

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Children's Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Amar Rongey  
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 Organiser: Rang  
 Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dhanmondi  
 Date: August 16-19  
 Time: 11am-8pm



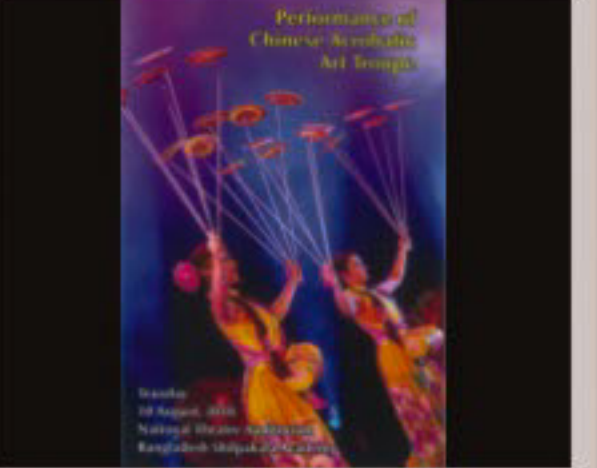
**Theatre Festival 2010**  
 Title: Srijonshil Tarunner Tatyapokash  
 Organiser: Department of Theatre, Dhaka University  
 Venue: Natmondol, DU  
 Date: August 11-18  
 Time: 7:30pm



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



**Performance of Chinese Acrobatic Art Troupe**  
 Organiser: Bangladesh Shipkala Academy  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
 Date: August 10-12  
 Time: 7:30pm



## Theatre Festival at Dhaka University begins today

**A CORRESPONDENT**

An eight-day long theatre festival, titled 'Srijonshil Tarunner Natyapokash,' is going to open today at Natmondol, Dhaka University (DU). Arranged by the Department of Drama, DU, the festival will feature 15 plays written by several Asian, European and American playwrights of eminence.

Former Chief Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman is set to attend the inauguration of the festival as the chief guest. Vice Chancellor of DU, Professor AAMS

Arefin Siddique, will inaugurate the festival at 7 pm. Pro Vice Chancellor, DU, Professor Harun Ar Rashid; Treasurer Professor Mizanur Rahman and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor Sadrul Amin, will attend the programme as special guests.

Written by Charles L. Mee Junior and Harold Printer, two plays "Constantinople Smith" and "Landscape" will be staged on the opening day. Written by W.B. Yeats and Samuel Becket, "Purgatory" and "Play," will be staged on the following day. Starting from 7:30 pm, two plays will be staged everyday till August 17.

The curtain will drop on the festival on August 18 through the play "Colonel Ke Keu Chithi Lekhey Na," an adaptation of a novel written by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Ashok Dasgupta has translated the novel.

As part of their academic curriculum, students (Honours, final year) of the department -- Mithun Chowdhury, Farzana Akhtar Chowdhury, Golam Rabbani, Afsana Siddiqui, Mohsina Aktar, Sharmin Sultana Munmun, Shammi Aktar, Touqir Ahmed, Sandra Nandini Bala, Julhash Mian, Taslima Jahan, Farhana Khanom, Preeti Elizabeth Rosario, Afzal Kabir and Amitav Roy -- will direct the plays.

## In Conversation Saju, a devoted art collector and promoter

**A CORRESPONDENT**

Ramiz Ahmed Chowdhury, better known in the Dhaka art scene as Saju, is devoted to the cause of the arts. He has made significant contribution as a patron of art and artists.

Saju was born in 1944 in Ramu, Cox's Bazar. He was only 11 when he lost his mother. In 1959, he moved to Dhaka. After leaving Cox's Bazar, he did not maintain any contact with his family. He wanted to be free of attachments. At one point, he became friends with Shamsul Islam Nizami, one of the veteran painters of Bangladesh. At that time, Nizami was a teacher of the Institute of Fine Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka).

Nizami introduced Saju to all the notable painters in the contemporary art scenario -- from master painters like Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan to Anwarul Haque, Abdul Razzaque, Kazi Abdul Baset, Murtaja Baseer, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Syed Abdullah Khalid, Ranjit Das. Over the years, Saju has grown close to many of them.

Says Saju, "I am grateful to Nizami. The artist was very helpful. He was recognised for his abstract works. Without his help, I could perhaps never get close to the noted artists of the country. At that time, sales of artworks were carried out through direct contact between the artist and buyer. I got involved in the process and worked as a link between the artists and interested buyers.

"Over the years, I have been introduced to many art connoisseurs and collectors; of them are entrepreneurs, ambassadors and diplomats etc. They are the main buyers of my gallery."

Saju began his own business in 1974. He rented a part of a shop on the first floor of Gulshan DIT Market. Thus Saju Arts and Crafts came into being. In 1977 Saju bought a shop at the same market and then three more in 1981. Right from the beginning, Saju had an innovative approach to selling artworks. He would put some works on display at his shop. These caught attention of the people who would come to the market to get pictures framed.

About Saju, Aminul Islam, one of the senior-most Bangladeshi painters, said, "Saju Art Gallery started back in the day. It was just a few years after the Liberation War when I first met Ramiz Ahmed Chowdhury Saju at the College of Arts and Crafts (now Faculty of Fine Arts). I heard about him in Rawalpindi (Pakistan) from my friend Syed Jahangir."

Noted painter Abu Taher said, "Saju has taken up a commendable and encouraging initiative to recognise talented young artists of the country. Saju can rightly claim his place in our art history. His footprint in the history of art movement in independent Bangladesh is indelible."

Noted oriental painter Abdus Sattar said, "Saju Art Gallery offers a whole variety of frames which often add to the appeal of the works. It is not an easy thing to do. Saju knows how to draw potential art buyers too."

Veteran painter Biren Shome said, "Saju is very congenial and simple in nature. He has promoted many artists of our country. He is well connected; for this reason he can easily sell the artworks."



Saju Arts and Crafts at Gulshan DIT Market.



Saju (right) with painter Abu Taher.



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**British Council in association with Journey Communications arranged a cultural programme, titled 'Rabindra Borishaney,' at the auditorium of British Council on August 9. The programme marked the 69th death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Highlight of the programme was rendition of Tagore songs by singers Azizur Rahman Tuhin and Anima Roy. Their rendition included "Krishnokoli", "Oi Maloti Lata Doley", "Shokhi Bhabona Kaharey Boley", "Chokkhey Amar Trishna" and "Esho Nipoboney". Most of the songs rendered at the programme were on the theme of monsoon. Apart from Tuhin and Anima, members of Young Learners' Club and Shurbihar presented group and solo renditions. Young autistic performer Adil Haque rendered "Anandolokey Mongolalokey". Later, TV play "Dui Bon"-- based on Tagore's story -- was screened.**

## Try war criminals Cultural activists voice demands

**AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR, Pabna**

Shammilito Shangshkritik Aikko Jote, Pabna organised a human chain and rally on Monday demanding the punishment of war criminals. Cultural activists led the demonstration, while people from different occupations participated and vowed to build a country free of war criminals.

The human chain covered a half-kilometer area at Abdul Hamid Road in Pabna on Monday morning. Cultural activists, teachers from different institutions, political persons, businessmen, social workers and people from other occupations joined hands to voice their demand for punishment of war criminals.

A mass rally was also held at a traffic intersection of the district headquarters. Gonesh Dash, president of Shammilito Shangshkritik Aikko Jote, Pabna, chaired the function. Vice president of Pabna District Unit AL and veteran politician Mohammad Saidul Haque Chhunu; dramatist Firoz Khandakar, president of Pabna Drama Circle Gopal Shannal, Secretary of District Unit BCL Rafikul Islam Rumon and Student of Pabna Edward College Abdullah Al Mamun spoke on the occasion.

The speakers said that it was shameful that the war criminals had not been brought to justice even 39 years after Independence. They also pointed out that these nefarious elements were guilty of unpardonable offences during the Liberation War.

Focusing on the present government's steps to hold the trial of the war criminals the speakers said that it was necessary to build a country free of all war criminals.



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

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| <p><b>ATN Bangla</b></p> <p>12:15 IT Zone<br/>01:25 Band View<br/>06:15 Take Care<br/>08:00 Rexona Destination Unlimited<br/>10:45 Documentary Programme: Bihongo Katha<br/>12:30 Grameenphone Lead News</p> <p><b>Channel i</b></p> <p>01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan<br/>01:30 Hridoyer Gaan<br/>04:05 Muktiujdhyo Protidin<br/>04:30 Apnaar Suswastho<br/>06:20 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshey Ranna</p> | <p><b>DESH TV</b></p> <p>04:30 Dur-er Janala<br/>05:02 Memorial Programme on Bidrohi Khudiram<br/>05:30 Durpath<br/>06:30 Jolkatha<br/>07:45 Ekoi Brintey<br/>12:30 Total Sports</p> <p><b>Banglavisian</b></p> <p>12:05 Raat Biraatey<br/>02:30 Drama Serial: Fifty-Fifty<br/>03:35 Cinebit Rongin<br/>05:25 Projapotr Chhoya<br/>09:05 Shundarjo Katha<br/>11:20 Walton Amar Ponyo Amar Desh</p> <p><b>ATN NEWS</b></p> <p>11:30 Sports Insight<br/>02:15 Amader Katha<br/>05:15 Pramanno Shomoy<br/>07:30 Saat Rang (Live)<br/>08:30 Visual Diary<br/>09:00 NEWS HOUR</p> | <p><b>Boishakhi TV</b></p> <p>01:40 Boishakhi Shur<br/>03:40 Shur Shoptok<br/>05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan<br/>06:20 Shurja Konya</p> <p><b>HBO</b></p> <p>12:30 Hoodlum<br/>03:00 The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button<br/>07:00 Star Trek IV The Voyage Home<br/>09:30 Rocknrolla<br/>11:30 Batman Forever</p> <p><b>Star Movies</b></p> <p>11:50 Doubt<br/>03:15 The Fall<br/>05:20 Behind Enemy Lines: Colombia<br/>08:35 Nim's Island<br/>10:20 Children Of The Corn</p> <p><b>Zee Studio</b></p> <p>01:30 Anacondas: The Hunt for the</p> | <p>Blood Orchid<br/>Serendipity<br/>05:40 Columbus Day<br/>07:40 The Last Time<br/>09:30 Scary Movie 2</p> <p><b>Star World</b></p> <p>11:30 Masterchef Australia<br/>03:30 Ugly Betty<br/>05:00 Friends<br/>07:30 Castle<br/>10:30 Criminal Minds<br/>12:00 The Simpsons</p> <p><b>Cartoon Network</b></p> <p>08:30 Toon Toast<br/>12:30 Tom and Jerry: A Nutcracker Tale<br/>08:30 Dragon Ball<br/>09:00 Pokemon DP Battle Dimension<br/>09:30 Dragon Ball Z</p> <p><b>Discovery Channel</b></p> <p>11:30 Anaconda: The Hunt For The Bull Killer<br/>02:30 A Haunting<br/>03:30 Rampage!</p> | <p>08:30 Man Vs. Wild<br/>10:30 Extreme Peril<br/>11:30 Destroyed In Seconds</p> <p><b>Travel and Living</b></p> <p>11:30 La Ink Season 3<br/>01:30 Kylie Kwong: Simply Magic<br/>02:00 Take Home Chef 2<br/>10:00 5 Star Insider</p> <p><b>National Geographic</b></p> <p>11:30 Wild: Cat Week<br/>07:30 Don't Tell My Mother: Pakistan<br/>08:30 Wild: Cat Week<br/>09:30 Big: Super Cars Week: Ferrari<br/>10:30 Big Cats: Last Lioness<br/>11:30 True Stories: Gang Wars</p> <p><b>BBC World</b></p> <p>12:00 BBC World News<br/>05:00 GMT with George Alagiah<br/>07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain<br/>08:30 World Business Report<br/>09:30 HARDtalk (r)<br/>10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing</p> | <p><b>Talk Show</b></p> <p><b>ATN Bangla</b> ntv<br/>11:10am Asian City Vision 2020<br/><b>Channel i</b><br/>09:45am Grameenphone Triloyo Matra<br/>12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathon</p> <p><b>Drama Serial</b></p> <p><b>ATN BANGLA</b> ETV<br/>08:40pm Gharjamai<br/>09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala<br/>11:30pm Oit<br/><b>Channel i</b><br/>07:50pm Mukim Brothers<br/>09:35pm Swapno Bazar<br/>11:30pm All Out<br/>ntv<br/>09:45pm Asharey Galpo<br/>11:30pm Polayon Porbo</p> |
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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).  
**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.  
**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



**Metro**  
 On DESH TV at 10:30pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Bijori Barkatullah



**Nim's Island**  
 On Star Movies at 08:35pm  
 Genre: Adventure  
 Cast: Abigail Breslin, Jodie Foster



**Mukim Brothers**  
 On Channel i at 7:50pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Nusrat Imroz Tisha, Musafir Syed

**RADIO FOORTI**

07:30 Hello Dhaka  
 10:00 Morning Express  
 12:00 No Tension  
 04:00 Dhaka Calling  
 09:00 Knight Riders

**RADIO TODAY**

07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
 11:00 Masti Unlimited  
 01:00 Today's Adda  
 07:00 Sha-er Maya  
 09:00 Raaf-er Akashey  
 11:00 Galper Shesh Nel

**abc radio fm 89.2**

06:00 Bhorer Janalay  
 09:00 Mukhorto Jiboney  
 12:00 Darun Dupurey  
 03:00 Duranto Bikeley  
 05:00 Shondha Tara  
 07:00 Sha-er Maya  
 09:00 Raaf-er Akashey  
 11:00 Galper Shesh Nel