

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photo Exhibition
On the occasion of 60th birth anniversary of Werner Herzog
Title: Film Must be Physical
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: Sep 16- Oct 8



Fifth Anniversary Celebration of Sisimpur
Venue: Bangabandhu International Convention Centre
Date: September 15
Time: 3pm Onwards



Photography Exhibition
Title: Heritage Inspiration
Photographer: M. Shamsuzzaman
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi
Date: September 15-19
Time: 3-9pm



Iranian Film Festival
Film: The Circle
Director: Jafar Panahi
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre, 62 Science Laboratory Road
Date: September 18
Time: 5pm



Dinat Jahan: An artiste of many dimensions

NUSRAT JAHAN PRITOM

An early starter in the world of music, Dinat Jahan Munni has crossed many a milestone in her professional and personal life and can clearly be said to have arrived in the media world. Today she is a Programme Producer of ABC Radio, mother of two adorable kids, wife of renowned lyricist Kabir Bokul and a versatile singer in her own right.

"Sometimes it gets a bit hectic, but thanks to the love and support of my family and my colleagues, producers et al, I'm usually able to get things done well. I'm quite happy with the way things are," says Dinat.

Dinat first received accolades way back when she was a child and won two national children's awards, one in 1985 and the other a decade later. She has done several live shows; one memorable performance was with the diva Runa Laila at an USAID programme. She has worked with composers Shawkat Ali Imon, Alauddin Ali, S.I. Tutul, Imon Saha, Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul and others.

Her first album was "Ami



Opar Hoyo Boshe Achhi," a collection of Lalou songs. Dinat's next album, released in February this year, was a duet with Asif -- "Phirbo Na

Aaj Baari". Besides these, she had been quite prolific in her contribution to the film industry and does two/three playbacks on a regular weekly

basis.

"Although in Bangladesh, playback is considered as the advanced stage of a singer, interestingly I started my musical career doing that. It has also been a challenge because of the diversity I found in this form of music. Here, while singing, I have to put myself in the part of the actress and reflect the various emotions that go through the scene at that particular instant of the song. It is challenging and I thoroughly enjoy it."

Currently, viewers can find Dinat in "Priyo Shilpi Shera Gaan" on Baishakhi Channel. This Eid, she will be appearing on a show about couples, with her husband Kabir Bokul. She will be anchoring an Eid special programme on classic songs on BTV. Listeners will also find her on ABC Radio on an Eid special programme with Momtaj, Tamim, Tutul and others.

Dinat is an active social worker and has been involved with Prothom Alo's campaigns against acid violence and substance abuse.

So how does Dinat manage so many roles at the same time? "Life is like a test. There

are so many dimensions to an individual -- mother, daughter, wife, working woman, musician and so on. None of these can be neglected."

"One aspect of me is that I take my own time and patiently wait for what's to come, instead of adapting myself to a particular situation or time. I retain my style, and so acknowledge the fact that I have got endless things to learn. I had only brought out two solo albums in last 13 years and that is again because of my 'taking it slow-and-easy' trait. I get things done gradually. I am doing jingles, playbacks, songs, duets, etc but when I get to do an album it is an expression of my love for my fans and well wishers, so it has to be perfect."

Dinat's peers are full of praise for this versatile personality. "Dinat is an amazing character, easy to the ear like a melodious song," said RJ Sammy from ABC Radio. "She never asks for her songs to be played on the radio but we are compelled to air them on demands from fans."

(The writer is a freelance contributor.)

Soundtrack of Nirjhar's "Nomuna" launched

Film's release uncertain as yet



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Nirjhar (second from left) with artistes at the album launch.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The soundtrack of architect-filmmaker Enamul Karim Nirjhar's upcoming film "Nomuna" was launched at a local restaurant on September 12. The album produced by Laser Vision is expected to hit the audio market prior to Eid-ul-Fitr. Along with Nirjhar, singers who have done playback for the film and officials of Laser Vision were present at the event.

Indian composer-musician Debajyoti Mishra is the music director of the film. Mishra also did the soundtrack of Nirjhar's debut film "Aha!". Fahmida Nabi, Tanveer Alam Shawjeeb, Mehreen, Milon Mahmud, Proma and Wakil have done playback. Nirjhar wrote the lyrics.

The album features eight songs, including the title track "Nomuna," "Eksho matha," "Beshuro shur bondhu" and "Lukochuri aligali".

Speaking on the possible release date of the film, Nirjhar informed that the Bangladesh Film Censor Board has asked him to edit some scenes, which Nirjhar feels are crucial for the film. Under the circum-

stances, the filmmaker is not certain about the release of the film as yet. It should be mentioned that the film received a government grant. The grant, however, covered one fourth of the total production cost, according to the filmmaker.

"Nomuna" is Nirjhar's second film. His debut film "Aha!" was widely successful and won international acclaim as well. "Nomuna" highlights disturbing trends in politics and their impact on society. Intolerance manifested by social and political leaders induces the same kind of behaviour among the masses, causing confusion, conflict and eventually violence. Why must a child be killed? Who should take the blame?

The film has been produced by '9 Steps' and partly with the grants awarded by the Ministry of Information (for the year 2007-'08). The cast includes Kaffey Khan, Gulshan Ara Champa, Gazi Rakayaet and Lutfur Rahman Goerge. Apart from direction, Nirjhar has also written the story and screenplay.

Among Laser Vision officials, managing director Mazharul Islam and chairman AKM Arifur Rahman were present at the programme.



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An aromatic and beautiful flower given or taken brightens up the day. On special occasions this joy is amplified. Eid decor would be incomplete without flowers that liven up the ambiance. In all manners of hues, the prominent flowers in the market this season are tube roses (rajanigandha), lilies, roses, orchids and gladioli, among others. While lilies infuse a sense of calmness in the viewer, deshi flowers like beli, rajanigandha, gandhoraa and jui intoxicate the air with their scents. Jasmine, gardenia and roses symbolise well being, say many.

Tina Fey wins Emmy for mimicking Sarah Palin

AP, Los Angeles

Is Tina Fey an Emmy winner? You betcha. Fey received an Emmy Award on Saturday for her impersonation of Republican vice presidential contender Sarah Palin on "Saturday Night Live."

Accepting her trophy for best guest actress in a comedy, Fey thanked "SNL" producer Lorne Michaels and her parents, "who are lifelong Republicans, for their patience."

She was honored at the Creative Arts Primetime Emmys, which recognize technical and other achievements for the 2008-09 season and preceded next week end's main ceremony. Fey has the chance for more awards: She could repeat last

year's win as best actress in a comedy series for "30 Rock," and the show also could again claim top comedy honors.

Justin Timberlake was another "SNL" winner Saturday, honored as best guest actor in a comedy series.

On the drama side, Michael J. Fox won the guest actor award for his turn on "Rescue Me," and Ellen Burstyn was honored as best guest actress for "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

"I always wanted one of these," Burstyn said, winning her first Emmy after being nominated five times.

Neither Timberlake nor Fox were on hand to accept.

Kathy Griffin was host of the nearly four-hour ceremony, her trademark

outrageous humor intact with risque jokes and filmed bits.

An edited, shorter version of the ceremony will air Friday on E! at 1 p.m. EDT.

The top network winner was HBO with 16 trophies, followed by NBC with 11. Fox and ABC each won eight awards, with CBS, PBS and Cartoon Network each claiming six.

PBS' "Little Dorrit," an adaptation of the Dickens novel, was the most-honored program with four awards. Several shows, including the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics and "American Idol," received three creative arts trophies.

Next Sunday's Emmy ceremony, with Neil Patrick Harris as host, will air on CBS.



Actress Tina Fey gestures to photographers backstage after winning an Emmy on September 12, 2009.

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