

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Children's Theatre Festival
Title: 10th National Theatre Camp for Children and Adolescents



Solo Photography Exhibition
Title: Feel the Passion!
Photographer: Md. Rafiqul Islam



Theatre Festival
Celebrating 26th anniversary of Mahakal Natya Sampraday



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Drawing: Is There Time for Love?
Artist: Monica Jahan Bose



Musical soiree by Nandan



Aly Zaker and Sara Zaker in recitation.

PHOTO: NELOY HOSSAIN

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nandan, a cultural group of the city, performed a musical soiree titled "Jhorichhe Srabondhara".

melodies, was held at Chhayanaut Sangskriti Bhaban on July 24.

Eight artistes performed 18 Tagore songs. In between the renditions, eminent theatre personalities Aly Zaker and Sara Zaker recited

extracts from Tagore's "Chhinnopatra" and other poems.

Among the singers were Shusmita Golam with "Megher Porey Megh Jomechhe"; Nasima Khan lent her voice to "Badol

meghe madol bajey"; Ferdousi Kakoli sang "Aaj jemon korey gaichhe akash"; Mamun Zahid Khan rendered "Emon doney tarey bola jai"; Tanzina Parveen "Mor bhabonarey ki haowa"; Tamanna Khan performed "Mon mor meghe o shongi"; Sajed Akbar rendered "Puub haowate dey dola" and Salma Akbar performed "Oi malotilota dol-ey".

Backing up the singers were instrumentalists Firoze Khan (sitar), Sunil Kumar Sarker (keyboard), Biplob Sharma (tabla) and Nazmul Alam (mondira).

The show marked Nandan's 23rd such endeavour. The organisation stages musical soirees every three months, with an emphasis on Panchakobi and songs of yesteryears.

Tarantino eager to make a Western

Quentin Tarantino has revealed that he has plans to make a Western movie.

Speaking to Empire at the UK premiere of "Inglourious Basterds," the acclaimed director said that he is eager to make a classic American genre film.

"Well I still want to do a Western, I haven't done a Western yet," said



Tarantino. "I keep flirting about with it, but I haven't done it yet."

The filmmaker is also juggling projects including a remake of Hong Kong action thriller "Come Drink With Me" and a new take on Russ Meyer's "Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!" but hasn't decided which he will make next.

"Well I won't be able to do anything in ten months from now, because I don't even know what the next movie's gonna be," he added.

Tarantino's new film "Inglourious Basterds" will open in UK cinemas on August 21.

Source: Internet

Biplob Kumar: A visually impaired singer proves his mettle

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Biplob Kumar Bullet, a visually impaired singer of Panchagarh district, has come a long way: today, though he may not be well off financially, he is in a position to support his family through his singing.

Singing has been a long-standing ambition with him -- right from his childhood in Trishuliapara village under Atwari upazila of Panchagarh. His life may have taken a different turn but for his impairment; however he never let his disability stand in his way.

Talking to The Daily Star, Biplob said that his early life was marked by struggle and penury, as his father was a day labourer. His life took an unexpected twist when at the age of 17 he lost his eyesight. What aggravated the situation was that his parents could not provide for his treatment.

But Biplob did not give up hope and pursued his dream to be a singer despite his inability to earn a living. To help his family make both ends meet, he opened a shop near his home. However, since the business failed to take off he closed shutters after four years. With a meagre amount of Tk 150 he bought a radio for himself. He spent much time listening to songs on the radio -- and this encouraged him to realise his long-standing goal.

Seeing his love for music, Biplob's friends insisted that he learn singing. He therefore gained admission at the Thakurgaon Cultural Academy. However, once again the shortage of funds proved a major obstacle.



Friends and villagers finally gave Biplob a helping hand to enrol himself at Thakurgaon Shilpakala Academy. But it was difficult to continue as he had no source of income and had to return home.

Later, Hasan Gathi Das, a resident of Panchagarh, took Biplob to Angkur Sangeet School where he received training from the local singers for a while and performed at different local programmes. But once again his luck ran out.

Shahidul Islam, an eminent singer of Thakurgaon, heard of Biplob and enrolled him at the Hindol Cultural Institute of

Thakurgaon. Here he could not continue either.

Biplob's misfortunes did not end there. He went on to study Braille at the Panchagarh Kamalapur Blind School but the school downed its shutters five months after he joined classes.

Biplob's luck finally changed when 10 years later he became an enlisted artiste of Thakurgaon Betar (radio) with the help of Shahidul Islam and Thantha Ram in 2002. Today he is content in the knowledge that his days of struggle are finally over and he can devote himself fulltime to singing.

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Theatre troupe Natya Kendra staged "Aroj Charitamrita" at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on July 22. Written by Masum Reza, the play is directed by Tariq Anam Khan. The play narrates the life and works of self-taught philosopher Aroj Ali Matubbar.



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