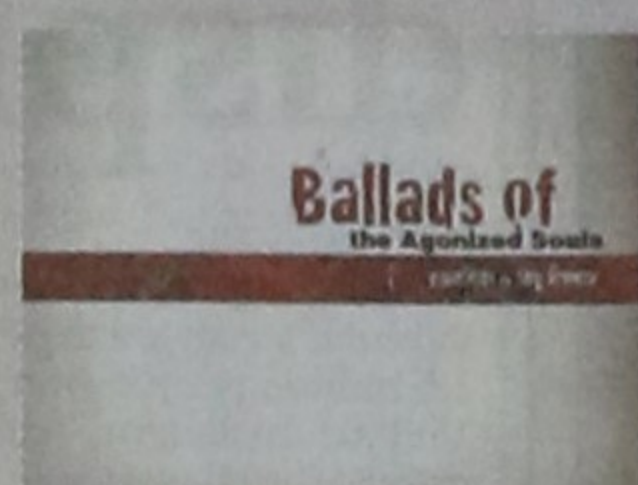


## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

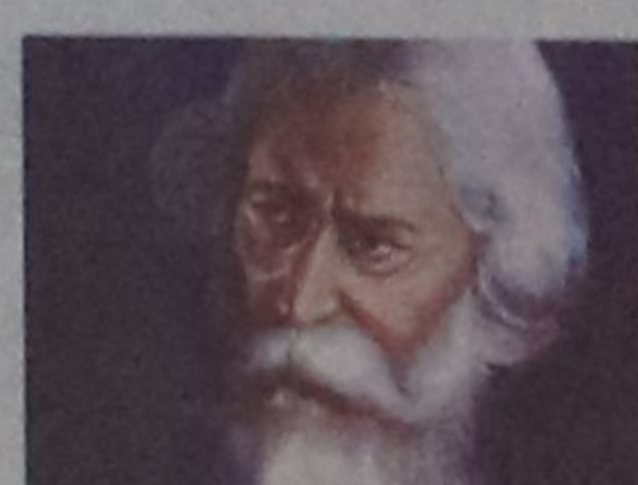
**Shotar Ashor**  
Organiser: Chhayanant  
Venue: Ramesh Chandra Dutt Memorial Auditorium, Chhayanant Bhaban  
Date: June 21  
Time: 7:30 pm



**Photo Exhibition**  
Title: Ballads of...the Agonized Souls  
Photographer: Noor Alam  
Venue: Zainul Gallery 1, FFA, Dhaka University  
Date: May 16-22  
Time: 10am-6pm



**Tagore Birth Anniversary Celebration**  
Organiser: Jato Rabindra Sangset Samiksha Parishad and Bengal Foundation  
Venue: Bengal Shilpajaya, Dhanmondi  
Date and time: May 21 at 6:30pm



**Exhibition**  
Title: Recycled Magic  
Artist: Bruno Ruff  
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: May 8-21  
Time: 9am-12pm and 5pm-8pm



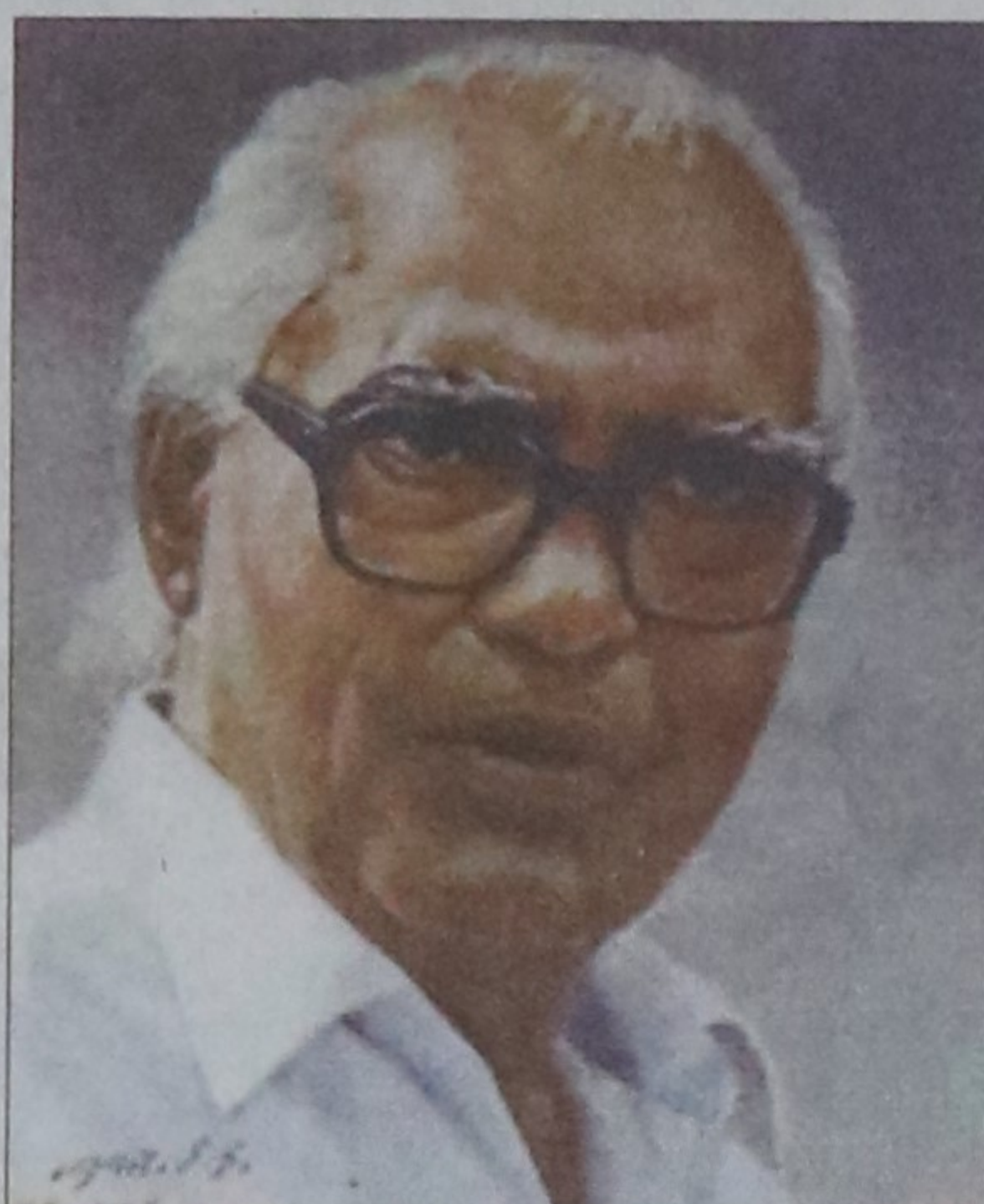
## Faiz Ahmed talks about his passion for arts

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Shilpangan is one of the active art galleries in Dhaka, which opened in January 1992. Faiz Ahmed, a veteran journalist and rhymester, is the founder of the gallery. Ahmed was the president of Samilito Sangskritik Jote and has been contributing to our cultural arena for a long time.

At present, there are many art galleries in Dhaka. Ahmed comments, "For a long time, I had a dream to open a gallery where artists can interact with each other, sell their paintings and the public can develop a taste for artworks. Before the establishment of Shilpangan, there was no full-fledged private art gallery in our country. After it opened, a number of galleries were set up in the city, but mainly for profitable purposes. They wanted to do business rather than contribute to the art scene.

"From the onset, we have been trying to work with prominent artists. At our first exhibition we displayed the works of renowned artists such as Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hasan, Shafiqul Islam, Qayyum Chowdhury, Mohammad Kibria,



S.M. Sultan, Monirul Islam, Shahabuddin Ahmed and others. At my gallery, Monirul Islam, Shahabuddin Ahmed and Maruf Ahmed have held exhibitions three to five times," says Faiz Ahmed.

Other veteran painters, Rafiqun Nabi, Hashem Khan and Qayyum Chowdhury have also held exhibitions a number of times at Shilpangan. "Here promising and amateur painters also get the chance to exhibit their works and our aim is to promote budding talents. Twelve years ago, Shilpangan organised a combined exhibition with one of the largest galleries in France, where Picasso's print, Paul's painting, Braque's tapestry and other internationally recognised artists' works were on display. We have already had 130 exhibitions. Shilpangan has encouraged many art enthusiasts, connoisseurs and viewers. "To love art

and living with art, is our motto," Ahmed says. "Ambassadors, bureaucrats, poets, intellectuals, writers, professors, critics and academics regularly visit the gallery on various occasions and take part in inaugural and cultural programmes," Faiz Ahmed remarks.

## Almodovar, Penelope give men their due in Embraces

AP, Cannes

Expect more male characters from Pedro Almodovar, whose credits include such female-centered films as "All About My Mother," "Volver" and "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown."

With his latest Penelope Cruz collaboration, the Cannes Film Festival entry "Broken Embraces," Almodovar strikes some equality between the sexes and says he plans to feature more men in future films.

"There are as many male parts as there are female parts," Almodovar said before the premiere Tuesday night of "Broken Embraces." "So it's perfectly balanced."

"So far, my male characters intimidated me somewhat, because for a male character, I had to take myself as a reference," said Almodovar, who won Academy Awards for foreign-language film with "All About My Mother" and original screenplay for "Talk to Her." "But now I feel less and less intimidated, and so now, you're going to find more and more male characters in my films."

At the heart of "Broken Embraces" is a tragic love triangle involving film director Mateo (Lluís Homar), actress Lena (Cruz) and her jealous sugar daddy (Jose Luis Gomez), a wealthy businessman producing their movie.

Their story is told through flashbacks as Mateo, now a blind screenwriter who has sought to block out his past, chronicles a furtive affair that ends in catastrophe. The dark melodrama is sweetened with typical Almodovar comic touches, including a film within the film. This consists of snippets of a comedy Mateo is shooting that was inspired by "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," the 1988 film that helped establish

Almodovar outside Spain.

Almodovar spoke of his intense directing style, saying he'll do anything to make a scene real, "acting out all the roles on stage, which the actors think is really funny."

For her fourth film with Almodovar, Cruz came to "Broken Embraces" after shooting Woody Allen's "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," a Cannes premiere a year ago that earned her the supporting-actress Oscar. The two directors vary

nomination for "Volver" and also worked with Almodovar in "All About My Mother" and "Live Flesh."

"With Pedro, we always rehearsed for a long time. Woody doesn't like to rehearse. Maybe on the day we're shooting he will do one rehearsal just to see the positions of the camera, but he really likes everybody to improvise."

While "Broken Embraces" gives equal time to men, Almodovar said women remain the stronger gender in his sto-



Pedro Almodovar and Penelope Cruz attend a photo call for the film "Los Abrazos Rotos" (Broken Embraces) at the 62nd International film festival in Cannes.

wildly in their work styles, said Cruz, who can spend months on an Almodovar film but shot her role in just three and a half weeks.

"They could not be more different," said Cruz, who earned her first Oscar

in the 1950s. The Spanish filmmaker said that, until about age 8, he grew up almost exclusively in the company of his mother and other women, a generation tempered by hard post-war conditions

## Drama Club Padakkhep turns 23

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Padakkhep Drama Club, a local cultural organisation, observed its 23rd founding anniversary at the club premises on May 18. A daylong programme was chalked out

to mark the day, beginning with a colourful rally that paraded the main thoroughfare of Gaibandha town. An art competition for youngsters was held at the organisation premises. Over 150 students of different schools participated in the competition.

A discussion was also held at the programme. Mahfuzul Islam, president of Padakkhep, was in the chair. Among others who spoke were Ashraful Islam, Jannatul Ferdous, Mihir Ghosh, Zaharul Qaiyum, Aminul Islam and S.M. Sakawat Hossain. A cultural session followed.



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

## On Air

### BTV

08:20 Aji Ei Probaatey  
08:45 Shokaal-er Gaan  
09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha  
09:15 Din Bodoler Gaan  
09:30 Selected Programme  
10:05 Open University  
10:30 Musical Programme  
11:20 Desher Gaan  
12:10 Documentary Programme: Maa O Shishur Katha  
01:00 Metho Shur  
01:30 Shukhi Poribaar  
02:45 Selected Programme  
03:05 Cartoon  
04:05 Apon Bhumi  
04:30 Saangeeta  
05:05 Sisimpur  
06:15 Dhomo O Jibon  
07:00 Shipo O Shahityo  
07:30 Cine Bangla  
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha

08:30 Amar Bangladesh  
08:35 Ontorey Ontorey  
09:00 Drama  
11:00 Ronaangon-er Dinguli

### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro  
08:30 Drama: Joyotsnakaal  
09:15 Asian City Vision 2020  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:10 Bangla Feature Film  
12:30 Talk Chart  
03:15 Shundor Jiboner Jonyo  
04:10 Debate  
05:10 Islamic Programme  
06:20 Entertainment Show  
06:45 Kandeey Amar Maa  
08:00 Drama Serial: Balasher Ghar  
08:40 Drama Serial: Sadek Dofadara  
09:20 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doaye  
11:30 Dally Soap: Doll's House

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL 1

08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
09:30 Shangaadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone Trilomatra  
11:05 Selected Programme  
12:05 Grameenphone Trilo Matray Apni  
02:30 Hridoyer Gaan  
03:05 Hridoye Mato O Manush-er Daak  
04:05 Shikya Shilpo O Shangskriti  
04:30 Musical Programme  
05:30 Mukti Judhyo Probdin  
06:00 Amar Chhobi  
06:20 Children's Programme: Mattu

02:30 Drama Serial: Eshkool  
04:02 Drama Serial: Hiltu  
04:30 Desh Jurey  
05:30 Sports Plus  
06:30 Ta Na Na  
07:45 Dhum Ta Na  
10:30 Ekusher Chokh

### BANGLAVISION

08:30 Drama Serial: Lucky Thirteen  
09:00 Drama Serial: Rup Nogorer Konya  
09:30 Nana Ranger Dinguli  
10:10 Telepress Business  
11:03 Media Bhuban  
11:35 Shapludur Gaan  
12:30 Home Care  
01:30 Cookery Show  
02:40 Drama Serial: Swapn-ey Boshobash

05:02 Cartoon  
05:30 Baati Ghar  
06:02 Taaley O Taaney  
07:45 Choruihati  
10:02 Drama: Shombhu Ebong Shapta  
11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha

### CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh  
09:15 Events of the Day  
10:30 Paadmaraag  
11:00 Bangla Feature Film  
03:30 Drama Serial: No Question no Answer  
04:00 Music Wagon  
04:30 Corporate World  
05:15 Golla Chhut  
06:00 Shaj Bela  
06:45 Baagan Bilash

12:05 Shall We Dance

### HBO

08:30 Are We Done Yet?  
10:30 The In Crowd  
12:30 The Truth About Charlie  
02:30 Red Planet  
04:45 The Making Of Ocean's Thirteen  
05:15 Behind The Wall  
07:00 Something's Gotta Give  
09:30 The Brave One  
12:00 The Pelican Brief

### STAR MOVIES

09:00 Warlock  
11:00 The Hoax  
01:15 Die Hard 4.0  
03:45 Death Wish V: The Face Of Death

12:30 The Apprentice

01:30 Bones

02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
03:30 Brothers & Sisters  
04:30 Ugly Betty  
05:30 Hope And Faith  
06:00 My Wife And Kids  
06:30 Ghost Hunters  
07:30 Friends  
08:30 According To Jim  
09:00 My Name Is Earl  
09:30 American Idol  
10:30 Lost  
11:30 Cops

### BBC WORLD NEWS

08:00 World News Today  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 Asia Business Report  
09:45 Asia Today (r)  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 World Business Report  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 World Business Report  
12:00 BBC World News  
12:30 World Business Report  
12:45 Sport Today  
01:00 BBC World News  
01:30 World Business Report  
01:45 Sport Today  
02:00 BBC World News  
02:30 HARDtalk (r)  
03:00 BBC World News  
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06:30 World Business Report  
06:45 Sport Today  
07:00 World News Today  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:30 HARDtalk (r)  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 The Man Who Cycled The World (r)  
10:00 World News Today  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 World Business Report  
11:45 Sport Today



**Tomaar Doa-ey Bhalo Achhi Ma**  
On ATN Bangla at 9:20 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Ferdousi Majumder, Mosharrar Karim

**abc radio FM 89.2**  
09:00am Mokuntho Gonomy  
12:00pm Doini Doury  
03:00pm Duranta Shaley  
05:00pm Shonaha Tara  
07:00pm Shaj-er Meye  
09:00pm Raat-er Akashay  
11:00pm Golob Shesh Nel  
**Radio Fourty 88.0 FM**  
07:30am Hello Dhaka  
10:00am Morning Express  
12:30pm No Tension  
04:00pm Dhaka Calling  
08:00pm Fuli Volume  
11:00pm Back to Back music  
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00am Akas Unimaley  
Today's Akas  
04:00pm U Tum  
08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok  
12:00am Today's Hazoyi  
Morena

**Shall We Dance?**  
On Zee Studio at 12:05 am

07:50 Cookery Show

08:25 Drama Serial: 24 Ghonta  
09:35 Drama Serial: Version Z  
10:00 Travel Show: RC Travel On  
11:30 Drama Serial: Chhaya Bithi Toley  
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

### ETV

08:30 Ekusher Shokaal  
09:55 Ekusher Business

03:20 Drama Serial: The Family

04:10 Raat Biraatey  
05:20 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey  
06:20 Reporters Eye  
08:15 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol  
09:05 X Crime  
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue  
11:25 Jonolaar Mukhomukhi

### DESH TV

10:30 Khelaar Shokaal  
12:15 Dur Paath

08:15 Drama Serial: No Question No Answer

09:00 Concert  
11:00 Doctor's Voice  
**ZEE STUDIO**  
08:30 Eye Of The Needle  
11:20 Last Dance  
01:30 Stake Out  
03:55 The Mirror has two faces  
07:45 Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius  
09:30 Remember the Titans

05:35 Rocky Balboa

07:35 Deck The Halls  
09:30 Sisters  
11:20 The Village  
**STAR WORLD**  
10:00 Friends  
09:30 According To Jim  
10:00 My Name Is Earl  
10:30 Hope And Faith  
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