



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



Solo Photography Exhibition
 Title: Wedding Diary
 Photographer: Prito Reza
 Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15/A (new), Dhanmondi
 Date: October 28-November 5
 Time: 3-8pm



Theatre
 Play: Gazi Kalu Champabati
 Troupe: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: November 6
 Time: 7pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Dematerialization of Reality
 Artist: Kazi Salahuddin Ahmed
 Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
 Date: October 29-November 11
 Time: 3-9pm



An evening of Scandinavian jazz

Norwegian duo Christina Bjordal and Helge Lien perform in Dhaka



PHOTO: MUMIT M.

The Norwegian duo Christina Bjordal and Helge Lien (above) take the stage.

JAMIL MAHMUD

While the November 1 evening offered a rather comforting pre-winter weather outside the National Theatre Hall of Shilpakala Academy, the inside had the cool, mellow vibe. Focus was on Scandinavian jazz -- a rare treat for Dhaka music enthusiasts. The packed auditorium was keen on the Norwegian duo Christina Bjordal and Helge Lien to take the stage.

The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Dhaka, in association with Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT), arranged the programme. The Dhaka performance was part of the duo's brief South Asian tour that also included a couple of performances in India. This was their first visit to this region.

The performance started a bit late. Bjordal and Lien took the stage and kicked off with the song "The Moon's A Harsh Mistress". This was one of four popular American jazz numbers that Bjordal performed at the concert.

Although the act was missing some usual jazz instruments like trumpet, saxophone and cello, Lien made it interesting. The instrumentalist, who leads his own instrumental band Helge Lien Trio, presented some memorable tunes with only a grand piano during the hour-long performance. On the other hand, Bjordal's melancholic vocals were ideal to keep the audience engrossed.

The repertoire included Norwegian and American folk tunes with a jazz twist, to contemporary self-composed numbers. Lien rearranged music of American classics such as "Love for Sale", "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" and "Cheek to Cheek" for Bjordal prior to this tour.

Lien also performed two of his own compositions that would be remembered by the audience for days. The first one, "Troozee", was a high tempo performance, while the second, "Notsukashi", encompassed delicate and melodious notes. Other compositions performed by Lien included a tender lullaby, "Berceuse".

Both artists said that they have been working together very recently, particularly prior to this South Asian tour. Both artistes perform solo, and are also members of different bands.

Bjordal also performed her own compositions "Smallest Things" and "In Your Waters". "I believe music is spiritual and universal. It comes in a way, which you cannot define," said Bjordal. "It took ten minutes to pen down the lyrics," Bjordal added.

The songstress was seemingly enjoying her performance as she sang "Cheek to Cheek". The first few lines of the popular American song -- "Heaven/I'm in heaven/And my heart beats/So that I can hardly speak" -- were an ode to the outstanding ambience.

Range Birte Bund, Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh, was in the audience. She was also in a delightful mood, and called the performance "a piece of Norway."



Concert featuring top three of "Indian Idol 5"



(From left) Sreeram, Bhoomi and Rakesh.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Almost two hours after the scheduled time the concert featuring Indian Idols kicked off and MC Azra welcomed the audience inside the Hall of Fame, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on November 1. Performing artistes were the top three contestants of "Indian Idol 5".

Prior to the concert, Hindi golden oldies were playing in the venue while a number of models wearing bridal attire and traditional veils walked the ramp. Marzan Hadi designed Ahong's clothes displayed by the models. Diamond World provided jewellery while La Velle did the make-up.

At long last Rakesh Maini, the second runner-up of "Indian Idol 5", took the stage and performed "Chand Sifarish" -- originally recorded by Shaan -- from the film "Fanaa".

Other numbers rendered by him were "Jab Se Tera Naina" and "Takete Rehtey Tujhko". Rakesh also performed "Chirodin-i Tumi Je Amar" at the concert.

Bhoomi Trivedi started with some self-composed lines: "Cholechhi Eka Kon Ojanay." "Maiya Maiya", "Aazma Luck" from the films "Guru", and "Luck" and an Asha Bhosle number "One Two Cha Cha Cha" followed. She also rendered several old classics including "Kajra Muhabbatwala" and "Saiyan Dilme Aana Re".

The audience was eagerly awaiting Indian Idol Sreeram Chandra's performance. Apart from performing Idol songs, Sreeram, with his high-pitched voice, performed the theme song of the film "Three Idiots", "Dekha Na Haiyey." A qawwali "Khawaja Mere Khawaja" and "Aaja Aaja Merey" followed.

Mirror Media and Production Ltd, a Bangladesh-India joint venture, organised the event. ETV was the media partner of the concert.

Robbie Williams slims down for Take That reunion



Robbie Williams is training hard as he doesn't want to be the "podgy" member of Take That.

The singer has reportedly shed 42 pounds while preparing to tour with the group -- whom he recently rejoined after initially quitting in 1995 -- with his trainer even getting him to sing hits while running on the treadmill.

Fitness instructor Nick Hollender told The News of the World newspaper: "I make him run on the treadmill and sing all his songs without missing a note."

"He has to catch up to bandmates Gary Barlow, Mark Owen, Jason Orange and Howard Donald who have been on tour much more than him and are in shape; he's not going to be left behind and wants to be trim

and healthy, instead of feeling like the podgy member."

Robbie, 36, reportedly reached 203 pounds in recent years while living in Los Angeles, but after marrying actress Ayda Field this summer embarked on the gruelling four-hour a day workout regime to get him in shape for the 'Relight My Fire' group.

Nick added: "Robbie is now training like a full on athlete. We need to make sure he can perform the dance moves and sing at the same time."

Take That will tour Europe between May and July next year. The band's album "Progress" will be released on November 22.

Source: Internet

Preity Zinta receives honorary doctorate from University of East London



Preity Zinta was recently conferred an Honorary Doctorate by the University of East London. The actress for whom things haven't been going too well in the recent past with the IPL fiasco was but naturally over the moon at this honour bestowed upon her.

She immediately tweeted, "Am so excited I am gonna get an Honorary Doctorate from the University of East London! Truly humbled and elated! Ting!" She further added, "It feels great to be appreciated 4 not only my film achievements but also for my humanitarian and charity work! Thank you UEL for Dr. Pz!"

With this honour, Preity joins fellow actors such as Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar, Shabana Azmi and Shilpa Shetty who have in the past received honorary doctorates from international universities.

Source: Internet

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

ATN Bangla 12:15 IT Zone 01:25 Band View 03:15 Nupurer Chhondey 06:15 Take Care 08:00 Rexona Destination Unlimited 10:45 Documentary Programme: Bihongo Katha 12:30 Grameenphone Lead News	ntv 02:30 Drama Serial: Romizer Aayna 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey 05:30 Apnar Jiggasha 06:10 Shubhoshondhya 06:45 Bajo Ebong Bajao 09:00 Kichu Katha Kichu Gaan	ETV 04:02 Drama Serial: Bismriti 05:30 Drama Serial: Biprotip 06:30 Fashion And Tune 10:10 Trinomul Sanglaap 12:02 Ekusher Raat	Rtv 10:45 Bashudha Tarokalap 12:05 News Headline 02:30 Bangla Feature Film	Desh TV 04:30 Dur-er Janala 05:30 Durpath 07:45 Ekee Brintey 09:45 Cookery Show 12:30 Total Sports	Banglavisoin 11:05 Shudhui Gaan 12:05 Drama Serial: Fifty-Fifty 03:30 Cinebit Ronjin 09:05 Shoundarjo Katha 11:30 Walton Ar Ponyo Amar Desh	Boishakhi TV 07:30 Bhor Holo Bibhabori 03:20 Totka 05:15 Boishakhi-CNN Shara Biswa 05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan 06:20 Dhortri 08:00 Surjo Konna	ATN NEWS 11:30 Sports Insight 02:15 Amader Katha 05:15 Pramanno Shomoroy 07:30 Saat Rang (Live)	HBO 09:00 SATC: The Movie 12:00 The Phantom 02:00 The Ugly Truth 03:30 Scooby-Doo And The Samurai Sword 05:00 The Tenth Circle 07:30 A Night At The Roxbury 09:30 Yes Man 12:00 Starship Troopers 3: Marauder	Zee Studio 08:00 Progressive Vision 08:30 White Noise 10:30 Runaway Bride 01:30 Father of the Bride Part II 04:20 Brother 07:00 Arachnophobia 09:30 Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen 11:30 The Truman Show	Star Movies 08:30 Solaris 10:10 Pleasure Of Your Company 11:45 The Presidio 01:30 A Dangerous Man 03:10 The Brothers Bloom 05:10 Three Men And A Baby	Visual Diary 08:30 Visual Diary	Kill Switch 08:40 The Spirit 10:30 The Perfect Weapon 12:05 My Bloody Valentine	National Geographic 08:30 Croc Week 09:30 True Stories 10:30 Creative Vision 01:30 India: Mumbai Mega Flood 03:30 Mega Cities Week 04:30 Monkey Thieves 05:00 Nat Geo Junior 07:30 True Stories 09:30 Mega Cities Week: Paris 10:30 Wild Russia 11:30 True Stories	Discovery Channel 07:30 Killer Whales 10:30 Worst Case Scenario 11:00 Million 2 One 12:30 Destroyed In Seconds 01:30 Venom Hunter 02:30 A Haunting 04:30 Mega Builders 5 09:30 Speed Of Life 10:30 Extreme Peril 11:30 Destroyed In Seconds	TLC 07:30 Ultimate Cake Off 10:30 Kylie Kwong: Simply Magic 03:30 Feast Bazaar 04:30 Kylie Kwong: Simply Magic 08:00 World Cafe: Asia 10:30 London Ink	BBC World 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 World Business Report 02:45 Sport Today 03:30 HARDtalk 06:00 GMT with George Alagiah 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain 09:00 BBC World News 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing 11:30 World Business Report	CNN 09:30 Inside Africa 10:00 World Report 10:30 BackStory 02:30 Inside the Middle East 03:00 Larry King Live 05:30 Talk Asia 08:00 International Desk 09:00 The Brief 10:00 Prism 10:30 Inside the Middle East 11:00 International Desk
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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, 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

Mukim Brothers
 On Channel i at 07:50pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Tisha, Israt Jahan, Hasan Azad

Yes Man
 On HBO at 09:30pm
 Genre: Comedy
 Cast: Jim Carrey, Zoey Deschanel

Roshamia
 On ntv at 08:40pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Chanchal Chowdhury

RADIO FOORTI

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

abc radio fm 89.2
 06:00 Bhorer Janalay
 09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
 12:00 Darun Dupurey
 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
 05:00 Shondha Tara
 07:00 Shaj-er Maya
 09:00 Raat-er Akashey
 11:00 Galper Shesh Nei

RADIO TODAY
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00 Masti Unlimited
 01:00 Today's Adda
 04:00 U-turn
 08:00 Tobe Tai Hok
 11:00 Raat Vor Can
 02:00 Back to Back