

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**


**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Artist: Masuda Kazi  
 Title: Small is Beautiful  
 Venue: Gallery Kaya, H-20, R-16, Sector-4, Uttara  
 Date: June 4-15  
 Time: 11am-8pm




**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Venue: Saju Art Gallery, D.C.C Market, Gulshan-2  
 Date: May 7-June 6  
 Time: 10am-8pm



**Solo Photography Exhibition**  
 Title: Soulscapes- Ontor Bhumi  
 Photographer: GMB Akash  
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
 Date: June 1-10  
 Time: 12-8pm



**Theatre**  
 Play: Ahom Tamoshay  
 Troupe: Pubali Cultural Centre, Feni  
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: June 11  
 Time: 7pm



## Gantha honours Selina Hossain

A CORRESPONDENT

Gantha, a literary organisation, accorded a reception on June 2 to noted writer Selina Hossain for receiving the honorary D.Lit degree from Rabindra Bharati University. The reception was held at Bengal Café, Dhanmondi in Dhaka.

sions on current trends in Bangla fiction, poetry, short story and other genres of creative writing. The members get together once a month."

Selina Hossain said, "I'm elated to receive this honour. This will encourage me to be more devoted to my work. My writings have been included in the syllabus of Indian universities, including Rabindra Bharati, Jadavpore and Guwahati."

India Institute of Planning and Management has introduced the Rabindra Memorial Award this year, and Selina Hossain is the first recipient of the award.

Noted writer Jahanara Nowshin said, "Selina's style is unique. Her writings are research based. She visits places to research for the themes of her stories. She is bold and outspoken."

Veteran literary critic Shahrukh Rahman said, "Selina has carved a niche for herself in the Bangladeshi literary arena. The style, structure, length and psychological subtlety of her stories have made her popular with readers throughout the country."

Hossain received the degree and a lifetime achievement award from Rabindra Bharati on May 8 this year. Previous Bangladeshi recipients of the award include poet Jasim Uddin, Dr. Ahmed Sharif, poet Shamsur Rahman and Professor Anisuzzaman.

Selina Hossain has been writing for over four decades. One of the leading writers of Bangladesh, Hossain was born on June 14, 1947 in Rajshahi. Her first book, a collection of short stories, came out in 1969. She has written more than 60 books so far.

Dr. Niaz Zaman, founder of Gantha, said, "Gantha was formed in 2007 with the objective of promoting female writers of Bangladesh. The organisation holds meetings and discus-



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From left: Dr. Niaz Zaman, Jahanara Nowshin and writer Selina Hossain at the reception.

## Aupee Karim at DS Café

*It was 10 minutes before noon on May 29 when the ravishing Aupee Karim arrived in a black and white fatua and jeans with her beguiling smile and that spark in her eyes. Before the phone line got busy (for the next one hour) the Arts and Entertainment Desk put a few questions to the popular actress, TV show host and dancer.*

**TDS:** You're an actress and TV show host but you also teach. If you had to choose one profession, which would you opt for?

**Aupee:** Hands down, it'd be teaching. I just love it!

**TDS:** How would you define your attitude towards life in one word?

**Aupee:** Easy-going. My parents have never pressured me into doing anything. They have advised me to carry on with my studies, dance or whatever so that I didn't lose out. Achievements follow naturally when you take interest - that's what they always said. Perhaps that's why I enjoy life and have been able to cross several hurdles with ease.

**TDS:** Who is your idol? Who would you ideal co-actor be?

**Aupee:** Idol -- none in particular. But who can deny the captivating smile of Suchitra Sen, the persona of Ferdousi Majumdar, the charm of Suborna Mustafa and so on.

In most of the plays I've done, Mahfuz Ahmed and more recently Mosharraf Karim have been my co-actors. But if I was ever paired up with a Bollywood actor, I'd want him to be Farhan Akhtar.

**TDS:** How would you define good and bad acting?

**Aupee:** When an actor can convince the audience that the character (s)he is playing is for real, that is good acting. If not, it would be the other way around.

*The line gets flooded with calls a minute after noon.*

**Daisy (first caller) from Elephant Road, Dhaka:** I'm a student of Vigarunessa Noon School. I cannot concentrate in my studies. You are an



architect, an actress and a dancer. How do you manage to do all that?

**Aupee:** Life is full of challenges. Keep trying and don't lose heart. I was very moody myself. Just put your heart and soul to it and be optimistic.

**Adiba from Mirpur, Dhaka:** You are my role model. I adore you for your personality. Why don't we see you that often on TV now?

**Aupee:** I was doing my post graduation in Germany. I am presently teaching at AIUB, in the Department of architecture. You might know that TV shooting continues for quite a few days and I have very limited time to spare. Also lately I have become selective about new acting offers. But there are quite a few in the pipeline for the upcoming Eid.

**Pijush Mukherjee from Kishoreganj:** How do you define success?

**Aupee:** Not sure how to define that

but Musa Ibrahim has attained success by reaching the highest point of earth.

**Mahboob from Uttara, Dhaka:** Are you religious?

**Aupee:** Religion is something personal. At our home, praying at break of dawn is a must. I believe in Almighty and have learnt that doing no wrong is the greatest teaching of every religion.

**Aragh from Sylhet:** Any plan to visit Sylhet? What if you were to choose a career in the armed forces?

**Aupee:** We just returned from a trip to Sylhet. As to your second query, since I am a student of BAF Shaheen, I am more inclined towards the Air Force. I would love to become a pilot, if there was still a chance to do so (smilingly).

**Shopon from Jessore:** I need your advice on how to convince my son from going astray.

**Aupee:** First try to talk and get close to him. See what is bothering him. If he doesn't respond, tough love should do

it. If that doesn't help either, consult a councillor.

**Lipi from Uttara, Dhaka:** People say I resemble you. But you have prettier eyes for sure! I have seen you often near New Market. Next time I see you, can I talk to you?

**Aupee:** That's a very nice compliment! It'd be great to talk to you. Seems like you saw me returning from BUET.

**Rahman Jahangir (senior journalist) from Dhaka:** You were superb in a hilarious TV play, which also starred Mosharraf Karim. What's the name of that TV play?

**Aupee:** I think you are talking about the single-episode play "Hawaai Mithai." I will pass on the message to the director.

**Sauqib from Dhanmondi, Dhaka:** When is your birthday?

**Aupee:** May 1.

## Runa on "Ke Hobey Biggest Fan" tonight

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Internationally renowned Bangladeshi singer Runa Laila is the featured celebrity on tonight's "Ke Hobey Biggest Fan" (Who will be the biggest fan) on Zee Bangla at 10 pm. The show is hosted by Bollywood director Anuraag Basu. "Ke Hobey Biggest Fan" highlights the life and journey of a celebrity. In each episode, a celebrity's personal life, first love, hobbies, aspirations and more are revealed.



Anuraag Basu and Runa Laila on the show.

However, what sets this apart from other celebrity shows is the participation of fans.

The host asks questions to the fans about the celebrity. The admirer who answers all questions correctly is crowned the "Biggest Fan" of the star.

## Homer Simpson voted greatest TV character

Homer Simpson has been named the greatest TV and film character of the last 20 years, according to an Entertainment Weekly survey.

The cartoon character, best known for his love of eating, beat schoolboy wizard Harry Potter to the top slot.

People relate to Homer "because we're all secretly propelled by desires we can't admit to," creator Matt Groening told the US magazine.

Buffy the Vampire Slayer, played by Sarah Michelle Gellar, came third.

In fourth place was Tony Soprano from US drama series "The Sopranos," followed by comic book villain The Joker, played by late Australian actor Heath Ledger in "The Dark Knight."

Other famous characters which were included in the top 10 were Rachel from "Friends," Johnny Depp's Edward Scissorhands and Anthony Hopkins' Hannibal Lecter.

Sarah Jessica Parker's Carrie Bradshaw from "Sex And The City" and cartoon character Spongebob Squarepants rounded out the list.

Source: BBC



## The pride is ours. Courtesy, yours.

'Radio aamar' takes the pride for winning the Prime Bank-BPC FM Radio Award 2010 in total 8 categories - Best Interactive Radio Station, Best RJ Male, Best RJ Female, Best Program, Best Producer, Best Comedy Show, Best Reality Show and Most Wanted Radio Personality. This achievement goes to all our listeners and well-wishers. Congratulations everyone!



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