

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Nazrul Sangeet

Artist: Dr. Nashid Kamal
Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, H-35, R-24, Gulshan-1
Date: July 31
Time: 7pm



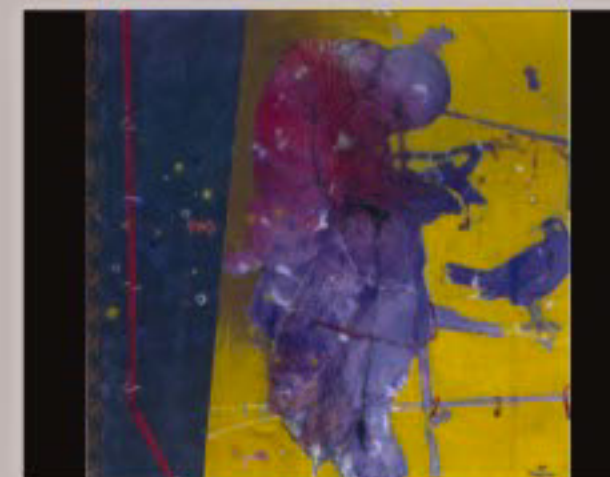
Exhibition

To commemorate Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah's Birth Anniversary
Organiser: Bangalee Shamagra
Venue: Bangalee Shamagra Museum, Khair Mansion, 235/2, Elephant Road
Date: July 10-31
Time: 10am-8pm



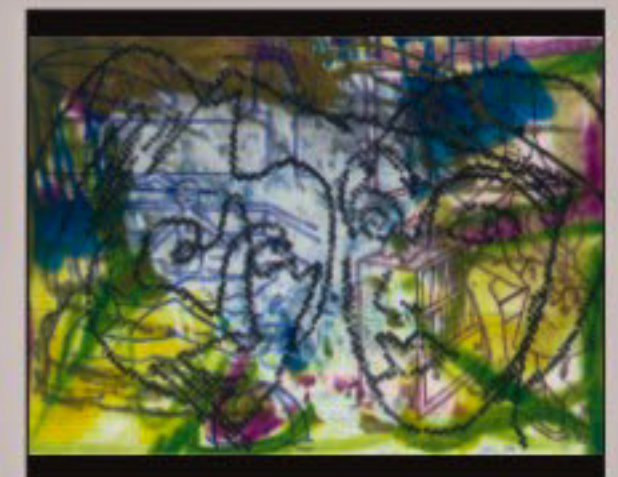
Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Ranjit Das
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, R-16, Sector-4, Uttara
Date: July 30-Aug 12
Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Music from an Unknown Source
Artist: Sigmar Polke
Venue: Goethe-Institut H-10, R-9, Dhanmondi
Date: July 15-August 2
Time: 10 am-8 pm



Music festival at Dhaka University begins today



Students of Music Department, DU, during a rehearsal for the festival.

A CORRESPONDENT

A two daylong music festival begins today at TSC auditorium of Dhaka University (DU). Department of Music, DU is arranging the festival for the second time.

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad will inaugurate the festival at 5 pm today. Vice Chancellor of DU

AAMS Arefin Siddique; Pro-Vice Chancellor Harun Ar Rashid and Treasure Dr. Mizanur Rahman Shelley will be present as special guests on the occasion.

"Aside from participating in the events arranged by DU, the department of music regularly chalks out elaborate programmes to mark national days and festivities like Interna-

tional Mother Language Day, Independence Day, Victory Day, Pahela Falgun, Pahela Baishakh, Nobanno Utshab, Rabindra and Nazrul Jayanti, Department and University Day (July 1), Saraswati Puja and more," Chairman of Music Department, Kuheli Islam, said.

"This music festival aims to nurture pure forms of music. We generally

hold it at the end of July as an ode to monsoon. The monsoon is closely associated with the culture and Bengali way of life," she added.

"Tomar Ananda Oi Elo Dwarey," a Tagore composition, is the theme song of this year's festival. The festival will feature classical music (compositions on Raga Aahir Bhairav), Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, folk music, *adhunik* songs and dance performances.

Ferdous Ara, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury, Anima De Costa, Shayan, Tuntun Baul, Pagla Bablu, Dil Afroz Reba will perform songs at the festival as guest artistes. Choreographed by Laila Hasan, artistes of Nataraj will perform a dance composition. Eminent dancer Sharmila Bandyopadhyay will also perform at the event.

Renowned litterateur Selina Hossain as the chief guest and Dr. Sadrul Amin, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, as a special guest will be present on the concluding day (July 31) of the festival.

Music researcher Professor Mridul Kanti Chakraborti of DU is the convener of the festival.

A.R. Rahman to sacrifice Bollywood for international career?

A.R. Rahman's international career, which has taken off in a big way after "Slumdog Millionaire," keeps encountering snags, thanks to long-pending assignments back home.

According to sources, Rahman has to keep interrupting his international plans to be home for various pending assignments. The harried composer is now seriously thinking of putting all home assignments on hold to concentrate on building his career abroad, or else he feels he would lose the international advantage he obtained after "Slumdog Millionaire."

Says a friend of Rahman, "The Indian assignments after 'Slumdog Millionaire' have been very time-consuming, especially 'Raavan' where Rahman not only had to do two versions of the music in Hindi and Tamil, but director Mani Ratnam also asked him to give 3-4 tunes for every lyric before one was selected. The music of 'Raavan' took more time than Rahman could afford, with the result that other Indian assignments primarily Abbas Tyrewala's John Abraham-Pakhi starrer got left behind."

At the moment Rahman is back again in Chennai for mixing the music of Abbas' film. But the background score of the film, which releases in October, is still to be done.

No one is admitting it, but one of the primary reasons why Tyrewala's film got delayed is the music score, which Rahman has been serving up piecemeal, for no fault of his, since the composer was committed to be out of the country for half the year for his world concerts.

Says the source, "Rahman had to continuously keep breaking his international tours and other projects to be home for various reasons, like the music



release of 'Raavan' and other things. He has begun to feel that his international career would never take off if he has to keep returning home."

Abbas Tyrewala, in Chennai with Rahman for the mixing of his film's music, jumps to the composer's defence. "Yes Rahman has been a little tied up and therefore unable to deliver quickly. But that's because he has to be constantly moving back and forth between India and the U.S. 'Raavan' took much longer than Rahman thought. I'm not worried

about my music. It's almost done. Whatever time Rahman takes is finally worth the while."

In the meanwhile, Rahman has not signed a single new assignment in Mumbai or Chennai in the last few months.

After completing Abbas Tyrewala's music, Rahman will now focus on consolidating his career abroad.

Source: Internet

Planning for Tagore's 150th birth anniversary celebration in Kushtia

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

Kushtia Shilpakala Academy on Wednesday arranged a musical soiree featuring Baul songs.

The event was arranged in honour of Ankan Chatterjee, director of Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in Dhaka.

Chatterjee visited Kushtia to discuss Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary that will be celebrated round the year jointly by two neighbouring countries -- Bangladesh and India.

As part of the national event, programmes will be held at Shelaidah

Kuthibari in Kushtia.

During his visit, Chatterjee met with Mayor of Kushtia municipality, Anwar Ali; general secretary of Kushtia Shilpakala Academy Amirul Islam, and discussed different issues related to the celebration. Cultural personalities of the district, including Lalim Haq; Rabindra Sangeet singer Ashok Saha; Kushtia Udichi general secretary Samar Roy; joint secretaries of India Bangladesh Friendship Society Sahin Sarkar and Dr. Amanur Aman were present at the discussion.

Chatterjee also visited Kuthibari in Shelaidah and Tagore Lodge on

Wednesday. On Wednesday evening, the cultural programme was held at Kushtia Shilpakala Academy hall.

Local singers presented Baul songs at the programme.

Kuthibari is now a protected national site where a Tagore Memorial Museum has been established by the government. The poet stayed here for over a decade at irregular intervals between 1891 and 1901.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, at a function on Tagore's birth anniversary last year in the capital, had stated that a university would be set up near the Kuthibari.

Del Toro Teaming With James Cameron For First Post-Hobbit Project

Two of the biggest Hollywood filmmakers could be joining forces to make "At the Mountains of Madness." Guillermo del Toro has been lately attached to the directing duty of the project and a new report mentions that James Cameron will come aboard as producer.

Del Toro himself has not confirmed whether or not he has signed up for "Mountains of Madness" but at the Comic Con he did announce that he would "set his next film shortly, and it would be scary." Deadline Hollywood reports. And "Mountains of Madness" is claimed to fit the description.

The film allegedly will be shot in 3-D and pre-production will begin in the



Guillermo del Toro and James Cameron.

next few weeks while principal photography will take place next summer.

Based on H.P. Lovecraft's novel, the movie will see a chilling recollection of an Antarctic expedition's uncanny discoveries and their encounter with untold menace in the ruins of a lost civilisation.

After announcing that he gave up the directing seat of "The Hobbit", Guillermo del Toro has "The Haunted Mansion" lined up as one of his upcoming projects. James Cameron, meanwhile, is gearing up to re-release "Avatar" with additional 8-minute footage in addition to launching his "Titanic" in 3-D.

Source: Internet

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

ATN BANGLA 10:30 LG ATN Rannaghar 11:05 BSB Cambrian Youth Parliament 12:05 Special Islamic Programme 03:15 Bangla Feature Film 06:20 Amra Korbo Joy 08:00 Drama: Ekhanai Shesh Noy CHANNEL I 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma 02:30 Tele-film: Joutuk 05:30 Cute-Channel i Abritti Chhandey Anandey 07:50 Channel i Shera Konto 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker	Shangbadpotro ntv 10:05 Bhalobasho Mor Gaan 02:30 Tele-film: Ekti Diary 04:25 Cookery Show 05:40 Tifin-er Phakey 06:10 Shubho Shondhya 06:45 Rup Madhuri 11:30 Washington Barta ETV 11:30 Shangkriti Shamachar 01:30 Bangla Feature Film 04:30 Mukto Khabor 05:25 Shaptaho Jurey 05:45 Sports Plus	BANGLAVISION 12:05 The Spirit of Islam 02:30 Tele-film/Drama On Request 04:05 Music Together 05:25 Ebong Manush 06:10 Drama/Programme On Request 11:20 Onyo Nayon 12:00 Sangbad Protidin DESH TV 10:30 Khelar Shokal 11:00 Desh Amar	08:20 Corporate Show: Ride On The Top 10:10 Drama: U-Turn Rtv 11:30 Share Update 12:30 Drama Serial: Shial Pondit 04:30 Drama: Kala Koitor 05:00 Cinema R Gaan 06:00 Protidin 06:30 Musical Programme 09:45 Drama: Hoteo Parey Nao Hotey Parey 11:45 Concert STAR MOVIES 09:25 Supernova 11:00 Picture Perfect 03:40 Taken 05:20 Teen Wolf 08:55 Quantum Of Solace 10:50 Killshot 12:35 Pulse ZEE STUDIO 11:00 She's the Man 01:30 Crazy/Beautiful 03:45 The Longest Yard	02:30 Bangla Feature Film 04:00 Desh Janopod 06:25 World Music 07:45 Ja Kichhu Prothom 09:45 Drama: Unknown Number Close up Call HBO 10:30 Wanted 12:30 Wild Things 2: The Glades 02:30 Flash Of Genius 05:00 The House Bunny 07:30 Mortal Kombat Annihilation 09:30 Angels & Demons DISCOVERY CHANNEL 10:30 Engineering Hurricanes 11:30 How The Universe Works 03:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive 07:30 Animal Face-Off 08:30 Man Vs. Wild 10:30 Destroyed In Seconds TRAVEL AND LIVING 08:30 Europe's Richest People 06:30 La Ink 12:30 Life After Pixie	BBC WORLD 12:00 BBC World News 02:30 Peschardt's People 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah 09:30 Click 10:40 Weekend World 11:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing 12:00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi CNN 02:30 The Best of BackStory 03:00 Larry King Live 07:00 World Business Today 09:00 The Brief 10:30 Political Mann 11:00 International Desk 12:00 Quest Means Business ESPN 12:30 X Games 16 03:30 MLB Regular Season 07:30 Football Asia 08:00 Global Football 08:30 Sportscenter India 09:30 Classic Boxing 11:30 Hitz	Talk Show Channel i 12:05pm Kora Alap 11:30pm Bola Bahulya ntv 12:10am Ei Shomoy RTV 07:00pm Road To Democracy	Drama Serial ATN Bangla 09:20pm Shubomo 10:55pm Ochena Manush 11:30pm Amader Shongshar Desh TV 08:15pm Onubhumi BANGLAVISION 08:15pm Patiganit 09:05pm Chandrabindu ntv 08:15pm FnF 09:45pm Khunshuti RTV 09:00 Meghobtir	12:00 Boier Poka 02:00 Footi Unlimited 06:00 Bumper to Bumper 10:00 Club Footi 01:00 Back to Back music abc radio fm 89.2 06:00 Bhorer Janalay Mukhorito 09:00 Jiboney 12:00 Darun Dupurey 03:00 Duranto Bikeley Shondhatara 07:00 Shajer Maya 09:00 Raat-er Akashey 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei RADIO FOORTI 08:00 Addabazi	RADIO TODAY 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka 11:00 Musti Unlimited Today's World Music 04:00 U Turn 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
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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).
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 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): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm,

1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
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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

Hoteo Parey Nao Hotey Parey
 On Rtv at 09:45pm
 Single Episode Play
 Cast: Mithila, Romel, Farhana Mili

Angels and Demons
 On HBO at 09:30pm
 Genre: Thriller
 Cast: Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor

Chandrobindu
 On Banglavisian at 09:05pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Sajal, Bindu, Siddique