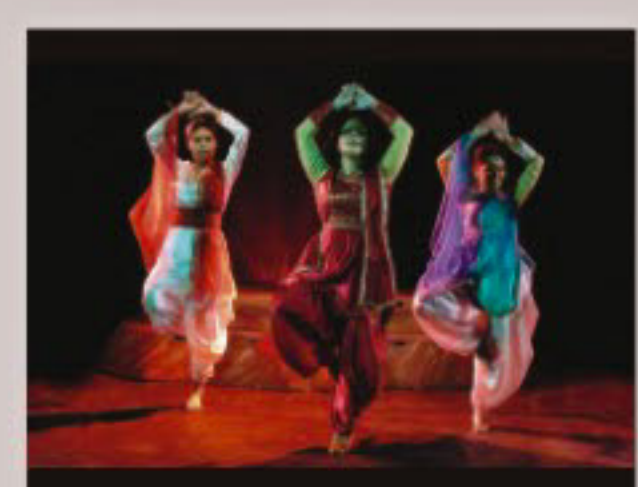


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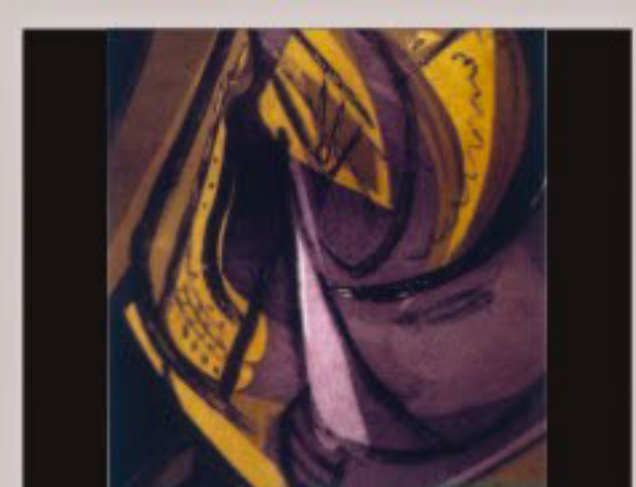
Theatre
Play: Droho Prem Nari
Troupe: Prangone Mor
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 1
Time: 6:30pm



Ananda Jagya Mega Cultural Festival
Organiser: Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre & Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venues: Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi
Date: Nov 26-Dec 3



Print Exhibition
Title: The Limitless Luminosity of Art
Artist: Safuddin Ahmed
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-27/5, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: November 26-December 9



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Rong O Rekha
Artist: D.D. Mollick
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, Rd-15 A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: December 3-9
Time: 3-8pm



BGTF celebrates Tagore through yearlong programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) has taken an initiative of a yearlong programme to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. The inaugural of the celebration was held on November 28, at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. As part of the programme, Prachyanat's adaptation of a Tagore play, "Raja...Ebong Onnanyo" was staged at the venue.

Professor Syed Akram Hossain formally inaugurated the Tagore celebration programme. Among others, veteran theatre personality Ataur Rahman spoke on the occasion. Liaquat Ali Lucky, chairman, BGTF presided over the session.

The programme will be held at different divisional cities of the country throughout the year. The events include staging of plays, seminars and symposiums etc. The first phase of the programme will be held in Barisal, from December 20-27.

The Dhaka phase of the programme will feature a grand and colourful theatre festival.

"Raja...Ebong Onnanyo" was also part of BGTF's four-day anniversary celebration programme that ended yesterday.

The play is Prachyanat's 14th pro-



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The Prachyanat production is a contemporary, experimental theatrical presentation of the classic Tagore play "Raja".

duction. Directed by Azad Abul Kalam, the production is a contemporary, experimental theatrical presentation of the classic Tagore play "Raja" (1910).

Tagore's "Raja" depicts a utopia where the presence of the King is felt only through the peace, harmony and disciplined life of the denizens; he is

never seen anywhere in the country. Without changing the original story, Azad Abul Kalam treats the classic with a new approach and tries to portray the omnipresent King as a metaphor set against the contemporary world of chaos, exploitation and imperialism.

Noted TV actress Afsana Mimi plays

the queen, while Azad Abul Kalam dons the role of the king. Other actors are Shatabdi Wadud, Rahul Anand, Shakhawat Hossain Rezvi, Sanjida Preeti and Saiful Islam.

The third-day of the anniversary celebration programme also featured a symposium by theatre designers.

British Council to 'Rediscover Tagore'



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Dignitaries at the press conference.

A CORRESPONDENT

British Council, in celebration of Tagore's 150th birth anniversary, announced on November 29 its plans for a four-month long Tagore festival, titled 'Rediscovering Tagore'. The festival will be held from February to May 2011. British Council's outlook for the festival promises to be innovative and targets young audiences.

Major components of the festival include Tagore-inspired fashion show, a music show on Channel i, dance-drama featuring fusion, and a workshop on Tagore themed creative writing.

The festival will be managed by British Council in partnership with a committee that includes Dr. Anisuzzaman, Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya, Dr. Shamsuzzaman Khan, Selina Hussein, Faridur Reza Sagor and Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed. Also working in partnership are Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), Channel i, The Daily Star, Persona and magazine Canvas.

British Council's acting Country Director, Matthew Knowles; Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman; Dr. Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy and Kamal

Lohani, director general of BSA launched the festival. Noted British-Bangladeshi dancer and choreographer, Akram Khan, attended the press conference to exchange views with the media.

British Council will celebrate Tagore's passion for diversity, his universal views on humanity and the bridge one finds in his work, between different cultures.

A performance of Tagore's dance-drama "Tasher Desh" will be the centrepiece of the festival. Adapted to a contemporary setting, the staging of the drama will be a collaborative work of Shadhona, Indian musicians and dancer Akram Khan.

Born in London to a Bangladeshi family, Akram Khan trained in Kathak, one of the oldest Indian classical dance forms. He also attended Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and in the 1990s made a name for himself as a solo artiste before starting his own company in 2000. His creations, since then, have been mostly collaborative.

Khan is the recipient of numerous awards including the Helpmann Award in Australia for Best Choreography (Zero Degrees) in 2007. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Arts.



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Narayanganj-based troupe Aikik Theatre staged its 10th production "Drop Out" at the Studio Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on November 28. The play has been written and directed by Anwarul Haque. "Drop Out" features three anonymous individuals from an imaginary society. The individuals want to reject the conventional rules of their own society, as it is full of disorder and inconsistencies. Fahim Emil, Ahmedur Rahman and Sheikh Safayet Alam play the three central characters.

THE DAILY STAR AND STANDARD CHARTERED CELEBRATING LIFE '10

'Indomitable Bangladesh' in photography, lyrics and films

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Creativity is manifested and multiplied only when it is rewarded. The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh realised the need for that and launched a contest on films, lyrics and photography in July 2008. Last two years the themes of the contest were 'Bangladesh My Love' and 'Celebrating Womanhood.' This year the initiative will celebrate 'Indomitable Bangladesh'.

The Celebrating Life Awards Ceremony 2010 will be held today at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium, in the capital. Md. Zillur Rahman, President of People's Republic of Bangladesh, will inaugurate the ceremony and hand the prizes to the winners.

Greeting the guests, Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, will deliver welcoming address at the event. Jim McCabe, CEO of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh will present the vote of thanks.

It has been three years since The Daily Star and



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the Standard Chartered Bank have embarked upon a mission of providing a platform for people to compete with their abilities to write lyrics, take photographs, and to make films. The main purpose of the Celebrating Life competition is to encourage people of the artistic arena to come forward and present their best works that are consistent with a

chosen theme. And from these submitted works, the best are chosen and awarded.

The grand ceremony will feature Celebrating Life photo exhibition; presentation of Bangla group and solo songs based on winning lyrics; performance of a group dance on the theme of indomitable spirit of Bangladesh; presentation of critic awards and three lifetime achievement awards in the films, lyrics and photography categories; visual presentation on the winning films from the critic awards and an audio-visual presentation.

Films, photography and songs could greatly help the country manifest its identity to the world. During the Liberation War, the average Bangladeshi played an extraordinary role. Keeping that conscience in mind, it is time for Bangladesh to move forward in all her spheres with an indomitable spirit.

Zaheem Music, Channel i, Shaptahik 2000, Radio abc, Urmi Group and Dots & Marks are the partners of the event.

TV SCHEDULE

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

ATN BANGLA	ntv	DESH TV	RTV	Zee Studio	HBO
01:25 ATN Music	04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey	04:00 Desh Jonopod	12:05 Protidiner Gaan	08:00 Progressive Vision	08:00 Tommy Boy
03:45 Children's Programme	05:30 Aajker Jiggasha	05:30 Durpath	02:30 Bangla Feature Film	08:30 Fireflies in the Garden	10:00 You Got Served
04:25 Sonali Din	06:10 Shubho Shondha	10:30 Drama: Bhojokot	09:00 Drama: Air Com	10:35 A Woman in Winter	10:30 The Boondock Saints II
05:20 Obiraam Bangladesh	06:45 Frankly Speaking	12:30 Total Sports	11:45 Very Filmy	01:30 Friday the 13th Part III	
10:45 Bihongo Katha	09:00 Glamour World			03:20 Last Action Hero	
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News	11:30 Khelaghar			06:50 The World's Fastest Indian	
CHANNEL i	ETV			09:30 The Terminal	
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	04:30 Elating Belating			12:20 Deep Impact	
01:30 Hridoyer Gaan	05:30 Binodon-er Bishwa				
04:05 Muktijuddha Protidin	06:30 Desh Jurey Shanglap				
07:50 Channel i Shera Kantho	07:50 Tagore Song: Tomar-i Naam				
11:30 Banglalink Banglar Pothey	11:45 Janotar Katha				
12:00 Grameenphone Aajker					

02:30 Thor: Hammer of the Gods	09:30 Masterchef Australia	11:30 True Stories
04:00 The Hunt for Red October	12:00 The Simpsons	
07:15 Mermaids		
09:30 Fast & Furious	Fox History and Entertainment	
11:45 King Solomon's Mines	07:30 The History of Our Planet	
	09:30 Science & Tech: Part 3	
	10:30 Building the Ultimate	
	12:30 Special Forces Heroes	
	01:30 International Terrorism Since 1945	
	05:30 It Happens only in India	
	08:30 Paul Merton in India	
	09:30 See Science at 9	
	10:30 Walking with Monsters	
	11:30 The Investigative Hour	
	National Geographic	
	07:30 Snake Wranglers	
	08:00 Big Bang	
	09:30 Air Crash Investigation	
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	09:30 Megacities	
	10:30 Inside Mumbai Terror Attacks	

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News Bulletin

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News (Bangla) at 9:00 am.			
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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,		
News (Bangla): 7:00 am,			

Manabjomin
 On ntv at 08:15pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Opurbo, Saba

Terminator Salvation
 On HBO at 09:30pm
 Genre: Action, Adventure
 Cast: Sam Worthington, Christian Bale

Galpo Shalpo Gaan
 On ETV at 10:10pm
 Talk Show
 Host: Fouzia Arina

RADIO FOORTI

07:30 Hello Dhaka	10:00 Moring Express
12:00 My Time	01:00 No Tension
04:00 Dhaka Calling	09:00 Night Rider
01:00 Back to Back music	
abc radio fm 89.2	
06:00 Bhorer Janalay	
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney	
12:00 Darun Dupurey	
03:00 Duranto Bikeley	
07:00 Shajher Maya	
09:00 Raat-er Akashey	
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei	
RADIO TODAY	
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka	
11:00 Musti Unlimited	
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	