

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

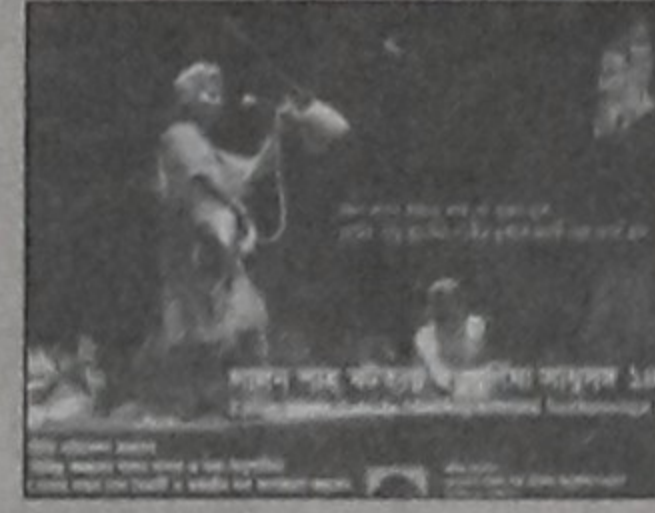
Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Jai Bangla
Artist: Shahabuddin
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: Sep 27-Oct 10
Time: 12-8pm



Art Exhibition
Artists: Farzana Ahmed Umi & Tanny Dey
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU
Date: October 3-7
Time: 10am-8pm

PRINT & SCULPTURE

Shadhu Shango
Title: Lalon Shah Battala Modhupumima Sadhu Shango
Venue: Matborbari, Bikrampur, Munshiganj
Date: October 5-6
Time: 3pm onwards



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Kantha Kahini
Artist: Faharida Eram Khatun
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 1-14
Time: 10am-12pm & 5pm-8:30pm



Buzz

Farooki's Third Person Singular Number to be premiered at South Korean film fest



Farooki's film tackles issues faced by individuals living on the fringes of society.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's latest movie "Third Person Singular Number" will have its world premiere at the upcoming 14th Pusan International Film Festival, South Korea. The film will

participate as part of 'A Window on Asian Cinema' category at the festival. A total of 53 films from 23 countries will be screened in this category. 'A Window on Asian Cinema' includes independent films highlighting young directors, who are either creating new waves or

playing a pioneering role in an established film industry, according to the festival website. The festival will continue from October 8 to 16 in the southern port city of Busan, South Korea. According to the website this year's arrangement of the festival is shatter-

ing records by featuring an unprecedented 355 films from 170 countries and 98 world premieres. Farooki's film will be screened on October 10 and 13. The director will meet the press after the second show at the festival. "This is the first time a Bangladeshi

movie is participating at the Pusan International Film Festival, which is considered as one of the most prestigious festivals of its kind in the world," says Farooki.

Inspired by Syed Manzoorul Islam's novel, titled "Tin Parber Jibon O Kichhu Bastab Case Study," playwright Anisul Haque and Farooki jointly wrote the script for "Third Person Singular Number".

Featuring interrelationships among a convict serving a life sentence, his wife and an amateur singer, the film poses a question: can a woman, on her own, lead a secure life in our society?

Speaking on the intriguing title of the film, Farooki says, "Literally, 'third person singular number' means she or he. Our intention is to point out issues faced by individuals living on the fringes of society."

Most of the cast members are small screen actors. Farooki says, "Tisha and Musharraf Karim played the central roles -- Ruba and Munna. Singer Topu honed the other significant character."

According to the filmmaker, "Third Person Singular Number" will participate in several other upcoming international film festivals.

Shakib Al Hasan turns actor



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The indomitable cricketer Shakib Al Hasan is trying his hand at acting. Shakib will act in a TV play titled "Romance With Cricket."

Written by journalist Daud Hussain Rony, the play will be directed by Noyeem Imtiaz Neyamul. The producer informed that either Tisha or Prova might be Shakib's co-artist in the play.

Shakib will also be seen in a special role in another TV play, titled "SMS-2," written and directed by Rumman Rashid Khan and Chayanika Chowdhury respectively. The

cast also includes Emon and Prova.

"I like TV plays. Directors have been offering me roles but up until now I couldn't muster up enough courage to try acting. When the producer and director of the play 'Romance With Cricket' approached me, I couldn't turn them down," said the all rounder.

"Shooting of the play 'Romance With Cricket' will begin after Shakib returns from Zimbabwe and most of the shooting will be done at BKSP," said Neyamul.

Shakib had previously worked in a TVC for TVS motorbikes, directed by Neyamul.

Traditional boat race in Sylhet



Boat race on the Surma river.

PHOTO: MAMUN HASAN

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Thousands of people thronged along the banks of Surma and on the Keane bridge in Sylhet city on Saturday afternoon to enjoy a boat race jointly organised by the Bangladesh Rowing Federation and Sylhet divisional Sports Association. Pubali Bank Limited sponsored the annual event.

Golam Sarwar's group from Gowainghat upazila bagged the first prize while Nurul Islam's team from Companyganj upazila and Arash Ali's team from Sadar upazila came second and third respectively. As many as 8

teams took part in the contest.

Sylhet City Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran formally inaugurated the event at Chandnighat, on Surma riverbank.

Sadar upazila chairman Ashfaq Ahmed, Rowing Federation vice-president Bahauddin Ahmed and Pubali Bank's regional manager Farid Uddin Ahmed were special guests at the event. Acting Divisional Commissioner Md. Fazlur Rahman, who is also president of the divisional Sports Association, chaired the inaugural programme.

Sylhet City Mayor handed over prizes to the winners in the evening.

Musical based on the myth of Gazi, Kalu and Champabati

Culture can root out misconduct, say speakers

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Last Saturday a musical soiree and drama based on the mythical characters -- Gazi, Kalu and Champabati -- were held at the Jhenidah Shilpakala Academy. The programme, on the occasion of Eid and Durga Puja reunion, was held at the initiative of reputed local cultural organisation Ankur Natya Academy.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Rafikul Islam was present as chief guest while the special guests were former Principal of Nurun Nahar Women's College N.M. Shahjalal; Principal Kamrun Nahar Lizi of Muktijoddha Moshir Rahman College; Mohammad Habibur Rahman, headmaster of Halidani Secondary School; Advocate Sheikh Selim, a cultural personality and theatre personality



Actors in "Gazir Pala".

Narayan Chandra Nandi.

Several cultural personalities and

local dignitaries were present at the function. Of them Abdus Shahid Mitu,

PHOTO: STAR

composer and director of the drama based on Gazi, Kalu and Champabati, spoke on the occasion. Several singers from Ankur Natya Academy rendered songs in the course of the musical soiree.

Abdus Shahid Mitu said that culture can channel the energies of the young towards the service of the nation. He added that we can regain our lost traditions and heritage through cultural activities.

Director Nazim Uddin Julius of Ankur Natya Academy said that 25 aspiring artistes took part in the rehearsal of the play. A workshop on the musical based on the Gazi, Kalu, Champabati myth was held from September 1 to 15 at the Red Crescent auditorium in Jhenidah.

ADC Rafikul Islam said, "If we can encourage people towards music, theatre and other cultural activities, crimes will be significantly reduced."

Lady Gaga to tour without Kanye West

AP, New York

Lady Gaga isn't letting her ill-fated tour with Kanye West keep her from her fans.

A day after her joint tour with the rapper was cancelled, the pop star said she'll be hitting the road solo.

"We mutually decided to cancel the tour. He's going to take some time off, but I'm not," the 23-year-old said in an interview before accepting the "Rising Star" honour at Billboard's annual Women in Music event last Friday.

West and Lady Gaga's tour, titled "Fame Kills," was supposed to kick off November 10 in Phoenix. Live Nation announced its cancellation on Thursday with no explanation, but West had said last

month that he was considering taking time off to reassess his behaviour.

West has endured a firestorm of negative publicity since storming the stage at

MTV Video Music Awards last month and hijacking Taylor Swift's award-winning moment. Swift was giving her acceptance speech after winning best female video when West -- known for his awards-show outbursts -- grabbed the microphone and declared that Beyonce's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," also nominated, was one of the "best videos of all time."

Beyonce, who was honoured by Billboard as its "Woman of the Year," spoke about West's actions during the event.

"I knew his intentions and I knew he was standing up for art," she said.

But she didn't know that he planned a public protest.

"When he walked on the stage I was like no, no, no," she

recalled laughing.

Beyonce, who won the video of the year honour at the VMAs, invited Swift back onstage to give her acceptance speech -- and said in the end, everything worked out.

"Taylor Swift had her moment and I didn't have to give an acceptance speech!"

Gaga said while she didn't approve of what West did, he is a friend and she is standing by him "because everyone makes mistakes and it is important to forgive one another."

"He's a good person," she added.

Gaga said her new tour would kick off in mid-November. Her platinum-selling debut CD, "The Fame," will be re-released on November 24.



Judge: Jackson kids "doing wonderfully"

A judge says he's pleased with how Michael Jackson's children are adjusting to being in their grandmother's care.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff says he received a report and is "very pleased" with its contents. The judge says: "It looks like the children are really doing wonderfully with their grandmother guardian."

Beckloff sealed a report on the children, who range in ages from 7 to 12, and said he sees no need to get future updates. Michael Jackson chose Katherine Jackson in his 2002 will to care for his children, and a court has appointed her their permanent guardian.

Nearly three months after the pop superstar's death, his estate began paying a \$60,000 per month stipend to care for and protect them.

Source: Internet

