

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Master Painters**  
Artists: Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan  
Venue: Art Gallery, National Museum, Shahbagh  
Date: October 8- November 6  
Time: 10am-8pm



### Group Art Exhibition

Title: Rooted Creativity-5  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: October 15-26  
Time: 12pm-8pm



### Film Festival

Eric Rohmer Retrospective  
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society and Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD)  
Venue: Auditorium, AFD, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: October 21-29  
Time: 3pm onwards



### Painting and Installation Exhibition

Title: Dhaka Traffic: the City Can't Wait  
Artist: Sulekha Chowdhury  
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi  
Date: October 4-28  
Time: 10am-8pm



## A rare treat for Dhaka music connoisseurs

### Performances by Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma and Ustad Sultan Khan

A CORRESPONDENT

Recently, a handful of Dhaka residents had the privilege to experience the musical magic of two maestros of the subcontinent at one event: Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma and the santoor and Ustad Sultan Khan lending his voice to soulful melodies, in accompaniment of the sarangi.

The event was arranged by Standard Chartered Bank for its priority clients here.

The event started with a fashion show at the Radisson poolside; guests then moved to the adjacent Utsab Hall for the rest of the evening. The occasion was re-launch of Priority Banking and Platinum Card in Bangladesh. The high point of the evening was the Customer Recognition Section where long standing customers and three generations from one single family were felicitated. CEO of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, Jim McCabe, presented them with mementoes as the bank's appreciation for their patronage.

Showstoppers came after dinner; unbeknown to the audience, Standard Chartered invited the two music maestros from India to grace the event. First among them was Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma, the legendary santoor player. Panditji made a striking entrance. Clad in an orange kurta, with his silvery hair neatly adorning his head like a



Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma on the santoor.



Ustad Sultan Khan (centre) during his performance.

crown, he rendered a piece of light classical note in the "Raga Pahari". This rendition started in madhylaya and ended in drut, which was fabulous as his brilliant tabla accompanist held everyone breathless!

This was followed by the recital of another music legend from India, Ustad Sultan Khan, accompanied by his son Sabir Khan on the sarangi. Ustad Sultan Khan himself is a renowned sarangi maestro; many of his recordings with Ustad Zakir Hossain have earned recognition all over the world. In recent years he has also lent his voice to some playback songs. Ustadji's first number was a very famous folk number from Rajasthan "Kesaria Balam"; his son Sabir followed him and improvised on the sarangi, mesmerising the audience.

Amidst repeated applause, Ustad Sultan Khan sang three ghazals followed by a duet he had originally performed with Chitra Singh, "Piya Ghar Aye". When the audience requested for "Albela Sajjan", Ustadji invited a female singer from the audience to accompany him. Noted Bangladeshi singer Dr. Nashid Kamal sang the first few lines of *alaap* in "Ahir Bhairo" and impressed the audience.

The audiences were effusive in their praises for the event and expressed the desire to be a part of many more such events.

## Musical moments

### Rabindra Sangeet by Prabuddha Raha

A CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Dhaka organised an evening of Rabindra Sangeet at its Gulshan venue, featuring solo performance by Prabuddha Raha from Kolkata on October 23.

Prabuddha, a highly acclaimed Rabindra Sangeet singer, has been appreciated by discerning audiences both in India and abroad. An alumnus of the DAKSHINI, Prabuddha continued his advanced training in Rabindra Sangeet from Acharya Sailajaranjan Majumdar and

trained in classical music under the tutelage of Professor Debiranjan Bandyopadhyay.

Prabuddha embarked on his eventful journey as a professional singer in 1984, with the release of his first CD, "Hridaye Jamuna". Aparna Sen chose him to sing playback for the movie "Paromitar Ekdin". Prabuddha left an indelible mark with his rendition of "Bipulo Tarango Re" in the movie. In 2003, Prabuddha released his solo Tagore album with narration by Goutam Ghosh, the famed film director.

Prabuddha's performance was appreciated by music enthusiasts in Dhaka.

## Shedding light on a bygone era

### Mahurat of Humayun Ahmed's latest film "Ghetu Putro Komola"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The mahurat (formal launch) of Humayun Ahmed's film "Ghetu Putro Komola" was held on October 23 at Channel i's Tejgaon office, in the capital. A press conference was held on the occasion as well. Impress Telefilm is the producer of the movie and will eventually arrange its world premiere.

Prior to the mahurat, some of the cast-members took part in a dance performance with one of the songs featured in the film, "Joler Ghatay Bansi Bajey Go Komola". Actor Fazlur Rahman Babu lent his voice to the song.

Managing director of Impress Telefilm and Channel i, Faridur Reza Sagor said, "Impress Telefilm has so far produced several quality films directed by Humayun Ahmed. It is a pleasure to work with him again. I believe new experiences will excite us throughout the making of the film, ultimately leading to the world premiere."

Humayun Ahmed said, "Almost 150 years back, a musical tradition emerged at Jolshukha village in Habiganj, which is known as *Ghetu Sangeet*. Though based on traditional ele-

ments, what set *ghetu* music apart was the accompanying distinct style of dance. The dancers, called 'ghetu', were adolescent boys in the guise of girls. The often suggestive dancing of these young performers enticed and entertained people from the upper class, and at one point it became socially acceptable to be intimate with them. It became fashionable for influential men to spend time with these performers.

"This degenerate practice in the name of entertainment became extinct, as *Ghetu Sangeet* is now a distant memory. I wanted to narrate that story through my film 'Ghetu Putro Komola'. The film also sheds light on the woes of the *ghetu* dancers."

Among others, Finance Minister AMA Muhith; newly appointed Education Secretary Kamal Chowdhury; Director General of Bangla Academy Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan and noted writer Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam attended the event.

After the mahurat, a question and answer session followed, where Humayun Ahmed informed that shooting of the film will begin from today.



Humayun Ahmed (4-L, front row) with the Finance Minister (4-R) and Faridur Reza Sagor (left) at the mahurat.

## The best have the edge

### Competition for children

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

A painting competition for children was held on Friday to mark the 46th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russell, youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, at Thakurgaon Public Library Auditorium in the town.

Over 100 school children from different educational institutions participated in three groups in the competition.

The children of 'Ka' group were free to improvise, while 'Kha' group was given the subject of 'Muktijuddher Prekhatap' and 'Ga' group, 'Portrait of Sheikh Russell'.

The judges selected nine children from the three groups for awards.

There was more in store for children to mark Russell's birth anniversary. Apart from the painting competition, Sheikh Russell Jatiyo Shishu Kishore Parishad (SRJSKP), district unit of Thakurgaon had organised various cultural competitions at the same venue including Tagore and folk songs, recitation and acting. About 100 children participated in the cultural events in three categories.

General Secretary Aniruddha Guha Thakurata of SRJSKP, district unit of Thakurgaon told The Daily Star that Russel was killed along with other family members on August 15, 1975 at the age of 10. "We have arranged such programmes so that children learn about the authentic history of

Bangabandhu's assassination and how the killers of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman didn't show mercy even to an innocent child."

The prize giving ceremony will be held at the end of this month.

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

A day-long painting, dance, recitation and song competition was held in Dinajpur marking the birth anniversary of Sheikh Russell.

Dinajpur unit of Sheikh Russell Jatiya Shishu-Kishore Parishad organised the competition here at the auditorium of Dinajpur Press Club on October 22.

Around 200 children of different educational institu-

tions of the district had registered their names for the competition.

Chitta Ghosh President of Dinajpur Press Club as chief guest inaugurated the competition. Amitav Panday, vice president of Sheikh Russell Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad, general secretary Shanmoy Ghosh Shuvo, Gourav Karmaker, Pallab Sarker, Dipanker Roy Sunny, Ullash Rahman, Bappi and Setu Rahman were present at the inaugural session.

Eminent cultural personalities were the judges of the competition.

Mohammad. Taj-ul Shams Prince, president of Dinajpur unit of SRJSKP chaired the meeting.

The speakers emphasised the necessity for young chil-

dren to participate in extra-curricular activities.

It is ironic that a government which has been pouring in funds for development cannot provide playgrounds for lakhs of poor children or promote sporting talent in Dinajpur asserted the speakers, going on to add that there were no recreation centres here in Dinajpur for the children.

Prince, the president of the organisation said names of winners were announced on Wednesday and prizes will be distributed at a colourful cultural programme at Dinajpur Press Club.

State Minister for Land Advocate Md Mostafizur Rahman Fizar will be chief guest at the meeting, he added.



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

ATN BANGLA	
01:25	Cholocotr Golpo
03:45	Chotoder Prithibi
04:25	Matir Shubash
05:00	Gram Gonjer Khabor
06:20	The Lost World
10:45	Bihongo Katha
12:30	Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i	
01:05	Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30	Shobar Jonno Shorboshesh
03:05	Fan Club Tournament
07:50	Special Programme
09:35	Rupchada Fantastic Family Game Show
11:30	RC Travel On

ntv	
12:00	Grameenphone Aaker Shangbadpotro
01:00	Shastha Protidin
03:15	Shanto Kutir
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:30	Apar Jiggasha
06:45	Ogrojo
07:20	Sholoana Bangaliana
11:30	Music Jam

ETV	
12:30	Ekushey Business
04:00	Drama
05:30	Street Magic
06:30	Desh Jurey
11:45	Baula Ontor
12:00	Ekusher Raat

Rtv	
10:45	Tarokalap
12:06	Protidin-er Gaan
02:30	Bangla Feature Film
05:30	Drama Serial: Alta Sundory R Ranna
09:10	

BANGLAVISION	
11:05	Shudhui Gaan
03:05	Bangla Feature Film
09:05	Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
12:30	Cinemar Gaan

ATN NEWS	
11:30	Sports Insight
02:15	Amader Katha
05:15	Pramanyo Shomoy
07:30	Saat Rang (Live)
08:30	Follow up

Diganta TV	
12:30	Score Cards
03:30	World Round Up
08:05	Din Bodoler Dola
09:25	Chitra Bichitra
11:05	Jibon Japon
11:30	Arshinagar

Star Movies	
09:55	Ice Age: Dawn Of The Dinosaurs
11:35	The Day The Earth Stood Still
01:25	Killshot
07:00	Teen Wolf
08:40	Candyman II
10:20	The Proposal
12:10	Pottergeist II: The Other Side
01:45	The Devil's Tomb

Star World	
10:50	Ugly Betty
12:25	Britain's Next Top Model
04:40	America's Next Top Model
06:50	Cougar Town
07:40	Rules Of Engagement
08:00	How I Met Your Mother
09:20	The King Of Queens

Discovery Channel	
11:30	A Haunting
12:30	Biker Build-Off
13:30	American Chopper
05:30	Swamp Loggers
09:30	American Chopper
11:30	Swamp Loggers

BBC World	
12:00	BBC World News
12:30	World Business Report
12:45	Sport Today
14:30	BBC World News
14:30	HARDtalk (r)
03:00	BBC World News
05:00	GMT with George Alagiah
06:00	BBC World News
07:00	Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
09:00	BBC World News
09:30	HARDtalk (r)
10:00	The Hub with Nik Gowing
11:30	World Business Report
11:45	Sport Today

Talk Show	
ATN BANGLA	Rtv
10:30am	Hello Bangladesh
11:30pm	Ja Katha Keu Boleni

Drama Serial	
ATN BANGLA	ETV
08:40pm	Poth Jana Nai
10:55pm	Nondini
03:30pm	Chaita Pagal
08:15pm	Manabjamin
09:45pm	Dhupchhaya
08:30pm	Beauty Parlour
10:10pm	Shiyal Pondit

News Bulletin	
BTV	9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
ATN BANGLA	7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
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	7:00 am,

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

Metamorphosis	
On ntv at 08:15pm	
Cast: Humayun Faridee, Farhana Mithu	

Jackie Chan's Thunderbolt	
On HBO at 12:00am	
Genre: Action	
Cast: Jackie Chan, Thorsten Nickel	

Manabzamin	
On ntv at 08:15pm	
Drama Serial	
Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Jitu Ahsan, Bonna Mirza	

RADIO FOORTI	
07:30	Hello Dhaka
10:00	Morning Express
12:00	My Time
01:00	No Tension
04:00	Dhaka Calling
09:00	Night Rider
01:00	Back to Back music

RADIO TODAY	
07:15	Good Morning Dhaka
01:00	Today's Adda
04:00	U Turn
08:00	Tobey Tai Hok
11:00	Raat Bhor Gaan
12:00	Today's Happy Moments