


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK


Solo Sarod Recital
 Artists: Shahadat Hossain Khan
 Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1
 Date: November 13
 Time: 7pm



Art Exhibition
 Artists: Tajuddin Ahmed and Syed Iqbal
 Venue: Tivoli Art Gallery, DCC Market, Gulshan-2
 Date: November 5-15
 Time: 10am-8pm



Musical Soiree
 Title: Praner Khela
 Artists: Shuvro Dev and Nasima Shahin
 Venue: Bengal Foundation, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
 Date: November 22
 Time: 7pm



Theatre Festival
 Organiser: Bangladesh Theatre
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: November 11-13
 Time: 7pm everyday



Chhayanaut's fundraiser for Bipul Bhattacharya today



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation and music school Chhayanaut has arranged a special musical programme to raise funds for the ailing singer Bipul Bhattacharya. The programme will be held this evening at the main auditorium, Chhayanaut Shangskriti Bhavan in Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

Among the artistes to perform at the programme are veteran singer Ajit Roy; Timir Nandi; Kalyani Ghosh; Nazrul artistes Shaheen Samad, Dalia Nausheen and Khairul Anam Shakil; Tagore singer Mita Haque; folk singer Chandana Majumder

and Bulbul Mahalanbish.

The organisers informed that the programme will start at 7 pm and will run approximately for two hours. Apart from renditions, cultural personalities such as composer Shujeo Shyam, filmmaker Tareque Masud and folk singer Malay Kumar Ganguli will speak on Bhattacharya at the programme.

Ticket prices have been set at Tk 500, Tk 200 and Tk 100. Tickets are available at the Chhayanaut Shangskriti Bhavan.

Bipul Bhattacharya is among those artistes who used their creative abilities to inspire the nation during the Liberation War.

DU Theatre Festival ends

JAMIL MAHMUD

The weeklong 5th Dhaka University Annual Theatre Festival ended on November 11 at the TSC Auditorium on campus. On the concluding day, the Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University staged "Rahu Chandaler Haar". The festival also featured plays by Dhaka University and Rajshahi University.

A brief concluding ceremony was held prior to the play. Professor Nazrul Islam, chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) was present as the chief guest. Professor Islam announced that the Faculty of Performing Arts, Dhaka University would be initiated soon.

Among others, Aatur Rahman, veteran theatre activist and president of ITI Bangladesh centre; Professor Sharif Enamul Kabir, Vice Chancellor, JU and Professor Syed Giasuddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, Jatiyo Kobi Kazi Nazrul Islam University were present as special guests. Rahmat Ali, chairman, Department of Theatre, DU also spoke at the programme.

"Rahu Chandaler Haar", an adaptation of a novel by Abhijit Sen, was directed by Reza Arif.

The play provides an insight into the 'Bajikar' community. It brilliantly narrates their struggles for survival.

The Bajikars are often treated by the society as swindlers and thief, as they traditionally make their living through entertaining people with tricks and illusions. Like the Bedey community, they are also nomads.

In the play, after coming across the Santals, Bajikars want to have a permanent address for themselves. But they face strong opposition from the powerful people of the society. Though they fail to achieve their goal, some of the young Bajikars continue to cherish their dream of a new beginning, as their ancestor Rahu Chandal once did.

The cast consisted of students of the Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University, including Rezwana Haque, Malobika Chaity, Munmun Das, Oishi Farhad, Rony Bhaumik, Samiul Haque, Rashed Al Azad and Salil Majumdar.

Reza Arif, director of the play, also designed the set. Khayeruzzahan Mitu was the costume designer.

Apart from DU and JU, Rajshahi University staged the play "Elebele", on November 10. This is the first time that the annual festival by DU featured plays by other universities.

DU staged two plays -- a Sanskrit classic "Maddh-yamyaog" and a Bertolt Brecht adaptation "Shiddhanto". Both plays had three shows each.

Ramendu Majumder, ITI Worldwide president, formally inaugurated the festival on November 4.



A scene from "Rahu Chandaler Haar".

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