

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Painting Exhibition

Painter: Biren Shome
Venue: Shilpakala Gallery, H 26, Rd 3, Dhanmondi
Date: December 20-January 5
Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Painter: Rejaul Karim
Title: Twilight Zone
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 27/5/F, Rd 27, Dhanmondi
Date: December 8-19
Time: 12pm-8pm



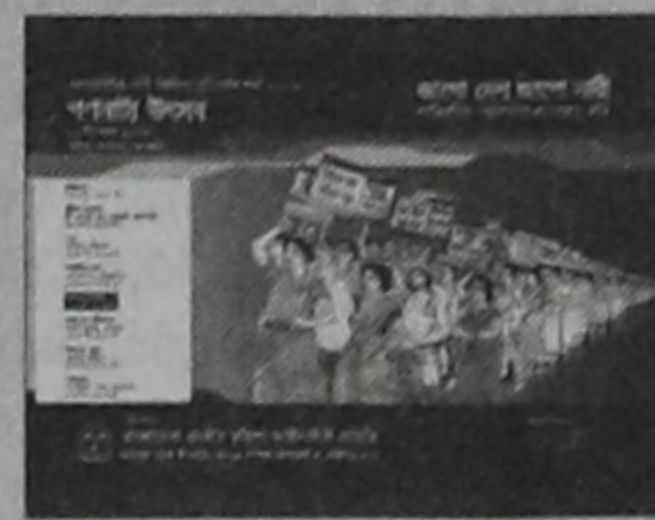
Christmas Carol

Organiser: Incarnation
Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Ramna
Date: December 11
Time: 4pm



Theatre Festival

Organiser: Bangladesh National Woman Lawyer's Association
Venue: Rabindra Sharobar, Dhanmondi
Date: December 11
Time: 10am onwards



A compilation of inspirational songs Banglalink launches "Jagoroner Gaan"



Artists sing patriotic songs at the programme.



Dignitaries at the album launch.

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On December 6, Banglalink formally launched "Jagoroner

Gaan", a selection of 71 timeless Bengali compositions, recorded all over again for a new generation of audience that will serve as a reminder of

the spirit of struggle, freedom and nationalism.

Music, poetry and other forms of art have directly or indirectly played an integral

role in the major movements throughout the history of the nation. Music is an integral part of our national identity. In every step of our national movements, patriotic songs have inspired the masses.

A press conference was held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on the occasion of the album launch. Among others, Ahmed Abu Doma, chief executive officer, Banglalink; Mostafa Zahid Khan, general secretary, Jagoran Sanskriti and Gobeshona Kendra; M Saleh Badal, director, Step Media; Motiur Rahman, editor of Prothom Alo; Faridur Reza Sagor, managing director, Impress Telefilm Ltd. and Sanaullah Lablu, chief news editor, ABC Radio were present at the press conference.

Jagoran Sanskriti and Gobeshona Kendra have painstakingly taken the initiative to catalogue and preserve hundreds of songs that have inspired the Bengali speaking people throughout history.

"Jagoroner Gaan", a compilation of six compact disks, features a selection of 71 timeless Bengali compositions that have stood the test of time.

Additionally, a daylong cultural event by Jagoran Sanskriti and Gobeshona Kendra will be held on December 12 at Shikha Chironton, Suhrawardy Udyan to mark the launch of the albums. Banglalink is the sponsor of the Jagoroner Gaan project. Prothom Alo, Channel i and ABC Radio are media partners. Step Media -- an event management firm -- is engaged in the overall management of the project.

As one of the leading telecom operators in the country, Banglalink demonstrates its social commitment through promoting the culture and heritage of Bangladesh. "Jagoroner Gaan" is a reflection of this commitment.

The project also includes two caravans travelling around the country and promoting "Jagoroner Gaan" for the next two months.

BAMBA protests unauthorised commercial use of music

BAMBA (Bangladesh Musical Bands Association) held a press conference on December 6 at the Conference Hall of National Press Club, Dhaka to protest unauthorised use of musical contents according to the copyright law of 2000 and amendments of 2005, says a press release.

BAMBA has issued a statement that read, "We can no longer sit in the sideline and watch commercial sale of music that does not benefit the artistes, bands and musicians, who are the legal owners of these contents as per the Copyright Law of the country."

"We want to change things for a better future of the artistes, bands and musicians so that the creators of the intellectual property will never have to depend on charity and will earn what is legitimately theirs -- ensuring

dignified lives." BAMBA requested the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to include it as a member of the Copyright Board with immediate effect and to protect the rights of the artistes, bands and musicians as per Copyright Law of 2000 and amendments of 2005.

Hamin Ahmed (Miles), president of BAMBA; Fuad Nasser Babu (Feedback), vice president; Monirul Alam Tipu (Warfaze), secretary; Sumon (Aurthohin), assistant secretary; Ayub Bachchu (LRB), member of executive body; Maqsoodul Haque (Maqsood o Dhaka), member of executive body and James (Nagarbaul) member spoke at the conference.

Representatives of all 37 member bands of the organisation were present at the conference.



Ayub Bachchu speaks at the conference.

Musical programme "Shanchari" on Banglavisision

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Veteran classical artiste Ustad Amoresh Roy Chowdhury along with young musician-composer Swani Zubayeer and singer Anindita will appear as

guests on tonight's episode of musical programme "Shanchari". The programme will be aired on Banglavisision at 9:05 pm.

Produced by Javed Iqbal Topu and hosted by Fedousi Ahmed Lina, the programme

features dedicated artistes in the classical music arena.

Usually the programme features discussion on a certain raaga by the guest artistes. Later the artistes render several songs based on the raaga.



Tonight's featured artistes are Swani Zubayeer, Anindita and Ustad Amoresh Roy Chowdhury.

Documentary screening on violence against women

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Steps Towards Development (STD), a local NGO works mainly on gender issues, good governance and human rights, held a two day long documentary screening and discussion programme at Chhayanaut Sanskriti Bhaban Auditorium on December 5 and 6 on the occasion of International Protest Against Violence

Against Women (observed on November 25).

"Balyo Bibaho" (written and directed by Fauzia Khan), "Poth-er Bandha Eve Teasing" (written and directed by Shabnam Ferdousi), "Ami Pachar Hotey Chai Na" (written and directed by Fauzia Khan) -- produced by AV Centre, STD -- and "Aandharey Ekela" (written and directed by Selina Hossain and Moynul Huda respectively) produced by

Oxfam-GB, Bangladesh were screened on December 5.

"Amakey Boltey Dao", produced by Ranjan Karmakar, was screened on December 6, followed by a discussion on "Nari Nirjaton Protirodhey Ganomadhomyer Itibachok Bhumika O Challenge Shomuhoo."

Shaheda Ferdousi Munni, deputy coordinator of STD, read out the keynote paper at the beginning of the discussion session.

Kaberi Gain, an Associate Professor at the department of Mass Communication and Journalism, DU; Nasimun Ara Haq Minu, president of Nari Shangbadik Kendra; Nawazish Ali Khan, programme adviser, ATN Bangla and M. Hamid, CEO of Rtv spoke on the occasion.

In her speech, Kaberi Gain said, "The media must take a positive role regarding the issue of violence against women."

Nawazish Ali Khan elaborately discussed the historical background of gender violence. He also emphasised on the need for mass awareness in this regard. Ranjan Karmakar presided over the discussion.

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A view of the audience.



Nawazish Ali Khan speaks at the discussion.

Ghatak and Ray films picked as favourites by online voters

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It was Bengali feature films by Ritwik Ghatak and Satyajit Ray, which emerged at the top of an online voting by nearly two million Indians.

The first slot went to Ghatak's most popular "Meghe Dhaka Tara" starring Supriya Devi, Anil Chatterjee and Bijon Bhattacharjee. The second and third places were bagged by Ray's "Charulata", featuring Soumitra Chatterjee and Madhabi Chakrabarty, and the timeless classic "Pather Panchali".

The contest for top 20 Indian films was held by the Entertainment Society of Goa as a promotional event for the just concluded 40th International Film Festival of India.

Among the films which figure in the top 20 list in the contest are Mrinal Sen's "Bhuvan Shome" in 7th spot, Ray's "Apu Trilogy" in 15th, Bollywood's biggest blockbuster "Sholay" (4th) directed by Ramesh Sippy, Mehboob Khan-directed "Mother India" (9th), MS Sathya's "Garam Hawa" (8th), "Mughal-e-Azam" (12th) by K Asif, Guru Dutt's "Pyasa" (6th), Hrishikesh Mukherjee's "Anand" (20th) and "Guide" (18th).

Kundan Shah's comedy "Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron" made in 1983 took the 17th spot and is the only film made after 1980s to figure in the list.

The nomenclature for the online contest was derived from the highly popular limited over format of cricket envisaging 20 overs for each side.



A scene from Ritwik Ghatak's "Meghe Dhaka Tara".

"Jahur Ali Jahuri" on Ekushey TV

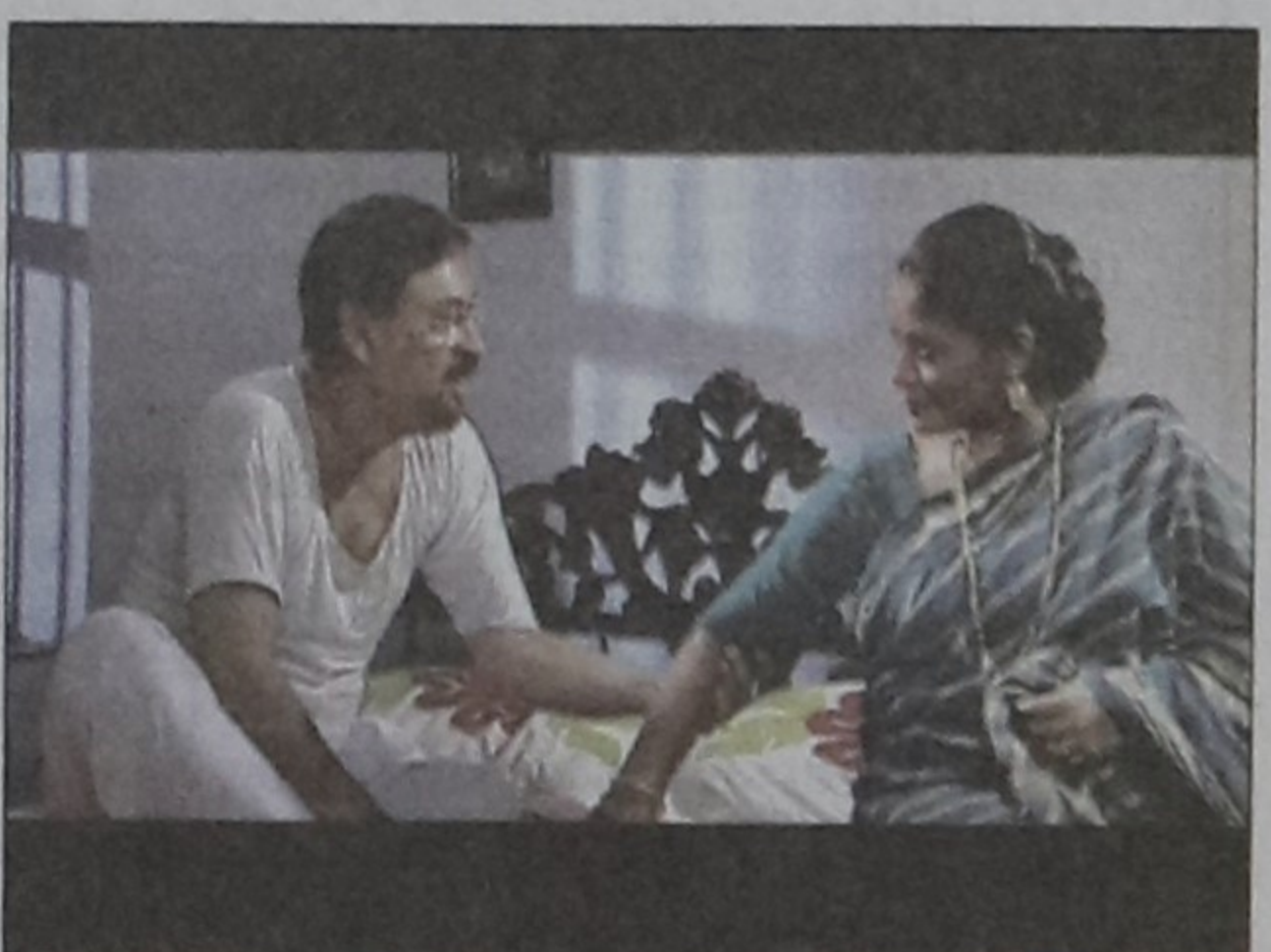
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TV serial "Johur Ali Johuri" will be aired on Ekushey TV tonight at 9:30 pm. The serial is aired every Tuesday and Wednesday.

The story follows four families living in Old Dhaka. Jahur Ali Johuri, a jeweller, is the patriarch of one of the families. He is an expert in jewellery, also a palmist on the side.

Hira, Chuni and Panna are Ali's three daughters. Like Hira and Chuni, Panna, an educated young girl, does not believe palmistry and fortune telling.

Other three families are closely related to Ali's family. Old Dhaka lifestyle,



Abul Hayat and Dolly Zahur in the serial.

heritage and everyday bliss, woes are depicted in the serial. Written by Khalilur Rahman, the serial is directed by Kaiser Ahmed. The cast includes Abul Hayat, Dolly Zahur, Anisur Rahman Milon, Litu Anam, Azizul Hakim, Kusum Sikdar and others.