

Solo Raku **Exhibition** Title: Philology of Time Artist: Ashim Halder Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University Date: April 24-May1

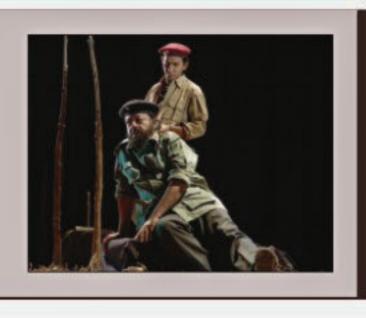
Time: 11am-8pm



Theatre Play: Shatrughno Troupe: Aranyak Natyadal Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: May 1 Time: 7:30pm



Theatre Play: Che'r Cycle Troupe: Bangla Theatre Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall. Shilpakala Academy Date: May 1 Time: 6pm



Photography Exhibition Title: BBC BUZZ Capturing Moments, Framing Lives Venue: DRIK Gallery, H- 58, R- 15A, Dhanmondi,

Dhaka-1209 Date: May 1-6 Time: 3 -8 pm Inauguration: April 30 (5:30 pm)



Honours

Syed Jamil Ahmed receives NSD award



Professor Syed Jamil Ahmed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned theatre personality and founder of the Department of Theatre, Dhaka University (DU), Professor Syed Jamil Ahmed has received the prestigious B.V. Karanth Award given by the National School of Drama (NSD), India.

Named after one of its former directors, the late Babukodi Venkataramana Karanth, NSD awards one of its international graduates each year for his/her innovative contribution to theatre.

Professor Ahmed was a student of NSD in the mid-1970s. After returning to



A scene from Professor Ahmed's play "Shong Bhong Chong".

Bangladesh in the early '80s, he started a new schooling of theatre, which mingles indigenous elements with the western

Professor Ahmed's unique views are reflected through some of his notable works such as "Bishad Shindhu", a Dhaka Padatik production based on Mir Mosharraf Hossian's acclaimed novel; the Dhaka Theatre production "Chaka" and the Department of Theatre, DU productions "Komolaranir Shagordighi", "Behular Bhashan" and "Shong Bhong Chong".

Professor Ahmed attained international recognition with his directorial works "Ek Hazaar Aur Ek Thi Raat" (Urdu), "The Wheel" (English adaptation of Selim Al Deen's "Chaka") and "Pahiye" (Hindi).

His research on the traditional theatre forms, "Auchinpakhi Infinity: Indigenous Theatre of Bangladesh", is considered to be the most authentic and elaborate documentation of the performing art forms of our country.

NSD is India's premier theatre training institute, situated in New Delhi. It is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, set up in 1959 by the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

"Poush Phaguner Pala": Afsana Mimi talks about her latest production

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular actress Afsana Mimi has attained much acclaim as a TV serial director over the last few years. Some of the serials directed by her are "Doll's House" (aired on ATN Bangla), "Kachher Manush" (aired on ntv) and "Grihogalpo", "Sharey Tin Tola" (both aired on Ekushey TV).

Mimi is presently busy with her new mega serial "Poush Phaguner Pala" that will go on air on ATN Bangla next month. Recently she talked to The Daily Star (TDS) about her new venture.

TDS: What is the storyline of the serial?

Mimi: The serial is set in erstwhile East Pakistan of the '60s. Rashmoni, a zamindar's widow, is the central character of the serial. Due to a family conspiracy she is deprived of her husband's property. Rashmoni has three married daughters -- Komola, Shyama and Uma. Komola's husband dies, while Shyama's husband is a spendthrift and Uma's husband is having an extramarital affair. At one point of the serial, Rashmoni dies.

TDS: Who are the actors in the serial? Mimi: Ferdausi Majumdar dons the character of Rashmoni, while Humayun Faridee, Afroza Banu, Raisul Islam Asad, Tropa Majumdar, Sanjida Preeti,

Intekhab Dinar and Sohana Saba play the other major characters.

TDS: As the serial is set in the '60s, did a stretch. you face problems collecting props?

Mimi: No, not really, since everything from that era is fairly easy to collect. However, there was a problem regarding choosing the location for shooting. We eventually found a spot (Belishwar village of Dhamrai Upazila,

Dhaka) that is apt for the serial. We have been on shooting there for days at

TDS: Who is the playwright and how many episodes are in the serial?

Mimi: The play is an adaptation of Gajendra Kumar Mitra's novel. Eraj Ahmed and Mansur Rahman Chanchal have jointly dramatised it. There are 254 episodes.

Katie Holmes to portray Jackie Kennedy



Katie Holmes (left) and Jackie Kennedy.

Actress Katie Holmes is to play former US first lady Jackie Kennedy in a TV mini-series about President Kennedy and the events surrounding his family.

Greg Kinnear has been cast as JFK in the drama, which is the first scripted series on The History Channel.

UK star and Oscar winner Tom Wilkinson will play Kennedy's father Joe in the programme, which will look behind the scenes of the famous clan.

channel next year.

The serial is due to be aired on the US cable

It will cover the early years of Kennedy's presidency until 1963, when he was assassinated in Dallas.

Jackie Kennedy, who later married Greek Source: BBC

shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, was considered one of the world's most stylish women during her lifetime.

She died of cancer in 1994.

Holmes, who has been married to Tom Cruise since 2006, appeared in 2005 blockbuster "Batman Begins".

The actress appeared in 128 episodes of television drama "Dawson's Creek" from 1998-2003, as the character Joey Potter.

Kinnear's numerous roles include in the 2006 hit film "Little Miss Sunshine", while his performance in "As Good As It Gets" earned him a best supporting actor nomination at the Academy Awards.

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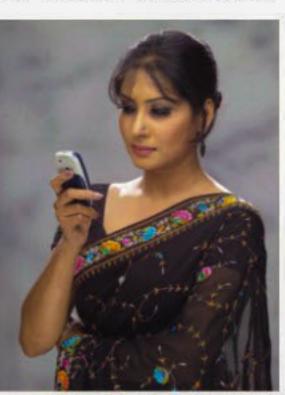


Actress Farah Ruma turns director

A CORRESPONDENT

TV actress Farah Ruma is turning director with the telefilm "Ek Minute Nirobota". According to Ruma, "I'm excited! The story is quite unusual and I was keen on doing something with it. I hope the viewers will find the telefilm interesting."

The cast includes Iresh Zaker, Farah Ruma, Humaira Himu and Lina Ahmed. The telefilm will be aired on Channel i today at 2:35pm.



Farah Ruma

Jatiyo Nrittyo Utshab held

REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur

on the occasion.

Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangstha's (BNSS) greater Faridpur district unit committee held a dance programme at Kobi Jasimuddin Hall of the town on April 24. Faridpur Deputy Commissioner Helaluddin Ahmed was the

chief guest, while veteran dancer Nomita Kundu and Mohammad Alauddin, Faridpur district cultural officer, were special guests at the opening session of the function. Belayet Hossain, general

entertainment. The art form is an integral part of our culture, he

Reputed dancers and dance organisations performed dances

secretary of BNSS chaired the function. Helaluddin Ahmed said that dance is a superb expression of went on to add.

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