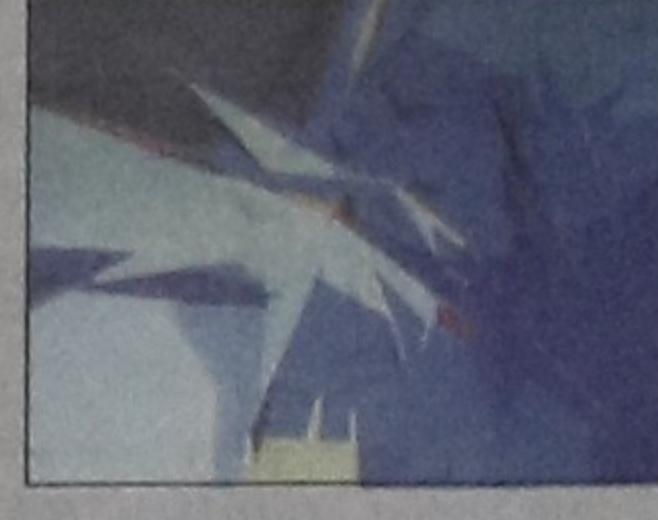


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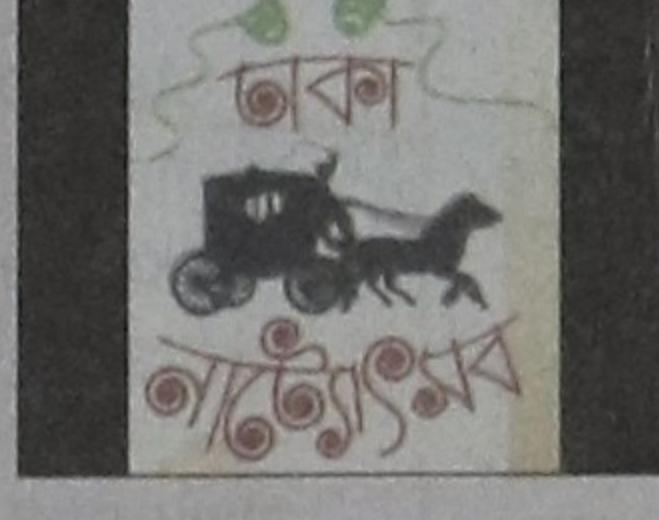
Theatre Festival
Organiser: Aranyak
Natyadal
Venue: Shilpkala
Academy,
Shegunbagicha
Date: October 22-25
Time: 7pm everyday
Today: 'Mayur
Shinghashan'



**Solo Painting
Exhibition**
Artist: Mustapha Khalid
Palash
Venue: Asiatic Art
Gallery, Nimgoli, Ramna
Date: October 23
Time: 10am-8pm



Theatre Festival
Title: Dhaka
Natyashab '09
Organiser: Bangladesh
Group Theatre Federation
Venue: Zahir Rajan
Cultural Centre,
Shulrapur
Date: October 15-31
Time: 7pm everyday



**Solo Art
Exhibition**
Title: Shudurer Mila
Artist: Mustaque Ahmed
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H
21, Rd 4, Dhamondi
Date: October 23-
November 5
Time: 10am-8pm



A meeting of minds

3rd Friendship Art Exhibition at BSA



Clockwise (from top-left): Deer by Proddut Kumar Das, Destruction of Peace by Debasish Pal and Face by Bishwajit Goswami.

MAINUL HASSAN

The weeklong '3rd Friendship Art Exhibition 2009,' featuring works of mainly young artists, ended at National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy. The exhibition was jointly organised by Chhobir Haat Art Society (a Facebook group) and Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy.

"The main objective was to promote artworks of upcoming young artists," said Mohammad Zakir Hossain, coordinator of the event.

The exhibition began on October 16. Artist and teacher of Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), DU, Abul Barq Alvi inaugurated the event. State Minister for Home Affairs, Shamsul Haque Tuku; writer Professor Muhammad Zafar Iqbal and artist Jamal Ahmed were also present at the event.

Founded in January 2008, Chhobir Haat Art Society held its first exhibition in August last year at Drik Gallery. The exhibition featured 46 artworks by 36 artists.

The 2nd Friendship Art Exhibition was held in November 2008 at Shilpangan. At the exhibition a total of 108 artworks by 43 artists, including works by artists from USA, UK, Denmark, Switzerland and India were displayed.

"Chhobir Haat is an internet-based group. A group of friends -- all students of FFA -- came up with the idea to promote works of young artists," said Zakir Hossain.

The recent art exhibition at BSA featured nearly 500 works -- divided in three sections (paintings, photographs and sculptures) -- by 230 artists. A separate section at the exhibition included artworks by children. A total of 38 colourful paintings by children artists.

Apart from young artists, the collection also included works by teachers of FFA and other institutions. A

Faruk Ahmed Mollah, teacher, FFA also featured faces. Other works included a presentation titled, 'Magic Box,' by Md. Aloppogin, teacher, FFA, Chittagong University; a sculpture titled 'Statue-4' by Md. Atiqul Islam, teacher, FFA, DU; an artwork titled 'Balance of Environment' by Malay Bala, teacher, FFA, DU; a painting 'Ancient Poem' by Gulshan Hossain, teacher, UODA and 'Self Purification-20' by Dewan Mizan, teacher, Shanto-Mariam University of Creative technology.

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"The purpose of inviting foreign artists to the exhibition was to compare our works with theirs and also create an opportunity to exchange our views," said Zakir Hossain.

"Through this exhibition we are starting an organisation called 'Youth Society of Art,'" he added. "Before we were just a Facebook based group and now we want to become a fully functioning organisation."

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and adolescents were put on display.

Participating artists were not all professionals. Majority of the works on display were submitted by amateur

ceramic work by Debasish Pal, teacher, FFA, titled 'Destruction of Peace,' features human heads facing sharp pins. 'Faces,' a woodwork by

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New faces for Bangladeshi cinema

Grand Finale of 'Fair & Lovely Super Hero Super Heroine 2009'

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Amidst razzle-dazzle, the grand finale of 'Fair & Lovely Super Hero Super Heroine 2009' was held at Hall of Fame auditorium of Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on October 21. Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC), ntv and Market Access Group jointly arranged the event. Unilever Bangladesh sponsored the programme.

The gala event featured performances by the 12 finalists as well as renowned artists.

Niloy Alamgir from Dhaka won the title 'Super Hero' while Lamia Siddiqui Mimo from Khulna was crowned 'Super Heroine'. The first runners-up were Sohan Khan and Jannatul Nabilah Bashir while second runners-up were Asifuddin Imrose and Merry Prema Gomez.

The Super Hero and Super Heroine got Tk 2,00,000 each as prize money. First and second runners-up received Tk 1,50,000 each and Tk 1,00,000 each respectively. Apart from these, they

have the opportunity of acting in major feature films.

Sohanur Rahman Sohan, renowned film director and one of the judges of the competition; Mosaddek Ali Falu,

of Market Access Group handed over the cheques to the winners.

Eminent directors and producers Gazi Mazharul Anwar, Shawkat Jamil, FI.

Among 12 finalists, six contestants -- Indrani Haldar Eshita, Mehedi Hasan, Faria Bappu Majumdar, Rizia Parveen, Mila and others performed the song.

The 12 finalists then performed to a medley of classic Bangla films songs. Kabirul Islam Ratan choreographed the dance performances.

Sharif Shah Kamal Taj, Mamataz-Ala-Shakoor Ahmed, Mosaddak Ali and Enayetur Rahman delivered speeches on the occasion. Mamataz-Ala-Shakoor Ahmed said, "Some new faces have emerged through this competition. We hope, they will prove their mettle with hard work." Mosaddak Ali said, "I, on behalf of ntv family, assure all of you that ntv was, is and will always be engaged in such types of talent hunts."

The competition, first of its type, started in the country with 32,000 contestants on August 13 last year. Auditions were held in different divisional cities and district towns.

Three main judges of the competition were veteran film actor Razak, director Sohanur Rahman Sohan and actress Mousumi.

tomar shubishal akash" -- composed by Fuad Al Muqtadir. Partha Barua, Bappa Majumdar, Rizia Parveen, Mila and others performed the song.

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Mimo (left) and Niloy - winners of Super Hero Super Heroine contest.

chairman of ntv; Mamataz-Ala-Shakoor Ahmed, managing director of BFDC, and Sharif Shah Kamal Taj, chairman and managing director

of Manik, Kazi Hayat, Giasuddin Selim, Khorshed Alam Khosru and others showed much interest in working with these talented actors.

Hussain Sagar -- were eliminated in the gala round. They all received Tk 50,000 each. The programme started with a song "Dekho shamney"

Memorial programme on Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal at Bangla Academy

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To commemorate the 20th death anniversary of poet-lyricist Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal, Bangla Academy arranged a memorial programme at its Seminar Room on October 21. Noted personalities spoke on the life and works of the poet at the programme.

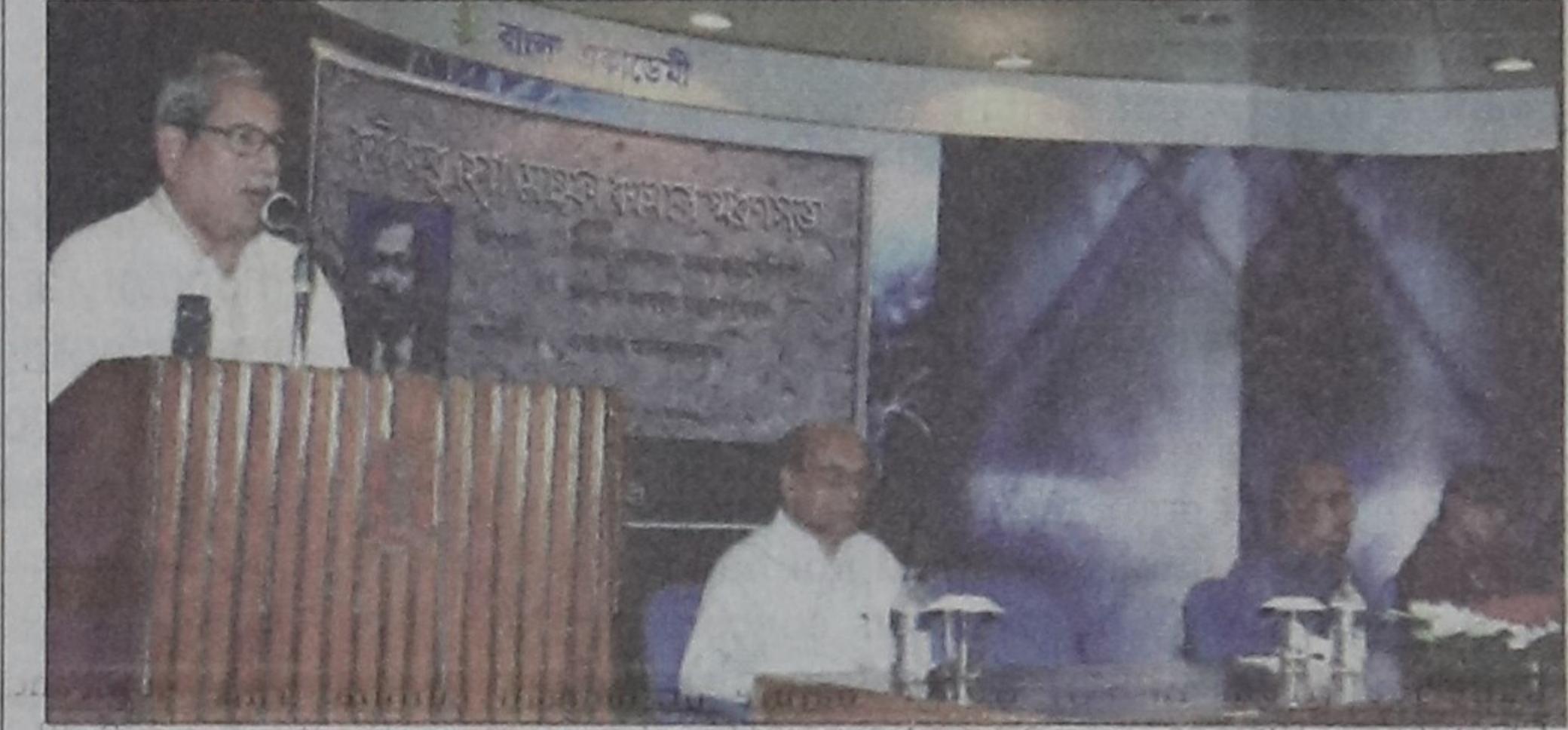
Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy gave the welcome speech.

Renowned cultural personality Mohammad Asaf-ud-Daula and Professor Abdul Mannan Syed were the discussants at the programme.

In his speech Asaf-ud-Daula said, "Mustafa Kamal was one of the most accomplished poets of his time. His poetry and lyrics enriched our literature and music."

Professor Abdul Mannan Syed termed Mustafa Kamal a "proficient teacher." "He was a very good teacher. With his warmth and wit, Mustafa Kamal bridged the generation gap between him and the students," said Professor Syed.

Bangla Academy fellow and eminent educationist Professor Anisuzzaman presided over



Professor Anisuzzaman speaks at the discussion.

Promoting Nazrul Sangeet

Sadya Afreen Mallick and Khairul Anam Shakil on tonight's "Dhrupadi Kahini"

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"Dhrupadi Kahini" -- on Rtv -- features artistes who struggled

to reach their respective positions and goals. Their stories of success and dedication to the arts are also highlighted on the show.



Sadya Afreen Mallick and Khairul Anam Shakil on the show.

Google to launch music search pages

Google is about to give beleaguered record companies a potentially powerful boost by offering people who search for information about musicians the tools to listen to songs and buy them.

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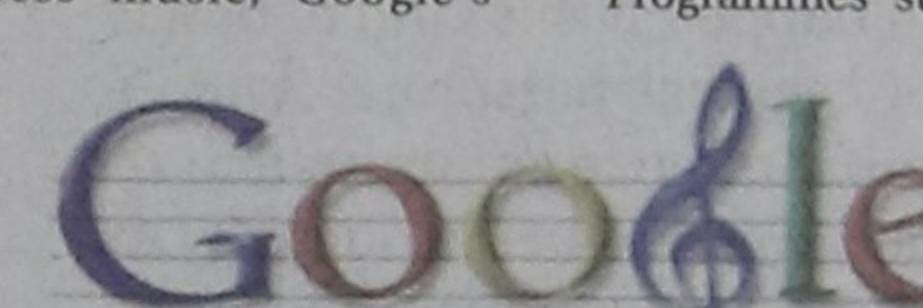
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Google isn't the only company trying to beef up its music offerings.

Facebook this week will introduce an arrangement with Lala that makes it possible for people to buy songs and give them to friends without leaving the social-networking site. Transactions will be simple to initiate via an icon on user pages that "is as prominent as the icons for photo and video," says Lala founder Bill Nguyen.

Source: Internet