

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Art Exhibition
Painter: Zahura Sultana Hossain
Title: Contemplation
Venue: Bay's Galleria, Radius Centre, Gulshan-2
Date: December 11-24
Time: 10 am-8pm



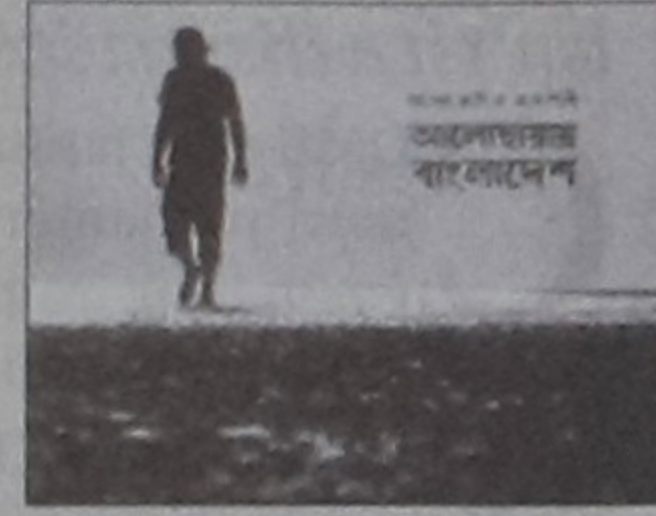
Victory Day Celebration
Songs, films, theatre, exhibition and more
Organiser: Bangladesh Shishu Academy
Venue: Shilpakala Academy premises
Date: December 14-22
Time: 5pm onwards



Theatre
Play: Shikhandi Katha
Troupe: Mahakal Natya Shampradaya
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 25 & 26
Time: 7pm



Photography Exhibition
Title: Alo-Chhayay
Bangladesh
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU
Date: December 16-22
Time: 2pm-8pm



"Future in Frame"

3rd International Children's Film Festival round the corner



(From right): Mustafa Monwar, Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal and Morshedul Islam at the press conference.

Children's Film Society Bangladesh will hold the weeklong 3rd International Children Film Festival from January 23, says a press release.

The announcement was made at a press conference by Children's Film Society (CFS) Bangladesh, at the National

Press Club recently. Cultural personality and chairman of the festival advisory committee Mustafa Monwar; vice-Chairman and president of CFS Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal; festival director Morshedul Islam, outreach and communication director of the Transparency

International Bangladesh SM Rezwan-ul Alam, communication specialist of UNICEF Bangladesh Arifa S Sharmin and acting manager for PR and Events of Warid Telecom Asaduzzaman were present at the press conference.

A total of 150 films from 46 countries are expected to be

screened at the event. The films will be screened at 12 venues in the city. The venues are Central Public Library, Shabbagh; Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium, Star Cineplex, British Council auditorium, German Cultural Centre auditorium, Russian Centre for Science & Culture, Iran Cultural Centre, Alliance Francaise de Dacca, Dhanmondi; Alliance Francaise de Dacca, Uttara; Lions auditorium, Agargaon; UCEP auditorium, Mirpur and Pallima Sangsad auditorium, Khilga. CFS will also hold a series of special workshops and seminars as part of the festival. The slogan of the festival is "Future in Frame".

The "3rd International Film Festival" is sponsored by Warid Telecom and supported by UNICEF.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the festival to be held at Osmani Auditorium on January 23 at 4:00 pm. The festival ends on January 29.

Traditional horse race competition held in Panchagarh

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

The traditional horse race competition was held at Shaldaga village under Debiganj upazila in Panchagarh on Friday afternoon.

Thousands of people from the adjacent Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Nilphamari districts came to view the race.

The race started at about 4:00 pm beside the field of Dulijhari Girls' High School in Shaldaga union under Debiganj upazila in Panchagarh.

The competition had 24 participants from Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Nilphamari districts.

Of the participants 10 were selected for the final round after primary selection.

In the final competition Anwar Hossain of Shalka village under Boda upazila in Panchagarh won the first prize, the second prize was wrested by Kafi of Damer village under Domar upazila in Nilphamari and the third prize winner was Mohammad Ali Tulu of Chandanbari village under



One of the horse riders in action.

Boda upazila in Panchagarh.

The first prize winner took home a 17-inch black & white television, the second prize was a 14-inch black & white television and the third prize winner bagged a 10-inch black & white television.

The local Hathath Committee organised the event.

The DC of Panchagarh,

Banamali Bhoumik was chief guest at the programme while Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Debiganj Abu Jafar; Upazila Chairman of Debiganj Abdul Maleq Chisti; Officer in Charge of Debiganj Mominul Islam and UP Chairman of Shaldaga Union Parishad were special guests.

The president of the Hathath Committee

Kamruzzaman Jewel told The Daily Star that the annual event held on December 18, sought to promote an old village tradition.

The locals of the area managed the expenditure for arranging the event, he said, adding that it was a matter of pride for the organisers that thousands of people attended the event.

PHOTO: STAR

Actress Brittany Murphy dead at 32

Actress Brittany Murphy has died, according to the Los Angeles coroner's office.

The 32-year-old actress, who starred in "Clueless" and with Eminem in "8 Mile," was declared dead at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, according to Selena Barrows, an investigator with the coroner's office.

"We have a preliminary death report of someone with the name of Brittany Murphy," Barrows told TheWrap. The report came from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The news was first reported by TMZ.com.

TMZ said multiple sources reported that the actress had gone into cardiac arrest and could not be revived on Sunday morning.

Barrows said cardiac arrest could mean any number of things, and was not an indication of the cause of death.

However, Murphy's suspected excessive use of drugs had been the subject of



widespread speculation, and was even the subject of a parody sketch on a recent "Saturday Night Live" Weekend Update.

The Los Angeles City Fire Department said a 911 call was made at 8 am from the Los

Angeles home of Murphy's husband, Simon Monjack. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Born in Atlanta, Murphy started acting in regional theater at age 9; by age 13, she had signed with a manager and began appearing in television commercials. Her first roles were on TV series such as "Murphy Brown" and "Parker Lewis Can't Lose," which led to her breakthrough film, 1995's "Clueless."

She had five movies currently in production, including "Poor Things," with Rosario Dawson; "Shrinking Charlotte," with Kathleen Turner; and Sylvester Stallone's "The Expendables," with Stallone, Jet Li and Jason Statham.

In 2006, she released the single "Faster Kill Pussycat," which became a club hit on Billboard's Hot Dance Club Play chart. She also covered Queen's "Somebody to Love" and Earth, Wind & Fire's "Boogie Wonderland" for the film "Happy Feet."

Source: Internet

Theatre

"Court Martial" staged by Bodhon Theatre

REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur

"Court Martial", a popular play written by eminent Indian playwright Swadesh Deepak was staged at Kobi Jasimuddin Hall in Faridpur recently.

Translated by Salil Roy and adapted by SM Solaiman, the play has been directed by Sheikh Mohiuddin.

At a programme held by Ektaturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, Faridpur unit, Bodhon Theatre from Kushtia staged the play.

The play centres on a qualified individual who is derided for his origins -- not merely social violence but a crime against humanity.

"Court Martial" is the story of Sepoy Akbar who is tried for murdering one of his officers and injuring another as a revenge for being taunted as the son of a 'Birangana' by his superiors.

The cast comprises Sheikh Mohiuddin, Amirul Islam, Aslam Ali, Shaheen Sarkar, Aslam Hossain, Rakibul Hafiz, Rafikul Islam, Manvy, Mahfuz Tarek and Parvez.

The play attracted a huge turnout of enthusiastic visitors.



Bodhon Theatre from Kushtia stage the play.

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Children's art competition and photography exhibition held

To mark victory day 2009, a daylong children's art competition titled "Ja Ichchhey Aanko" was held at Shishu Mela, Shyamoli, in the city recently, says a press release. KIDZ Club and Shishu Mela jointly arranged the programme.

Milli Rahman, wife of Birshrestha Matir Rahman, inaugurated the event while eminent artist and cartoonist

Shishir Bhattacharya was among the judges of the competition.

Dividing all the 738 children artists aged between 5-12 into three categories 'Ka', 'Kha' and differently abled, the competition was held to inculcate patriotism and the spirit of the Liberation War in them.

Arman Labib, Yasin Shahriar and Raghib Intesar from 'Ka' category;

Raima Islam, Robin Ahmed and Mosaddek Ahmed Sizan from 'Kha' category and Khalid Mosharraf, Nasim Ahmed and Nahid from differently abled stood first, second and third respectively in the competition.

Apart from the competition, a photography exhibition on the Liberation War was also held.



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