

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Films Show and Poster Exhibition

Organiser: Russian Centre of Science & Culture, Dhaka  
Venue: TSC Auditorium, University of Dhaka  
Date: April 15  
Time: 10am-7pm



### Group Art Exhibition

Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7/A, Dhanmondi  
Date: April 10-19  
Time: 3pm-9pm



### 17th Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2010

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA)  
Venue: Naton Art Gallery Plaza, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: April 2-19  
Time: 11am-7pm (Friday 3pm-8pm)



### Chaitrosankrantir Book Fair

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



## Theatre festival by Padatik ends

### Mamunur Rashid and Shimul Yousuf honoured



Mamunur Rashid (left) and Shimul Yousuf receive their awards from the Information Minister.

A CORRESPONDENT

The five-day theatre festival "Syed Badruddin Hossain Smriti Natyatshab and Sharok Shommanona 2010" by Padatik Natya Shangshad, TSC ended on April 11, with theatre personality Shimul Yousuf and Mamunur Rashid receiving 'Syed Badruddin

Hossain Sharok Shommanona 2010'.

Syed Badruddin Hossain, a noted educationist, columnist and Language Movement veteran, was the president of Padatik till his death on March 24, 2009. The award has been introduced in his memory.

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad was the chief guest at the closing ceremony. The chief

guest handed over the crests to the awardees. Professor Jatin Sarkar was present as the special guest. Among others, Hassan Arif, general secretary Shammolito Shangkritik Jote; Jhuna Chowdhury, secretary general, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation; M. Hamid, CEO of RTV and Nihad Kabir, convenor of the festival were present at the event.

The award giving ceremony was followed by the staging of "Ebong Bidyasagar" by theatre troupe Aranyak Natya Dal.

The festival which began from April 7, featured performance by five theatre troupes -- Nagarik Natya Sampradaya, Loko Natyadal, Aranyak Natya Dal, the host Padatik Natya Shangshad and Theatre Workshop (from India).



Actors of Aranyak Natya Dal stage "Ebong Bidyasagar" at the event.

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## Laila's work features in World Wide Art Books

A CORRESPONDENT

International Contemporary Masters, volume III has been recently published. An annual art journal of WWAB (World Wide Art Book), this volume presents 233 artists from 54 countries. The cultural diversities and difference of backgrounds are evident from the works.

It is a matter of great pride that, a painting of Laila Sharmeen, a Bangladeshi artist, has been featured in this significant art anthology. She is the only Bangladeshi painter who has been sponsored by WWAB. The book contains nearly 400 works from all over the world. Despina Tunberg, an internationally noted painter is the curator of the book.

Laila Sharmeen did her Masters in Printmaking from the Institute of Fine Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka). She has participated in 50 international group exhibitions and 11 solo exhibitions. She is an earnest painter -- her favourite mediums are etching, watercolour, and acrylic. Her installations have been mostly done in video format. Her mixed media works are rich, abstract images of beauty and truth. Her reposeful works have a touch of transparency and harmony. Spontaneous use of colours express the artist's mood and contemplative world.

Laila's masterpiece in the anthology titled "Datta Dayadivam Damyata: Shantih Shantih



Laila Sharmeen (top); the artwork featured in WWAB.

"Shantih" was done in mixed media with various shades of white, grey, olive, black, chocolate, crimson and sapphire. She has always tried to explore nature, rhythm, music and poetry through her works.

## DreamWorks rolls out "Kung Fu Panda" virtual world

After 2-1/2 years of work and an investment of about \$10 million, DreamWorks Animation has started rolling out its first online virtual world -- a browser-based Web theme park tied to its "Kung Fu Panda" movie franchise.

The marketing push for "Kung Fu Panda World," which comes at a subscription cost of \$5.95 per month, but can also be sampled after watching an online ad, kicked off Monday after a soft launch at the end of March.

DreamWorks' first effort in the virtual world space targets 8- to 12-year-olds, and follows the creation or acquisition of virtual worlds for young demos in recent years by such rivals as Walt Disney (Pixie Hollow, Club Penguin) and Viacom (Neopets, Petpet Park).

John Batter, DreamWorks' co-president of production, and Rick Rekedal, head of production for DreamWorks Animation Online, told the Hollywood Reporter that the virtual playground will allow "Panda" fans to pick a kung fu style fitting their personality (monkey, tiger or panda) and customise the look of their character. In tests, girls spent a lot of time on this activity.

Users can then play in-world games (from dance/rhythm to jump-and-run and fight games with such names as "Manis and Crane" and "Kung Fu Beats"), unlock additional abilities and games over time and use in-world virtual coins they earn to buy items, such as clothing or scrolls and potions to enhance game play. The goal is to boost their kung fu mastery by earning collared sashes that stand

for ever-improving levels of skill.

To make the virtual world experience fun for the long-term, DWA also plans to add locations, games and features over time.

The idea is to simulate the growth and journey of Po the Panda, the title character of the 2008 film, which is due for a sequel next year.

"Kids want to be challenged and rewarded," which is why games are simple to learn, but difficult to master, said Batter. "We're kind of teaching them what a quest is. And we wanted to make them feel that this is their world and they have a say." For example, Dreamworks will let members vote on what additional games and features will be launched.

A lot of work went into making the experience kids-friendly to avoid frustrating or confusing young users. For example, click buttons were made large enough to make navigation easy. Users can add friends who show up on a map when entering the world, which allows kids to go on "play dates" inside the world. And tests showed that kids were concerned that if they hit "quit," they would exit games in the virtual world and lose all their accomplishments and points. So, Dreamworks changed "quit" to "keep rewards and return to the world."

And since parents often tell kids they shouldn't download programs, DreamWorks built the virtual world as an in-browser experience without the need to download or install programs.

Source: Internet

## ON AIR

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

### ATN BANGLA

01:25 ATN Music  
02:20 Destiny Group National Cricket League T-20  
05:30 Travel Show: Obiraam Bangladesh  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
CHANNEL i  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
03:30 Boi Ebong Boi  
04:05 Muktijudhyo Protidin  
05:30 Banglar Utshabey Sur-er Dhara

07:50 Khudey Gaan Raaj  
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro  
ntv  
12:10 Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Swastho Protidin  
05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha  
06:45 Crime Watch  
09:00 Glamour World  
ETV  
10:50 Financial Bulletin  
04:02 Tele-film: Signal  
07:50 Baishakhi Hawa  
10:10 Drama: Brishti Kaal Kadbey

### Rtv

02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
06:03 Protidin  
06:45 Nari O Nokhyotro  
07:30 Road To Democracy  
09:25 Drama: Bridhysrom  
11:30 Very Filmy

### DESH TV

04:30 Bazarey Notun  
05:30 Dur Paath  
07:45 Binodon Dunia  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Shoja Katha  
BANGLAVISION  
12:30 Housing Barta  
03:35 Cinebit Shadakalo  
05:25 Unnoyoney Bangladesh  
06:05 Ebong Classer Bairey  
06:40 Point of Order  
09:05 Banglavisision Top Ten  
11:25 Raat Biraatey

### HBO

12:30 Mortal Kombat  
02:30 Drillbit Taylor  
04:30 Tmz 210  
05:00 Mean Machine  
07:00 The Last Mimzy  
09:00 Tmz 211  
09:30 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa  
11:30 Looney Tunes: Back In Action

### BBC WORLD

11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 World Business Report  
11:45 BBC World News  
12:00 BBC World News  
12:30 World Business Report  
12:45 Sport Today  
01:00 BBC World News  
01:30 World Business Report  
01:45 Sport Today  
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  
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  
11:45 Sport Today  
ESPN  
12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10  
Match: Blackburn Rovers vs. Manchester United

02:30 Uca/uda College Cheerleading Championships  
03:55 AFC Champions League 2010  
Match: Gamba Osaka vs. Suwon Samsung Bluewings  
06:00 Premier League Highlights  
07:00 Winter X Games 13  
08:00 Final Score  
08:30 Sportscenter India  
09:00 Sportscenter Asia  
09:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10  
Match: Liverpool vs. Fulham

10:30 Sportscenter India  
11:00 Sportscenter Asia  
11:30 Uca/uda College Cheerleading Championships  
STAR SPORTS  
12:30 FIM Mx1 Motocross World C'ship 2010 - Races  
02:30 Monte Carlo Rolex Masters  
10:30 Supa Strikas  
11:00 Golf Focus 2010  
11:30 Score Tonight

### Talk show

CHANNEL i  
09:50am Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan  
ntv  
12:00am Ei Shomoy

### Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA  
08:00pm Jojon Jojon Dur  
08:40pm Tomato Ketchup  
09:20pm Kothay Pabo Tarey  
ntv  
08:15pm Mamuli Ekta Manush  
09:45pm Dhup Chhaya  
DESH TV  
08:15pm Jolpori  
09:45pm Noditey Ondhokaar  
BANGLAVISION  
08:15pm Babar Hotel  
09:45pm Diba Raatri Khola Thakey

### 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



Jojon Jojon Dur  
On ATN Bangla at 8:00 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Nader Chowdhury



The Last Mimzy  
On HBO at 7:00 pm  
Sci-fi/Mystery  
Cast: Rhiannon Leigh Wryn, Chris O'Neil



Raat Biraatey  
On Banglavisision at 11:20 pm  
Tonight's guest: Hasan Masud



abc radio FM 89.2  
06:00 Bhorer Janalay  
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney  
12:00 Darun Dupurey  
03:00 Duranto Bikeley  
05:00 Shondhatara  
07:00 Shajer Maya  
09:00 Raat-er Akashey  
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei  
RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM  
07:30 Hello Dhaka  
10:00 Morning  
Express  
12:00 My Time  
01:00 No Tension  
04:00 Dhaka Calling  
09:00 Night Rider  
01:00 Back to Back music  
RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM  
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Musti Unlimited  
01:00 Today's Adda  
04:00 U Turn  
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok  
11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan  
12:00 Today's Happy Moments