

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

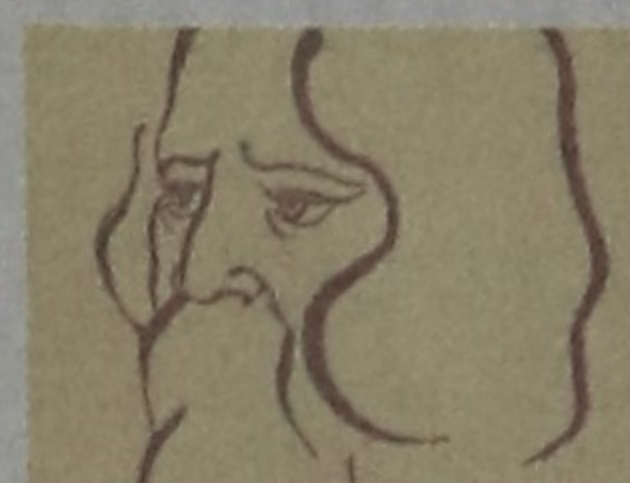
Rabindra Jayanti
Organiser: Chhayana
Venue: Chhayana
Sanskriti Bhaban
Date: May 8
Time: 7pm



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Raku Workshop out come Exhibition '09
Organiser: Britto Art Trust
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU
Date: May 2-9



Rabindra Mela
Organiser: Channel I
Venue: Channel I
Tejgaon premises
Date: May 8
Time: 10am onwards
The 'mela' will be aired live on Channel I



European Film Festival
Organiser: Zahir Raihan
Film Society & AFD
Venue: AFD, Rd 3, Dhanmondi
Date: May 5-15
Time: 5pm onwards
Today: '101 Reykjavik' (Iceland) & 'Kitchen Stories' (Norway)



Trying to make sense out of nonsense

Installation by two up and coming artists at Drik

KARIM WAHEED

Opening the door to the gallery on the second floor of Drik (in Dhanmondi), a gargantuan human form -- made of 5,000 shoe soles -- stretched across the whole floor baffles and awes one. Big labels with words "abstraction," "power," "policy," "decency," "ethics" etc make one stop and contemplate. Initial impact is bold.

Installation exhibitions in Bangladesh are still few and far between. Perhaps, because of that lack of exposure, art enthusiasts here are unhesitatingly keen on art installation. The ongoing exhibition featuring concepts and works by two up and coming artists -- Faiza Faria Ahmed and Golam Dastagir -- at Drik Gallery seems to have garnered positive attention and interest.

Titled "Sense of Being Nonsense," the display includes installation, paintings (mixed-media) and live performance.

Faiza, a printmaking graduate from Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Dhaka University who is currently doing her masters on Development Studies, says that she



The exhibition at Drik includes installation, paintings (mixed-media) and more by Faiza Faria Ahmed and Golam Dastagir.

believes art should be brought out of the snazzy, air conditioned galleries and incorporated into everyday life, in particular, aspects like generating awareness. But she also admits that she is not yet liberated from the unavoidable human trait, duality. Though she intends to get involved in social development through her art, as an artist she wants exposure too. Her concept and installation at the exhibition highlights her relentless efforts to break free from the buzzwords used in development studies. This is an endeavour to combine her fields of study.

Outsized green bubbles -- made of newspaper and toilet paper -- hover over the human form (mentioned previously). "They represent elements of the soul," says Faiza. In her paintings, done on pieces of thrown-away cardboard boxes, she has used black and sand.

Dastagir, the other participating artist, is also an FFA graduate. His concept and work employs everyday objects in an artistic layout, introducing life and beauty

to previously uninspiring objects.

According to Dastagir, the inspiration for his artwork has been drawn from the local urban environment. Bottles with plastic funnels form rows on the floor. The ones with green funnels have organic objects in them, red funnels denote hazardous chemicals, while some bottles which no funnel are meant for the viewers to contribute to. An accompanying painting shows a human with an exhaust pipe attached as a breathing apparatus.

The artist hopes that presenting mundane, familiar objects in this way would promote discussions on a range of issues and how art coincides with the society. The installation challenges the viewer to analyse how we treat our environment and re-consider our concept of "waste."

Harvest Rich has partially sponsored the exhibition and Jaago Foundation (through Adcom) has provided assistance. The exhibition ends today.

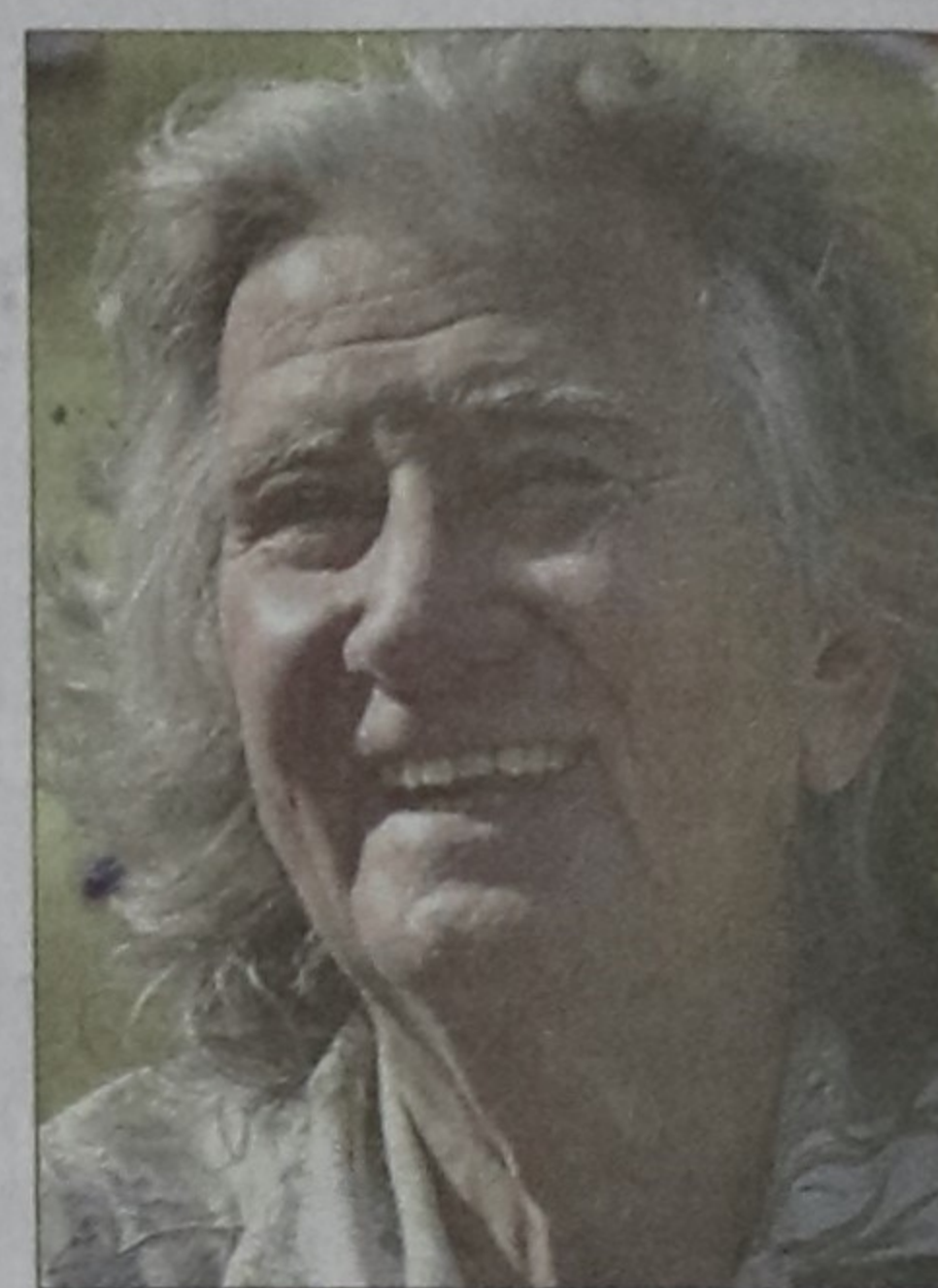
Augusto Boal passes away

The celebrated Brazilian theatre director, dramatist, cultural and political activist, Augusto Boal died on May 2 in Rio de Janeiro at the age of 78. Boal who had leukemia died of respiratory failure, says a press release.

With the death of Augusto Boal, the theatre world loses a bold personality who inspired many around the world with his ideas and methods described in his work "The Theatre of the Oppressed."

On March 25 last he was present at UNESCO's World Theatre Day event in Paris and delivered a message. Ramendu Majumdar, Worldwide President of International Theatre Institute who was present at the function, described Boal's death as a terrible loss to the global theatre community. "He was a man who could successfully use theatre to change the society and inspire others to do the same," Majumdar added.

Ataur Rahman and Nasiruddin Yousuff, President and General Secretary of the Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute respectively also condoled Boal's death.



Augusto Boal (1931-2009)

Live concert in Dhaka



A concert featuring 'nagar baul' James; acclaimed Pakistani Sufi band Junoon and Indian artiste Kailash Kher will be held on May 7 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Confer-

ence Centre, says a press release.

This is the first time in Dhaka that the acclaimed trio will join hands and perform at a live show.



On Air

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

BTV

08:45 Selected Programme
09:05 Talk Show
09:30 Musical Programme: Shaswata Sur
10:05 Open University
10:30 Lok Lokalay
11:20 Desher Gaan
11:30 Drama Serial: Shomoy Ashomoy

12:10 Ei Amar Bangladesh
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Matri Basha
01:30 Hijol Tomaal
02:15 Debate
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Poribaar

04:05 Arjaan
04:30 Dolon Chapa
05:05 Sisimpur
05:30 Computer
06:10 Nobo Anondey Jago
06:50 Maati O Manush

07:15 Band Show
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
08:35 Drama Serial: Oronyey Adhar

09:05 Drama Serial: Shubarno Rekha
09:30 Dance Programme: Tarana
10:50 Musical Programme

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Bakhsho
09:15 Asian City Top Spin 2020
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Drama: Dikbidik

12:15 Musical Programme
01:25 Band View
03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush

03:45 Children's Programme
04:20 Islamic Programme
05:10 Islamic Programme
05:35 Talk Show: Proshongo
06:15 Take Care
08:00 Rexona Destination Unlimited

08:40 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai
09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaal

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10:02 Ekushey Business
02:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu

11:30 Talking Point
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotroey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritomatra
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 Citycell Taroka Katha
01:05 Ebong Cinema Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

02:35 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan
03:05 Channel I Abitti Chhonhey Anondey
04:30 Apnaader Shushathyo
05:30 Muktiuddho Protidin
06:00 Mega Serial: Shath Goenda

03:15 Ta Na Na Na
03:30 O Bondhu Amar
04:00 Drama Serial: Tomtom
04:30 Desh Jurey Shanglaap
05:30 Sports Plus
06:30 Campus-ey Campus-ey
07:45 Drama Serial: Ishkool
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10:10 Dhinaak Dhinaak Taa

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08:55 Drama Serial: 1920
10:05 Drama Serial: House Full
10:30 Musical Programme: Amaro Gaitey Ichchha Holo

11:30 Glamour World
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
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11:03 Lata Herbal Tarokalap
11:30 Drama Serial: Naiyor
01:03 Nari O Nokhyotro
03:00 Bangla Feature Film
06:03 Protidin
07:00 Look at me
07:30 Road to Democracy
09:15 Drama Serial: Jiboney Alo
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09:30 Drama Serial: Kuyashay Ondhokaar
10:02 Drama Serial: Bindu Thekey Briyo
11:30 Total Sports
11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha

HBO
09:00 Deadly Encounter
10:45 Flight Of Fury
12:30 Chill Factor
02:30 Hollywood Spotlight: Cameron Diaz
03:00 Behind The Wall
04:45 The Making Of American Gangster
05:15 Big Daddy
07:15 The Other Boleyn Girl
09:30 Decoys 2: Alien Seduction
1:15 John Carpenter's Ghosts Of Mars

STAR MOVIES
10:00 Office Killer
11:45 Children Of Heaven
01:35 Until Death
03:40 Romancing The Stone
05:45 Children Of The Corn: The Gathering
07:30 The Invisible
09:30 Double Impact
11:40 Rocky Balboa

STAR WORLD
08:30 Friends
09:30 According To Jim
10:00 My Name Is Earl
10:30 Hope & Faith
11:00 My Wife And Kids
11:30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?
12:30 Beauty And The Geek
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02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
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ZEE STUDIO
09:00 Ambush Bay
11:30 Don't Move
02:00 The Motorcycle Diaries
04:45 Homeland Bound 2: Lost In San Francisco
06:45 Good Morning, Vietnam
09:30 Little Black Book
11:50 Intermission