
21:00 Bones
22:00 Boston Legal
23:00 Heroes

BBC WORLD NEWS
08:00 World News Today
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 HARDtalk (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 BBC World News Inside Sport (r)
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 Middle East Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 Click (r)
13:00 BBC World News
13:10 The World Uncovered
14:00 BBC World News
14:30 Newsnight
15:00 BBC World News
15:30 Meet The Immigrants
16:00 BBC World News
16:30 Out World: Les Liaisons Dangereuses (r)
17:00 BBC World News
17:30 Middle East Business Report (r)
18:00 BBC World News
18:30 Dateline London
19:00 BBC World News
19:15 Sport Today
19:30 Staying On
20:00 BBC World News
20:30 Exploring Malaysia
21:00 BBC World News
21:10 The World Uncovered (r)
22:00 BBC World News
22:30 Final Score
23:00 BBC World News
23:30 Meet The Immigrants (r)

Apon Ghorey Porobash
On Rtv at 9:50 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Joy

COLD CREEK MANOR
On Zee Studio at 12:05 am
Genre: Thriller

Radio 99.2 FM
08:00 Bhorer Janalya
08:00 Muthurito Jilonyay
08:00 Danun Dupurey
08:00 Dumito Bileley
08:00 Shoncha Tara
07:30 Shaper Maya
08:00 Rastor Akashay
11:00 Gokole Shash-Nel
Radio Forst 88.0 FM
08:00 Adibab
12:00 Boler Poka
02:00 Foori Unlimited
04:00 Bumper to Bumper
10:00 Club Footi
01:00 Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Most Uninvited
01:00 Today's World Music
04:00 Ustun
08:00 Tobey Ta Hok
11:00 Raat, Bhor Gaan

08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Meena
02:30 Drama Serial: Shongshoy
03:15 Super Hero Super Heroine
04:25 Gallery
05:35 Alokpaat
06:15 Shubho Shondhya
06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari
09:20 Nokia Music Lounge
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

10:02 Dehoghari
11:30 Spondon
02:02 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports Plus
06:30 Bhoboghurey Dot Com
07:45 Dhun Ta Na
09:30 Drama Serial: Channel 21
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
12:02 Ekusher Raat

DIGANTA TELEVISION
08:05 Bigganmoy Quran
08:30 Rajnigondha

05:00 Telepress Bangladesh
06:03 Protidin
07:00 Heart Beat
07:30 Road To Democracy
09:00 Band Show: Just Band
09:50 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash
11:00 Jegay Achho Ki

DESH TV
10:30 Khelaar Shokaal
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:02 Gaan-er Shur-er Ashor Khali