

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Group Art Exhibition

Featuring 167 artworks by 107 Bangladesh 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: Sriшти Cultural Centre Venue: National Theatre Stage, BSA Date: April 25-26 Time: 7:00pm



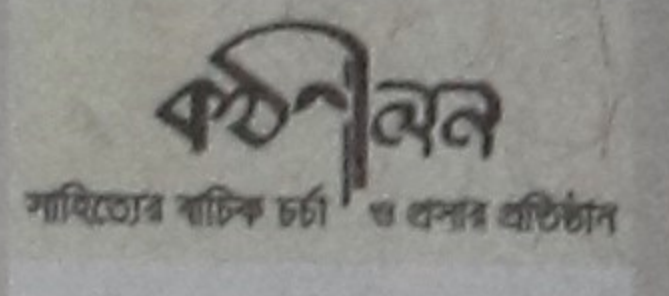
Baishakhi Fair

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



Recitation

On 26th anniversary of Kanthoshian Title: Agey Chal, Agey Chal Bhai Organiser: Kanthoshian Venue: Shaikat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh Date: April 25, Time: 5pm



An egotistical, suicidal poet

Jibananda Das, as observed by one of his initial admirers

JAMIL MAHMUD

Jibananda Das is considered to be one of the brightest poets in the post-Tagore Bangla poetry scene...

Guha met Das when both worked for a poetry publication 'Mayukh'...

'Days after Das' death, his younger brother requested me to transfer his belongings...



Bhumendra Guha reminisces on Jibananda Das. Abul Hasnat (left) also seen in the photo.

Guha kept those manuscripts with utmost care till the completion of his post graduation in Medical Science in 1968...

working on Das' manuscripts. He said, 'After my retirement I was passionate about One day, Das' nephew came to me with some manuscripts...

continue this endeavour till my last breath,' Guha said at the programme. One of Das' posthumous publications, 'Dhushor Pandulipi'...

the most self-centred human beings" that he has observed. He said, "Das was only committed to his craft. As a father and a husband, Das was a total failure...

There are disputes regarding the cause of Das' death, as it has been alleged by some that his untimely death was a suicide. Many believe the poet's death was an unfortunate accident...

Guha also claimed that Das' poetry possesses an appeal that can draw readers of all ages. He said, "I felt passionate about his writing when I was very young, and I'm still attracted to it."

Prior to the discussion, Luvu Nahid Chowdhury, director general of Bengal Foundation welcomed the audience. Abul Hasnat, editor of Kali O Kalam, introduced Bhumendra Guha.

Da Vinci Code sequel set for 2009 release

A sequel to Dan Brown's conspiracy theory novel 'The Da Vinci Code' will be published on September 15 2009.

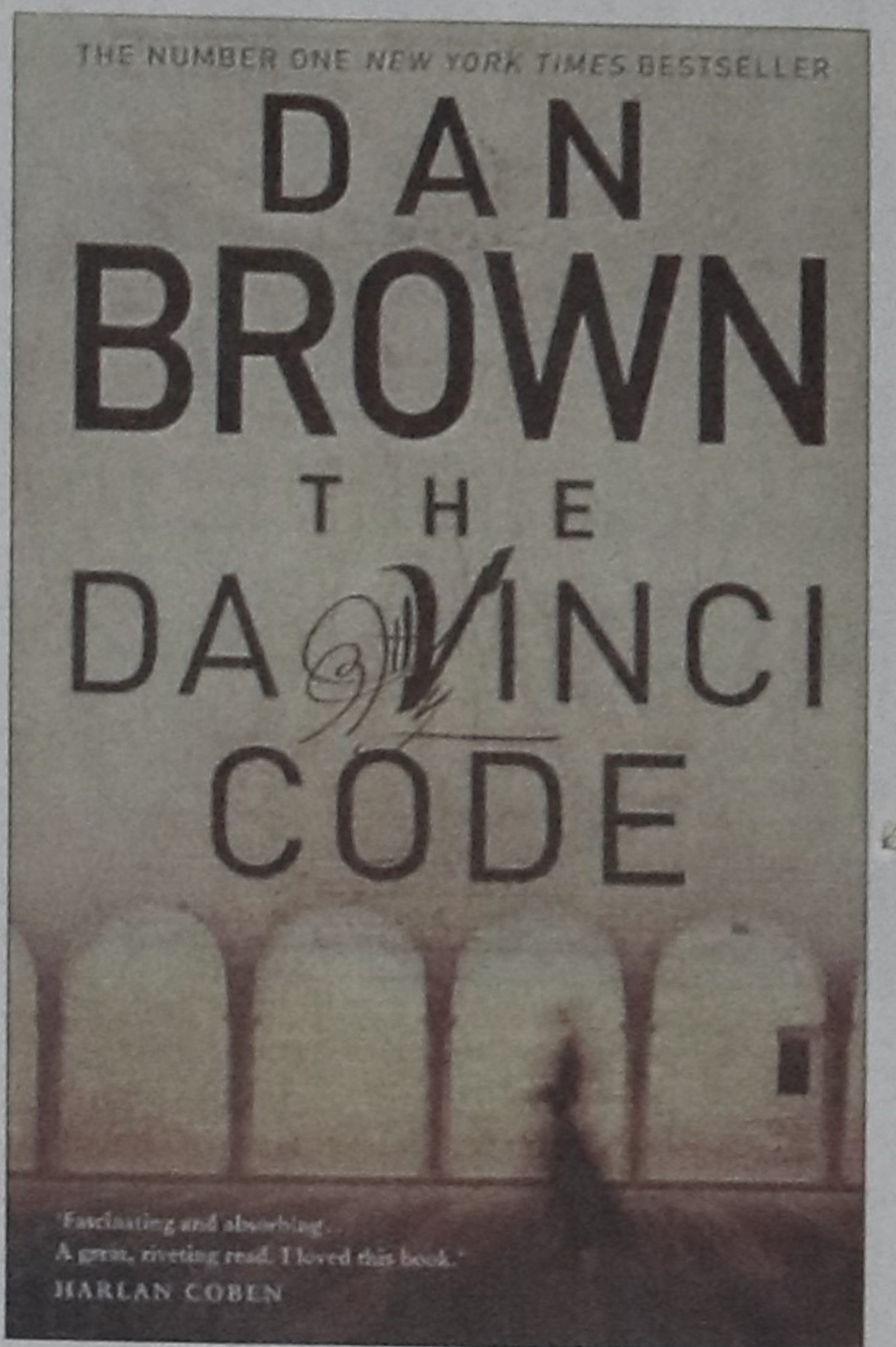
'The Lost Symbol' will follow hero Robert Langdon through a 12-hour timeframe.

Brown described writing the new novel, which was originally set for release in 2006 as "a strange and wonderful journey."

'The Da Vinci Code' was released in 2003. It became a worldwide hit, selling 81 million copies and spawning a hit film starring Tom Hanks.

The book saw symbologist Robert Langdon investigating a murder in The Louvre museum in Paris, a trail that led him into the murky waters of Christian history.

Details of the plot of the new novel are being kept under wraps, but Brown's editor Jason Kaufman described the setting of 'The Lost Symbol' as "a masterful and unexpected new landscape."



'The Da Vinci Code' was Brown's fourth novel but the first to find huge sales.

Brown added: 'Weaving five years of research into the story's 12-hour timeframe was an exhilarating challenge. Robert Langdon's life clearly moves a lot faster than mine.'

On Air TV and Radio schedule including BTV, BTV, ATN Bangla, Channel 1, and various news and entertainment programs.