

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photography Exhibition
Photographer: Dr. Niaz Rahman
Title: Rhythmic Wing Beats
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
Date: June 25-July 2
Time: 3pm-8pm



Photography Exhibition
Title: Environmental Portraiture
Venue: Pathshala South Asian Media Academy, 16, Shukrabad
Date: June 21-28
Time: 11am-6pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Nagarbasi Barman
Title: Spiral
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H-20, R-16, Sector-4, Uttara
Date: June 18-29
Time: 11am-8pm

Nagarbasi Barman
SPIRAL

Clay Exhibition
Title: Clay and Life by Harappa
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
Date: June 9-21
Time: 3 pm-8 pm



Remembering art critic Sovon Som



Sovon Som



Nisar Hossain speaks at the programme.

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Dhaka Art Centre arranged a memorial programme in honour of the recently deceased internationally renowned Indian art critic Sovon Som at the centre's auditorium, on June 20. Noted art critic Moinuddin Khaled, artist Nisar Hossain, Professor Syed Azizul Haque, Dr. Shubhagoto Chowdhury and Dr. Niru Parvin spoke on the occasion.

Sovon Som was born in 1932 at Silchar, Assam. He was an exponent of fine arts from Visva Bharati University. He received D.Lit from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata and was a Professor of History of

Art at the university for an extended period. He was also the Dean of Visual Arts at Rabindra Bharati University. He was the visiting professor at Havana University in Cuba and Comenius University in Slovakia in 1987 and 1994 respectively.

Moinuddin Khaled said, "Som created a new era in Bengali art criticism. He was extremely well informed on Bangladeshi artists, their styles, techniques and themes. He was the first critic who meticulously researched on the paintings of Rabindranath Tagore. The article was first published in Desh and earned international acclaim."

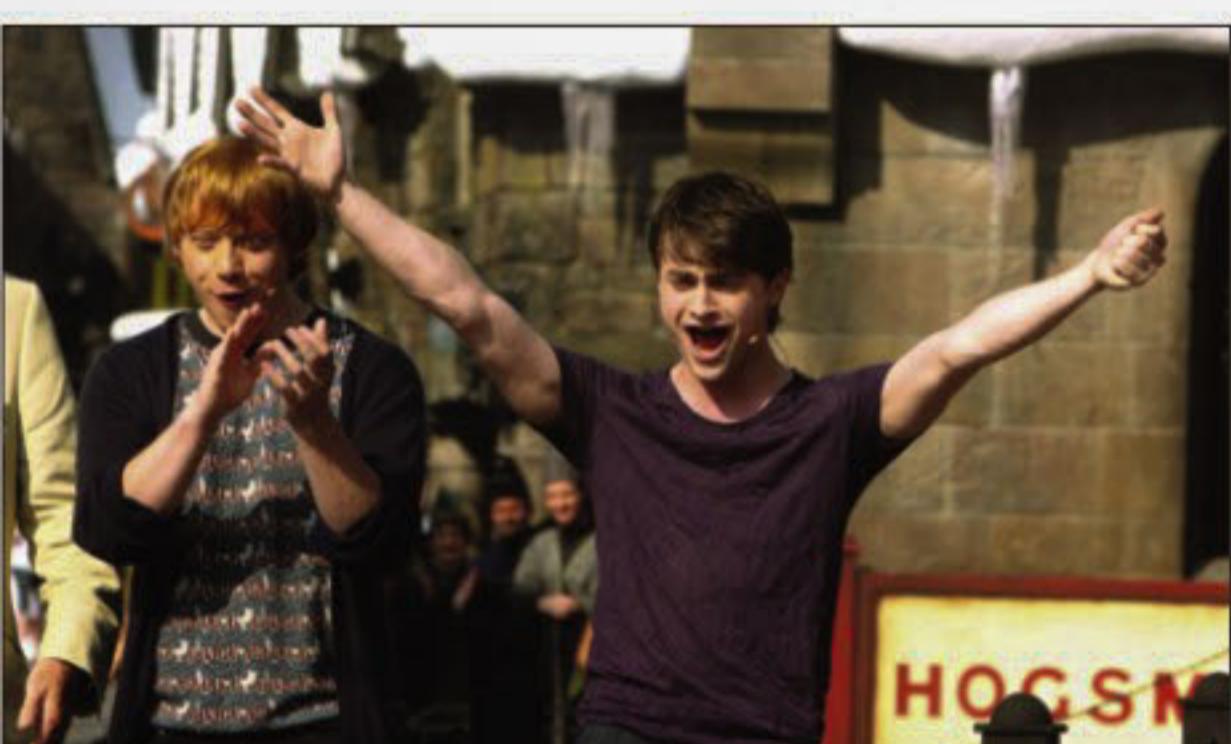
"Som wrote on three veteran painters of

Bangladesh -- Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan and Shafuddin Ahmed," Khaled added.

Nisar Hossain said, "Som was not only an art critic, but also a painter, poet, essayist, curator, musicologist and script-writer. His writings have enriched Bengali art. He authored a number of books in Bengali, English and Hindi related to art history. He was honoured by the West Bengal State Academy in 2002 for his achievements in art history."

Dr. Shubhagoto Chowdhury, Som's nephew, said, "Som was reticent and studious by nature. We visited his home in Shantiniketan and were mesmerised by the scenic beauty of the river Koyai on a moonlit night."

Thousands flock to opening of Harry Potter theme park



Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe cheers with the crowd, with co-star Rupert Grint (left) during the official opening of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando.

Thousands queued for the opening of the Harry Potter theme park, where they were greeted by the films' stars, including Daniel Radcliffe.

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter opened at the Universal Orlando Resort in Florida, on Friday.

Universal Orlando spokesman Tom Schroder said 5,000

people were waiting to get in before the park opened.

Radcliffe said the park, based on JK Rowling's hugely successful novels, was the "next part of the Potter legacy."

Aerial photos showed thousands of people waiting to enter the park for the first time. On Twitter and other forums, they joked that the park had become "Harry Potter and the Endless Line."

The 20-acre site includes rides, shops and reproductions of the fictitious village of Hogsmeade, the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and the Hogwarts Express train.

"What Universal Orlando has done with Harry Potter is really, really fantastic," said Radcliffe, who plays the schoolboy wizard, at the opening ceremony.

"We're all kind of very grateful that the next part of the Harry Potter legacy has been so well done and so well made."

Radcliffe was joined at the opening by fellow Potter actors Rupert Grint (who plays Ron Weasley), Michael Gambon (Albus Dumbledore), Warwick Davis (Filius Flitwick), Bonnie Wright (Ginny Weasley), Matthew Lewis (Neville Longbottom), Tom Felton (Draco Malfoy) and James and Oliver Phelps (Fred and George Weasley).

The park has two roller coasters and a ride that takes guests on a flight through Harry's life, including encounters with Dementors and a dragon and projections of characters from the film.

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