

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Musical Soiree
Organiser: Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad
Venue: Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmondi
Date: March 1
Time: 5pm



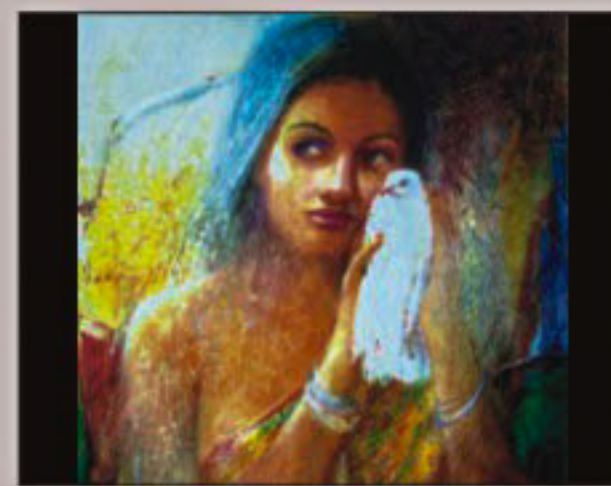
Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Rashid Amin
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-26, R-3, Dhanmondi
Date: February 18-March 1
Time: 12pm-8pm



Group Art Exhibition

Venue: Haq Gallery, DCC Market, Gulshan-2
Date: March 15-28
Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Call of Eternity
Artist: Nurul Islam
Venue: Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 1-6
Time: 11am-8pm



Artist-designer Shahrukh Shahid passes away

A CORRESPONDENT

Renowned artist and fashion designer Shahrukh Shahid passed away on February 27. He was only 47.

Shahid had a cardiac arrest while working at his Satmasjid Road office. An unconscious Shahid was taken to Bangladesh Medical College Hospital and later to Square Hospital where doctors on duty declared him dead at around 10:30 pm on Saturday, according to family sources.

"It came as a shock to all of us! I was at the hospital during his last hours. Yesterday morning I went to Charukala (Faculty of Fine Arts, DU) to attend a memorial for him," said beautician and media personality Kaniz Almas.

"I have lost a great friend. Someone who was very close to me has left. His untimely demise has left a void in our arena," she added.



Designer Emdad Haque [of Banglar Mela] said, "He was an artist. Unlike other painters, he created art on fabric that earned him much acclaim. He had a mastery over handprint. After graduating in Fashion Design from Jamia University of Delhi, India, he launched a fashion house called 'Henry Heritage'. Following that he started his own brand, Shahrukh's Collection. Over the last 20 years, he has made significant contributions to the Bangladeshi fashion industry."

"Of late he also emerged as a playwright. He wrote several single-episode TV Plays. His latest play was aired on ntv on Valentine's Day," Haque added.

Shahrukh Shahid was the son of the late Shahidul Haque, who was the editor of Bangladesh Times. His brother Shahriar Shahid is the editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha.

Octogenarian dance guru Ajit Sanyal shares his experiences

A CORRESPONDENT

Ajit Sanyal, renowned dancer and dance teacher of the country of the 1950s attended an *adda* (informal discussion) held recently by Bangladesh Literary Resource Centre (BLRC).

At the Bangladesh Film Centre Auditorium, Aziz Super Market, Shabbagh, Sanyal shared his varied experiences.

Among others, noted individuals Hasan Imam, Laila Hasan, Professor Mesbah Kamal and Dr. Mohammad Jahangir Hossain spoke on the different facets of this veteran dancer's life.

Professor Mozaffar Hossain was in the chair, while Subrata Kumar Das, executive director of BLRC conducted the programme. Dr Moniruzzaman and Professor MA Aziz Mian were also in the audience.

Ajit Sanyal was born in the village Korokdi, of Faridpur district, in 1926. He started taking lessons from famed dancer Bulbul Chowdhury in



Hasan Imam (right) speaks at the programme; Ajit Sanyal seated next to him.

1945. After a few years he joined Chowdhury's troupe. In 1953, Sanyal toured some European countries with the troupe that gained much acclaim from the audiences. Sanyal wrote a book titled "Dui

Desh Dui Mon", on the tour, which was published in 1959. After the death of Bulbul Chowdhury, Sanyal and his fellow cultural activists founded Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA) in 1955.

Zannat-e-Ferdousi and Mohammad Jahangir Alam Sarker rendered songs and Mehbub Hasan from West Bengal performed a dance as homage to the dedicated dance guru.



Theatre troupe Shomoy staged its production "Sultanuz Jannam" at National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy recently. Written by Tawdik Al Hakim, the play was directed by Akhtaruzzaman.

"A Prophet" triumphs at French film awards

AFP, Paris

Director Jacques Audiard's bleak prison drama "A Prophet" swept France's Cesar cinema awards on Saturday, winning a total of nine prizes including best film and best actor.

The film, nominated for the Best Foreign Film Oscar to be awarded in Hollywood on March 7, was up for a total of 13 Cesars.

Relatively unknown Tahar Rahim, 28, won best actor for his role as a jailed French-Arab youth, as well as the award for Most Promising Male Newcomer, while veteran Isabelle Adjani won Best Actress for the school drama "Skirt Day."

"A Prophet" was a favourite to win the Cannes Palme d'Or last year but instead scooped the runner-up Grand Prix award for director Audiard.

The drama follows an illiterate French-Arab youth as he rises through



French director Jacques Audiard gives a speech after receiving the award for best director.

the criminal ranks in a grim prison, forging violent alliances and double-crossing his friends as he rises to the top.

The film was hailed by critics, with The Times declaring that it "instantly takes its place alongside the greats of the crime movie genre".

The movie about a six-year jail sentence that turns into an education in crime, "is a straightforward genre piece, brilliantly made in all aspects," said The Hollywood Reporter's Kirk Honeycutt.

New York Times critic Manohla Dargis called it "a sensational prison film and moral history... a story of one person that eventually becomes a story of an entire world ordered by violence."



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Art reflects life

Five-day exhibition in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR
TOPU, Pabna

Painting and photography represent life. Images live on as they speak to the viewers, said speakers at the inaugural of a five-day art exhibition organised by Hamida Shilpangan in Pabna on Saturday. The exhibition is being held at Pabna town hall premises.

Artist Hosne Jamal founded Hamida Shilpangan, a painting school, at his residence in the village Radhanagar under Pabna Sadar upazila. The exhibition, featuring works by the students and the founder, marks the 17th anniversary of the institution.

A discussion was also held as part of the inauguration. Artist Jamal chaired the discussion.

Professor Mohammad Habibullah Miah, Principal of Pabna Edward College, spoke as the chief guest on the occasion. Among others, former Principal of Pabna Govt. Bulbul College, Professor Shobjit Nag and Dr Sarwar Jahan Fayaz, spoke at the programme. We cannot set the value of

art in commercial terms, speakers were of the view.

Forty-five paintings and twelve photographs are on display at the exhibition. Of them, Jamal's noteworthy work captures the image of a mother nursing her child. Also on display are "Three Faces" by Mohammad Al-Akhir

Tamxid, also a student of FFA; "Charucharttar" by Ujjal Ghosh (FFA); "Nature" by Mohammad Sabid Osman, lecturer of University of Development Alternative (UODA); "Landscape" by Hassan Imam Mithu, teacher of Govt. Girl's High School, Pabna; "City" by SK Istiaque Rimo and

Eight paintings by the students of the Faculty of Fine Arts, UODA, are also on display at the exhibition.

A painting competition for children and a workshop are other highlights of the exhibition. The competition was held yesterday, while the



Guests at the painting exhibition.

Sarkar, currently a student of Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Dhaka University; "River" by

"Kingbadanti" by Biplob Dutta -- all former students of Hamida Shilpangan.

workshop will be held today and tomorrow at the same venue.

Celebrate The Int'l Mother Language Day

March 1, 2, 3, 2010

@ Int'l Trade Fair Ground, Dhaka.

Gate Opens : 3:00 PM & Starts 4:00 PM

Participants: USA: Aleksandra, Kami, Alamgir, London: Barnard, Texaria, Canada: P. Nayar, Romania: Iryna Povzan, Kateryna, Singapore: Nuraida, Kenny Hogan, Liberia: Hamok, Germany: Jazychopsticks, France: Martin, Misore: Emab, Nigeria: Evenger, Jamaica: Prince Emy, China: Shwama, Korea: Amos Jang David Park, Yugoslavia: Mr. Tomas Japan: Shijuka, Pakistan: Hasan Jahangir, Asif Lata, Sri Lanka: Isuri Rajapaksa, Nepal: Rajapaksa, Ganga Rajapaksa, Saira Rajapaksa, India: Bappi Lahiri, Nachiketa, Srikantha Acharya, Hoimonti Sukla, Mitah Mukherjee, Sri Lanka: Banerjee, Shaikat Mitra, Sabita Chowdhury, Antara Chowdhury, Rupankar, Bangladesh: Azam Khan, Kumar Bishwajit, Ferdous Wahed, Fakir Alamgir, Zame Alam, Abdul Zabbar, Chandana Mizumder, Mehri, Balam, Foad, Mila, Tapu, Arnab, Sumon, Ridoy Khan, Parvez Nancy, Shayan, Tishma, Biplob, Tausif, Niloy, Shajeeb, Jajabor Rasel, Anan, Bands: Miles, Warfaze, Renesa, Maksud O Dhaka, Bohemian, Nova, Durbin, Black & Lalton.

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