

WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEK

Film Screening
Organiser: Dhaka
University Film Society and
Russian Centre of Science
and Culture (RCSC)
Venue: RCSC, H 510, Rd
7, Dhanmondi
Date: August 26-27
Time: 3pm onwards

Theatre
Premiere of the play 'Drop
Out'
Troupe: Aikik Theatre
(Narayanganj)
Venue: Experimental
Theatre Hall, Shilpakala
Academy
Date: August 27 & 28
Time: 8:15pm

Theatre
Play: The Freedom of
the City
Troupe: Udichi Central
Drama Section
Venue: Mahila Samiti
Auditorium, Natok
Sharani
Date: August 28
Time: 8pm

Film Screening
Film: Hirak Rajar
Deshey
Organiser: Children's
Film Society and
Goethe-Institut
Venue: Goethe-Institut,
H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: August 27
Time: 5pm

Consigned to the back pages of history

Baul MA Gafur's 38th death anniversary observed in Pabna



Baul MA Gafur
AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Memories of Baul MA Gafur, a renowned folk artist of the region, remain vibrant in the public memory. Gafur was not just a singer, but a devotee of music -- particularly folk and mystical songs. He was martyred during the Liberation War.

As in previous years, the 38th death anniversary of Baul MA Gafur had a low key observance by his family on August 20.

Unfortunately, 38 years after the war, Gafur is sidelined in Pabna as his name finds no mention in the 'Durjoy Pabna,' a Liberation War memorial in the district.

After independence, a postal ticket was launched in his honour but there is no other initiative to preserve his memories or introduce his accomplishments to the young of the district.

Melody attracted Gafur at a very young age. He began to learn music from Ustad Ashwini Kumar Roy and later under Ustad Amir Hossain.

At the beginning of his musical life Gafur was inspired by the mystical songs of Lalon Shah and visited the Lalon Akhra (shrine) several times.

Gafur was an enlisted musician at Rajshahi Radio since its inception. He was the founder teacher of Pabna Institute of Fine Arts and various other cultural organisations. He was also the music director of the Bangla films "Lalon Fakir" and "Bahram Badshah." He won awards several times for his contribution to music. In 1940, Gafur was conferred with the 'Gouranga Shahitya Ratna.'

Gafur worked with key musicians of the country several times. In the 1960s folk maestro Abbasuddin visited the Pabna Bonomali Institute. There Gafur gave a duet performance with the legendary singer. He was in contact with noted folk musicians such as Abdul Latif, Harolal Roy, Abdul Alim, Mostafa Zaman Abbasi and more.

A little known facet of MA Gafur is his identity as a social worker in his locality. He established the Kaizuri Primary School, graveyard and many other institutions on his estates. Though he was a physician by profession, his heart lay in music.

The Pakistani army arrested MA Gafur from his residence on August 20 in 1971 with the allegation of providing support to the freedom fighters. After a daylong torture they killed him in the afternoon of August 20.

The Shahid Baul MA Gafur Cultural Academy, a music institution, was established in Pabna town to preserve his memory.

Gafur's sons -- Abdul Malek Sarker and Kaiyum Sarker -- are trying to keep alive the heritage of their father. However, they lament that their father is yet to receive his due recognition even after 38 years of independence.

"My father's name is yet to be included in the 'Durjoy Pabna.' Also there is no initiative to preserve his memories. He was an asset to our culture," Kaiyum Sarker said.

Jackson memorabilia goes on three- city tour

Michael Jackson's memorabilia will kick off a three-city tour starting in London, where his "This Is It" tour was supposed to launch.

The company responsible for arranging Michael Jackson's comeback tour will instead be touring with Michael Jackson memorabilia.

Judge Mitchell Beckloff ruled on Friday that AEG Live would launch a touring exhibit of Michael Jackson's memorabilia.

The exhibit will open in London where Jackson was meant to kick off his "This Is It" tour. The exhibit could stay in London for up to six months before moving on to two other cities.

Jackson's mother opposed the decision, claiming that the exhibit was not competitively bid. She is entitled to 40 percent of Jackson's estate. Another 40 percent is going to Jackson's children, and the remaining 20 percent is going to various charities.

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Source: Internet

An evening of classical music in Jhenidah

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A cultural programme featuring classical music was held in Jhenidah Upazila Auditorium recently. The performer was classical vocalist Mohammad Mahmudul Hasan. The event was organised by the Bangladesh Gonoshilpi Shangstha's Jhenidah wing. A prominent personality at the function was Gonoshilpi Shangstha president Abdus Salam.

Hasan performed Khayal in Raga Maru Behag and a Pahari Thumri. Veteran classical artistes of Jhenidah attended the function.

Subrata Sarkar, manager, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank's Bonwari Nagar, Pabna branch, also performed classical music at the event.

Hasan's love for music surfaced at an early age. Son of Omar Ali of Rajdharpur



Mohammad Mahmudul Hasan (centre) sings at the programme.

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Sohrab Hossain, Sudhin Das, Khairul Anam Shakil, Shaheen Samad, Ferdous Ara and Rezwan Ali. An enlisted artiste of Bangladesh Betar in Nazrul village, under Jhenidah Sadar Upazila, Hasan received his primary training in music from Tapan Bhattacharya of Jhenidah. He also trained under

Sangeet and *adhunik* songs, Hasan has completed a diploma course in Nazrul Sangeet from Chhayanaout Sangeet Bidyayatan in Dhaka.

First general assembly of Bangladesh Sangeet Sangathan Samonnay Parishad held

The first biennial general meeting of 'Bangladesh Sangeet Sangathan Samonnay Parishad' was held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on August 20, says a press release.

The meeting was presided over by eminent Tagore singer Tapan Mahmud.

General secretary of the Parishad, Mahmud Selim presented the report at the meeting.

Also at the meeting, a new executive committee, comprising 31 individuals, was formed. Artistes Tapan Mahmud, Mahmud Selim and Tamizuddin were

named president, general secretary and treasurer respectively for the Bengali year 1416-17.

A plan for arranging 'Bijoy Sangeet Mela' in December and a decision on forming a 'Sangeet Shilpi Kalyan Tahbil' were adopted at the meeting.

On Air

BTB
08:45 Shokaal-er Gaan
09:05 Documentary Programme
09:30 Swastha Katha
10:05 Open University
10:30 Selected Programme
11:20 Documentary Programme
12:10 Selected Programme
12:30 Amader Muktiudhyo
01:00 Protikar
01:30 Selected Programme
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Poribaar
04:05 Jibon-er Jonjo
04:30 Musical Programme: Geet Bitan
05:05 Moner Katha
05:30 Krishi Dibanishi
07:00 Mati O Manush
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
08:25 Documentary Programme: Ithash Oltijhye Bangladesh
08:30 Drama Serial: Mofiz Mokhles Kuddus
09:30 Rupali porda
10:25 Selected Programme
ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aikjer Shangbad Potro
08:30 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Neeli Nai
09:15 Drama Serial: Naksha
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:15 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin
12:15 Shomali Shadakalo
01:30 Obiram Bangladesh
02:30 Chhobir Manush
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhkhhu Nal
03:45 Children's Programme: Tapur Tupur
04:15 VIM Zhuotpot Ifar
05:10 Islamic Programme
05:35 Islamic Programme
06:10 Rasul-er Drishtitey
06:20 Islamic Programme
08:00 Drama Serial: Baaksho
08:40 Drama Serial: Tomato Ketchup
09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaal
ntv
News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ETV
News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
abc radio
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am
English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm
RADIO TODAY
News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm, 09:45pm, 11:45pm

11:30 Drama Serial: Hothat Shimanley
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i
08:30 Aikjer Shokaal
08:40 Aikjer Chakri
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shinglaap
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Katha
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Hridoyer Gaan
03:05 i Sports
03:20 Boi Ebong Boi
03:40 Cookery Show
04:05 Mukti Judhyo Protidin
04:30 Islamic Programme
05:10 Talk Show: Kathay Kathay
09:55 Ekushey Business
02:30 Drama Serial: Lolita
03:15 Ekusher Chokh
03:30 Cookery Show: Tomi Mianr Recipe
04:02 Talk Show: O Bandhu Amar
04:30 Shomali Shadakalo
05:30 Sports Plus
06:45 Drama: Rojadar
07:45 Game Show: Bari Bari Jombe khela
08:30 Drama Serial: Hittu
09:30 Drama Serial: Zahur Ali Zahur
10:10 Talk Show: Golpo Sholpo Gaan
ntv
08:55 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari
09:30 Tomader Pelo Bangladesh
10:05 Drama Serial: House Full
11:00 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
11:30 Music Jam
BANGLAVISION
08:00 Shubho Shokaal
08:30 Drama Serial: Ontoyorikhyo
09:00 Mega Serial: The Family
10:10 Drama
11:30 Selected Programme
12:30 Drama Serial: Kushum Kumari
02:40 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
03:20 Drama Serial: Rupnagore
Konya
04:10 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
04:45 Kinbadantir Dhaka
05:20 Islamic Programme
06:20 Amader Jiboney Romjan
06:50 Islamic Programme
08:15 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
09:05 Musical Programme: Gaanlalap
09:45 Drama: Diba Ratri Khola Thakey
09:25 Drama: Tobuo Boshonto
10:10 Drama Serial: Nalor
11:30 Very Filmy
DESH TV
12:15 Dur Path
04:30 Bazarey Notun
05:02 Cartoon
05:30 Baatighar
06:02 Elbar Jombey Khela
07:00 Islamic Protidin
08:15 Drama Serial
09:45 Drama Serial: Ichchhey Holo
10:30 Total Sports
11:45 Shoja Katha
ZEE STUDIO
09:30 Metro
12:10 A Goofy Movie
01:55 Forever Mine
04:25 Get Shorty
05:20 The Usual Suspects

11:05 Miracle Dogs Too
12:50 Scoop
02:45 Hiltman
04:40 Love & Other Disasters
06:30 Sunshine
08:35 Unearthed
10:30 Behind Enemy Lines
12:35 Street Warrior
STAR WORLD
09:30 Late Show With David Letterman
10:30 Friends
11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
11:30 Miss Universe 2009
02:00 Friends
02:30 According to Jim
03:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
05:00 7th Heaven
06:00 What About Brian
07:00 According to Jim
07:30 90210
08:30 Friends
09:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00 Two And A Half Men
10:30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!
12:30 Prison Break
BBC WORLD
08:45 Sport Today
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 HARDtalk (r)
10:00 BBC World News
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today
12:00 World News Today
01:00 BBC World News
01:30 World Business Report
01:45 Sport Today
02:00 World News Today
03:00 BBC World News
03:30 HARDtalk (r)
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 Nature Inc. (r)
05:00 World News Today
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 World Business Report
06:45 Sport Today
07:00 World News Today
08:00 BBC World News
08:30 Life On The Edge
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 HARDtalk (r)
10:00 World News Today Business Edition
10:45 Sport Today
11:00 BBC World News

abc radio FM 89.2
09:00 Muborho Jibony
12:00 Darun Dupury
03:00 Duranto Bikery
05:00 Shondha Tara
07:00 Shajer Mayr
09:00 Roster Akashay
11:00 Golper Shesh Nai
Radio Foorti 85.0 FM
07:30 Hello Dhaka
10:00 Morning Express
12:00 No Tension
04:00 Dhaka Calling
09:00 Knight Riders
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Must Unlimited
01:00 Today's Adda
04:00 U Tum
08:00 Today's Tai Hok
11:00 Real Bher Gasm
12:00 Today's Happy Moments

**ANGELINA JOLIE CLIVE OWEN
BEYOND BORDERS**
IN A PLACE SHE DREAMT OF BEING,
AS LONG AS PEOPLE SHE NEVER KNEW
SHE FOUND A WAY TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
On HBO at
10:30 pm

05:50 Talk Show: Khola Akash
06:10 Business Show
06:30 Islamic Programme
07:50 Talent Hunt: Channel i Shera Kontho
09:30 Drama Serial: Shobkikhhu Bhengey Porey
10:00 Western Union Probashi
11:30 Drama Serial: Pacific-er Parey
12:00 Grameenphone Aikjer Shangbadpotro
ETV
08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
12:10 Apnaar Jigyasha
01:05 Tomader Bhulbona
02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:10 Shangskriti Ei Shoptaho
03:45 Tomader Pelo Bangladesh
04:10 Janar Achhey
05:40 Bolaar Achhey
06:45 Frankly Speaking
08:15 Drama Serial: 1920
09:00 Glamour World
09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon
11:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
RTV
08:50 Good Shot
09:30 Musical Programme: Tomar Bina Taarer
09:45 Drama Serial: Dora Kanta
10:45 Taroka Alap
11:30 Share Update
12:30 Drama: Kagojer Manush
01:00 Documentary Programme
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Protidin
06:45 Islamic Programme
07:30 Islamic Programme
07:45 Scream 2
10:30 Face Off
HBO
11:00 The Cell
01:00 Hollywood One On One 54
01:30 Georgia Rule
03:45 Return To Paradise
06:00 Charlie Wilson's War
08:30 Daddy Day Care
10:30 Beyond Borders
01:00 Vacancy
STAR MOVIES
09:20 Little Voice