WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Theatre Festival
Title: Syed Badruddin Hossain Memorial Theatre Festival
Organiser: Padatik Natya Sangsad (TSC)
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: April 7-11
Today's Play: Kathal Bagan
Time: 7pm

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নাট্য সংসদ
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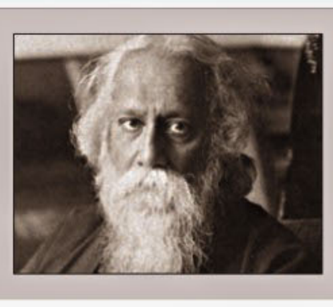
নাটক হোক জীবনের প্রকাশিত সত্য

17th Young Artists Art Exhibition 2010
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: April 2-19
Time: 11am-7pm

CD Launch
Artistes: Salma Akbar & Sajed Akbar
Titled: Tumi Amar Chiro Kaler
Venue: Main Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag
Date: April 9
Time: 7pm



Chaitrosankrantir Book Fair
Organised by: Adorn Publication
Venue: Central Public Library Premises, Shahbag
Date: April 1-13
Time: 10am 8pm

A mirror to an increasingly chaotic city

Alpana displays her artworks at Goethe Institut

Art works on display.

A CORRESPONDENT

Artist Murshida Arzu Alpana lives and works in Berlin. She frequently comes to Dhaka and her last solo painting exhibition was held at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in 2006. Her latest solo painting and installation exhibition, titled "Drinking Bottle Water and Breathing Dust Only," is now on at Goethe Institut, Dhaka. The exhibition opened on April 5. Urs Herren, Ambassador of Switzerland to Bangladesh and environmentalist Nazrul Islam, among others, attended the inaugural session.

Alpana is a socially aware painter and her themes mirror various social, political and environmental issues. The artist is concerned about the state of Dhaka and the rapid changes it is going through. She feels that this fairly old city, which was once ecologically sound and enjoyed a healthy environment, is gradually losing its glory.

Alpana has used various mediums and techniques to express her views on the subject.

Most of the works at the exhibition are oil and mixed media on canvas. Sizes of the canvases vary according to themes and compositions. Her figure-oriented works are expressive and themes are closely related to conceptual art. Her modes of expression are realistic and semi-realistic. Nude and semi- nude figures, boats and water lilies are recurring motifs. The drawing-based works are engrossed with meticulous lines and forms.

"It's obvious that the current state of environment of this city is far from satisfactory. If I recall my visit to Dhaka five years back, the city has now become increasingly chaotic and unclean. I think it's high time we discuss and focus on this particular issue," said the artist.

The exhibition ends on April 22.

Culture cuts across barriers

Independence day celebrated in Brunei Darussalam

Noted dancer Anisul Islam Hero with his troupe recently performed at a cultural programme in Brunei Darussalam.

Marking Independence Day, Bangladeshi envoy to Brunei Darussalam Shamim Ahsan arranged the two-day cultural programme, according to a press release.

Hero and Chandni with other members of their group -- Tapon, Bristi, Tushar, Tamim and Punni -- staged dances. Popular musician Bappa Majumdar, his band Dalchhut and singer Dilshad Nahar Kona performed on the occasion.

Health Minister of Brunei Darussalam Haji Osman was the chief guest of the event well attended by diplomats and dignitaries. The programme was held at the International Convention Centre in the capital city Bandar Seri Begawan.

Apart from performances by the renowned artistes, expatriate Bangladeshi performers also rendered patriotic and folk songs with dances on the second day's programme held at Jerudong Park Theatre Hall.

Anisul Islam Hero (c) with co-artistes at the event.

Children of the city making masks for Pahela Baishakh

A CORRESPONDENT

With *Pahela Baishakh* only a few days away, the TSC swimming pool premises at Dhaka University (DU) is buzzing with activity. Young artists are taking part in "Surf Excel Dekhao Protibha Mukhoshey Mukhoshey" -- a mask-making event. The programme began yesterday.

Sponsored by Surf Excel the event aims to involve school-going children of Dhaka with *Baishakhi* tradition of mask-making.

After primary selection, the participants will receive training on mask-making at a workshop conducted by students of Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), DU.

"At the workshop training will be provided in two categories -- cut-paper and paper mache masks," said Sharmin Ahmed Shormi, a fourth year student of Department of Sculpture, FFA.

The workshop will be coordinated by Emam Hossain Shumon, a masters student of Sculpture Department, FFA.

"For years, students of FFA have been making colourful masks on *Pahela Baishakh*, but this year we want children from different schools of Dhaka to actively participate in the celebrations. We believe that such initiatives will inspire their creativity and generate interest in our traditions and festivals," Shormi added.

Young participants making drawings for masks at TSC yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Students of classes 4 to 9 will be able to take part in the event. Today the selections will start at 3pm and will continue till 7 pm at the TSC swimming pool premises. The workshop on mask-making is scheduled to start from Friday which will continue till April 13.

On *Pahela Baishakh* an exhibition featuring the masks produced at the workshop will be held in front of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, informed the organisers.

"Star Wars" headed to TV as an animated sitcom

Lucasfilm is getting organised, and this time they aren't planning on blowing up any Death Stars. Instead, they are gathering some of the best comic talent around to launch an animated Star Wars sitcom. Lucasfilm released a statement saying the show would "look at the saga's characters with a playful and irreverent tone."

They are employing plenty of comedy pros, including Brendan Hay of "The Daily Show," and "Robot Chicken" creators Seth Green and Matthew Senreich.

Jennifer Hill, who will be directing, told Variety that Green and Senreich are "shaping the type of comedy we're looking for and the look of the show."

Of course, comedy has backfired before in the "Star Wars" universe. Jar Jar Binks was universally loathed in "The Phantom Menace," causing his character to be minimised in subsequent films. But the creative types at Lucasfilm are confidant this series will handle comedy in a way people like.

Alexandre Philippe knows something about fanboy despair over what Lucas has done with "Star Wars" over the past 15 years. He made "The People vs. George Lucas," a documentary on the subject. However, Philippe thinks this new series shows promise, and could be popular with fans.

There is currently no network or start date announced for the show.

Source: Internet

ON AIR

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

BTV
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Metho Shur
01:30 Shukhi Poribar
03:05 Cartoon
07:25 Chitra Jogot
07:45 Phirey Dekha
08:30 Ontorey Ontorey
09:00 Drama of the Week: Poth Akhon Ektai
10:25 Aajker Bishoy
10:50 Gaaner Jhornatolay

ATN BANGLA
11:10 Bangla Feature Film
02:30 Drama: Shesh Potro
03:45 Sundar Jibon-er Jonyo
04:25 Location
05:10 PCL T-20 Cup Sharjah 2010 (Live)
06:20 PCL T-20 Cup Sharjah 2010 (Live)
08:00 PCL T-20 Cup Sharjah 2010 (Live)
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 i Sports
03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
03:45 Amader Shikya Amader
Shangskriti
04:10 Muktijuddha Protidin
04:30 Aalor Pothey
05:30 Chhayachhobir Gaan
06:20 Travel Show: Banglalink Banglar Pothey
09:35 Meril Prothom Alo Puroshkar'09 Pordaar Pichhoner Golpo
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

ntv
01:05 Swastho Protidin
04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:35 Mohilangan
06:10 Shubho Shondha
06:40 Musical Programme: Amaro Gaitey Ichha Holo
09:00 Otobi Life in Style
11:30 Sur Bhora Neelima

ETV
03:30 Dehatori
04:30 Children's Programme
05:25 Sangskriti Shamachar
05:45 Sports Plus
06:30 Deshjurey
07:50 Drama
09:30 Ekusher Chokh
10:10 Baula Ontor
12:02 Ekusher Raat

RTV
12:30 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Protidin
06:45 Borney Borney Rochito
07:15 Uttal 71
11:30 Tomaar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan

BANGLAVISION
12:30 Banglavision Top 10
02:30 Drama on request
03:35 Cinebit Shadakalo
05:25 Music Vision
06:05 Shamol Bangla
06:40 Point of Order
09:05 Media Bhuban
11:20 Musical Programme: Projapotir Chhoya

DESH TV
04:30 Dur Durantey
05:30 Dur Path
06:30 Rupali Geeti Chhanda
07:45 Musical Show: Murchhonar Shabdojal

HBO
12:30 By The People: The Election Of Barack Obama
03:00 The Animatrix
07:00 Braddock: Missing In Action III
09:00 Tmz 208
09:30 Life Without Dick
11:30 I Spy

ESPN
02:30 Big Ten Championship - Men's Gymnastics
04:30 FIM S1 Supermoto World Championship 2009 - Highlights
05:30 PBA All STAR Shootout
06:00 Castrol Football Crazy
06:30 Winter X Games 13
07:30 Goals!
08:00 Global Football
08:30 Sportscenter India
09:00 Sportscenter Asia
09:30 2010 FIFA World Cup
Magazine Show
10:00 Goals!
10:30 Sportscenter India

BBC WORLD
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 HARDtalk (r)
03:00 BBC World News
03:30 World Business Report
03:45 Sport Today
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 World Business Report
04:45 Sport Today
05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
05:30 GMT with George Alagiah
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 World Business Report
06:45 Sport Today
07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
08:30 World Business Report
08:45 Sport Today
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 HARDtalk (r)
10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
11:30 World Business Report

Talk show
ATN Bangla
12:30am Hello Bangladesh
Channel i
09:50am Grameenphone Tritiomatra
12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan
Desh TV
08:15pm Ekoi Brintey
11:45pm Shoja Katha

Drama Serial
Channel i
07:50pm Gariber Kopaley Shanti Nai
ETV
04:02pm Bondhon
RTV
09:25pm Tobou Boshonto
10:10pm Dui Pokhkho
BANGLAVISION
08:15pm Patiganit
09:45pm Gulshan Avenue
Channel 1
08:15pm Garbhodharini

News Bulletin
BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at **9:00 am.**
News (Bangla) at **8:00 am 2:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm.**
News (English) at **10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.**
Late Night News (Bangla and English) **11:30 pm.** (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).
CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
ATN BANGLA
NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.
BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at **7:30am. 1:30pm. 5:00pm. 7:15pm. 10:30pm.**
News Headlines (Bangla) at **10:00am. 12:00am. 4:00pm.**
News (English) at **6:00pm**
Rtv
News (Bangla): **2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am**
ntv
News (Bangla):**7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am**
ETV
News (Bangla): **9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm**
abc radio
News: **08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am; English Bulletin:1:30pm, 7:30pm**

Jontrona
On Desh TV at 9:45 pm
Single Episode TV play
Cast: Joya Ahsan, Shahiduzzaman Selim

The Bucket List
On HBO at 5:00 pm
Comedy
Cast: Morgan Freeman, Jack Nicholson

Fan Club Tournament
On Channel i at 7:50 pm
Reality Show

abc radio FM 89.2
06:00am Bhorer Janalay
09:00am Mokhurito Jiboney
12:00pm Darun Dupurey
03:00pm Duranto Bikeley
05:00pm Shondha Tara
07:00pm Shaj-er Maya
09:00pm Raat-er Akashey
11:00pm Golper Shesh Nei

RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM
07:30am Hello Dhaka
10:00am Morning Express
12:30pm No Tension
04:00pm Dhaka Calling
09:00pm Full Volume
11:00pm Back to Back music

RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Musti Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U Turn
08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok
12:00am Today's Happy Moments