

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

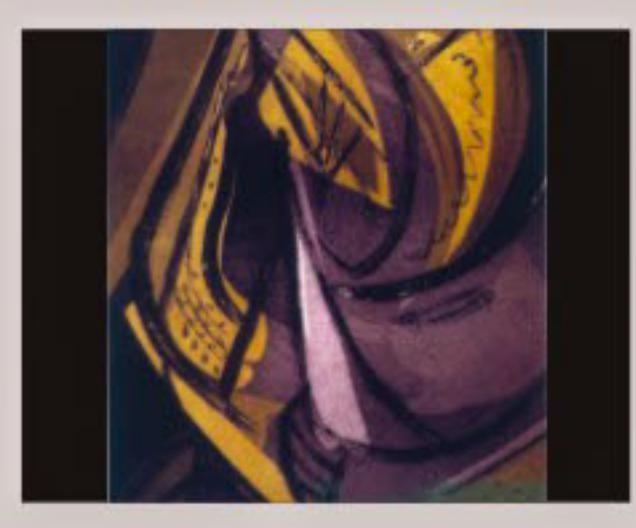
Theatre
Play: Droho Prem Nari
Troupe: Prangone Mor
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 1
Time: 6:30pm



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: Safiuddin Ahmed
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-275/F, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: November 26-December 9

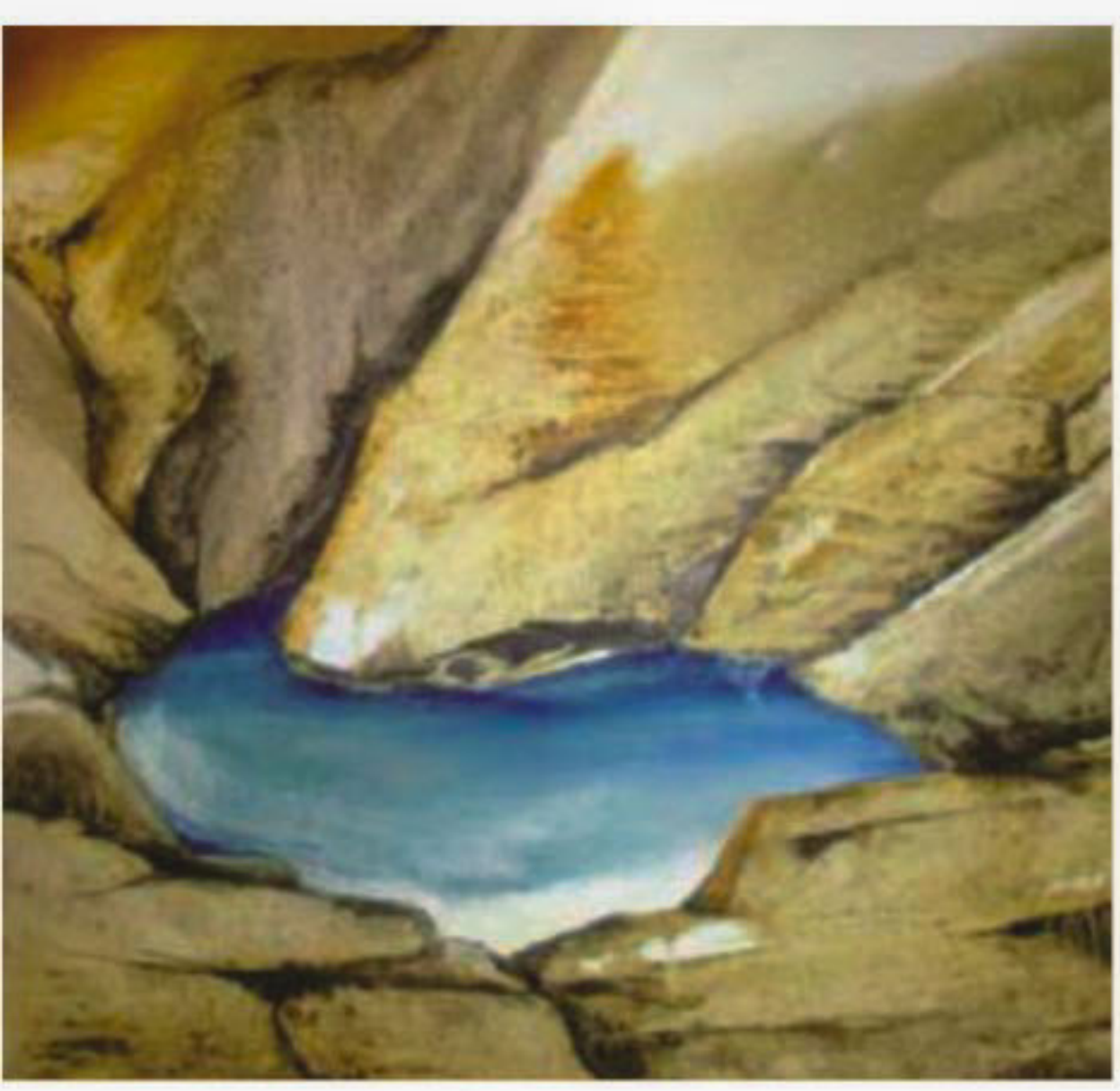


Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Rong O Rekha
Artist: D.D. Mollick
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, Rd-15 A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: December 3-9
Time: 3-8pm



Indian art in focus

Group art exhibition at Shilpakala Academy



Clockwise (from top-left): Paintings by Deepa Seth Bhandu, Sonika Agarwal, Ruchi Goyal Kaura and Sandhya Singh.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of the Indian cultural festival, titled "Ananda Jagya" -- organised by Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), High Commission of India in Dhaka and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) -- a group art exhibition featuring works of four Indian artists is being held. The exhibition, entitled "Harmony and Rhythm", showcases works of Sandhya Singh, Deepa Seth Bhandu, Ruchi Goyal Kaura and Sonika Agarwal, and is being held at National Gallery, BSA. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid inaugurated the exhibition on November 27.

Sandhya Singh's works focus on the spirit of Indian music. She has created many waves where one can find the

rhythms of melody. Varied flower patterns also appear in her works. While looking at the paintings, one gets a musical vibe. Her works stand out for their forms and compositions. The painter at times concentrates on one part of the flora and searches for its innermost section.

Sonika Agarwal is a figurative painter and most of her works depict movements of female figures. She uses strong brushstrokes and bold colours to portray the spirit and vivacity of Indian women. She feels that a woman's position in the South Asian society is a very conservative and repressed one. Some of her paintings show a number of covered up visages.

Deepa Seth Bhandu is a Delhi-based painter and muralist. At the exhibition, her landscapes look somewhat tedious for their colours and rather inappropriate

use of texture. She seemingly paints from memory. Her works provide fragmented metaphors and inner visions. Her subjects rely on particular space and surroundings.

Ruchi Goyal Kaura has studied design at National Institute of Fashion Technology, Delhi, and has a Masters in Textile Design. The artist takes inspiration from traditional embroidery "Phulkari" -- a technique popular in Punjab, India. Various floral and traditional folk symbols are the main trait in her works. Her compositions and forms are both intimately connected to graphic design. She also tries to explore the beauty of nature. Her compositions showcase colour, light, simple shapes and forms -- motivated by nature.

The exhibition ends on December 12.

The tuneless piper

Story of flute-maker Mokammel Hossain

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

At the age of 80, flute-maker Mokammel Hossain is not only engaged in his trade but also does agricultural work. In his younger days he was widely recognised and made a respectable income. Today, however, he is in dire straits and barely manages to maintain his family.

Going back to the days when he was at the peak of his career, Hossain told this correspondent at his village home in Aruakandi that he played the flute professionally for Titas Opera in Jhenidah as well as in greater Jessore district.

His reputation grew, as he was a talented flute-maker and flutist. Among the many people who trained under him were Komol Sarkar, Pier Ali, Madhu Mia, Firoz Ali and Chand Ali. All of them are comfortably off now.

Hossain has however fallen on bad times. He said he cannot go to distant markets any more and depends on wholesalers to come to his house and buy flutes.

He also pointed out that his output per day has decreased due to poor eyesight. Moreover, the crucial input 'Nali' bamboo, out of which he fashioned his flutes, is not available any longer, he lamented. Sales have dropped significantly. He pointed that he used to have a



Mokammel Hossain plays flute at leisure.

PHOTO: STAR

large income when *jatra* and *Jarigaan* were staged in every nook and corner of the villages in the mid-'70s. Today, he sells a flute at Taka 20-25, while a large flute goes for Taka 70-80.

As a consequence of his fading eyesight and the other factors, he can make only 50 flutes a week. However, even in his twilight years, he has no choice but to make flutes so that he can make ends meet. What's worse is that he is neglected by his two sons, while his six

daughters have been married off and therefore cannot lend a helping hand.

Hossain said that he has no desire left, apart from making livelihood. He counts his days now, he added, pointing that he would leave this world unnoticed and uncaared for.

Akbar Saijee, a Lalon devotee of Dudrajpur village, said that Hossain's flutes were once widely used in the area. "We used his flute in our *pala gaan*," he asserted.

James Franco, Anne Hathaway to host the Oscars

In an unexpected Oscar turn two years ago, Anne Hathaway joined host Hugh Jackman onstage for a parody of "Frost/Nixon". And James Franco's entire career, from starring in "General Hospital" to appearing as a pillow-hugging version of himself in "30 Rock", can be filed under the category of "What will that dude do next?"

Well, as unexpected as it may be, next up for both Franco and Hathaway is co-hosting the 83rd Annual Academy Awards next year. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences made the announcement on Monday (November 29), hours after rumours of the actors' involvement surfaced.

Beyond his hosting gig, Franco figures to play a prominent part in the ceremony. The 32-year-old is considered a lock for a best-actor nomination for his turn as a trapped hiker in "127 Hours", the Danny Boyle-directed drama that's also expected to nab a Best Picture nod. Hathaway, 28, meanwhile, remains a long shot in the best-actress category for "Love & Other Drugs", a film that received mixed reviews and reeled in just \$14 million over the extended Thanksgiving holiday.



Anne Hathaway



James Franco

Hiring Franco and Hathaway as hosts certainly mark a strategic turn by the Academy, which has long been accused of being out-of-touch with the young pop-culture mainstream. A quick scan of the last two decades of Oscar history shows that not one host has even been as young as in his or her 30s when

emceeding the show.

Most recently, 64-year-old Steve Martin and 51-year-old Alec Baldwin assumed hosting duties, notching the show's best ratings in five years.

Source: Internet



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

Channel i

01:05	Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30	Hridoyer Gaan
04:05	Muktijuddho Protidin
05:30	Galpo Noy Natok
06:20	Mayer Hater Ranna
09:35	Lux Channel i Super Star
12:00	Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpotro

ntv

02:30	Drama Serial: Romizer Aayna
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:30	Apar Jiggasha
06:10	Shubhoshondhya
09:00	Kichhu Katha Kichhu 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
02:30	Bangla Feature Film
05:30	Drama Serial: Alta Shundari
11:45	Crime Focus

Desh TV

04:30	Dur-er Janala
05:30	Durpath
07:45	Drama: Muktijuddha '71

09:45 Cookery Show
12:30 Total Sports

Banglavisoin

11:05	Shudhui Gaan
12:05	Drama Serial: Fifty-Fifty
03:30	Cinebit Rongin
09:05	Shoundarjo Katha
11:30	Walton Amar 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	Dhoritri
08:00	Empty Pocket

ATN NEWS

11:30	Sports Insight
02:15	Amader Katha
05:15	Pramanno Shomoy
07:30	Saat Rang (Live)
08:30	Visual Diary

Diganta TV

12:30	Score Cards
03:30	Sahityalap

05:30 Shur Shurobhi
06:05 Dosh Diganta
08:05 Lime Light
11:05 Drama

Z Studio

01:30	Shortcut to Happiness
03:50	Saving Private Ryan
07:30	Columbus Day
09:30	Vicky Cristina Barcelona
11:45	Ladder 49

HBO

12:30	Posse: The Revenge of Jessie Lee
02:45	Drillbit Taylor
04:45	Memphis Belle
07:30	Cyborg Conquest
09:30	Sgt. Bilko
11:30	The Unborn

Star Movies

11:55	Internal Affairs
01:50	Someone Like You
03:35	Righteous Kill
05:20	Great Buck Howard
07:00	Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun Li

08:45 Knowing
10:50 Meteor Storm
12:25 Direct Contact

Star World

01:30	The Bold and The Beautiful
04:30	Modern Family
07:30	Koffee With Karan
08:30	How I Met Your Mother
09:00	Friends
09:30	MasterChef Australia
10:30	Lie To Me
11:30	Modern Family
12:00	The Simpsons

Discovery Channel

11:00	Million 2 One
01:30	Hunters
06:30	Wildlife Specials
07:30	Highway In My Veins
08:30	How Stuff Works
10:30	Surviving Disaster
12:00	Destroyed in Seconds

TLC

12:30	Vegas Revolution
02:30	Project Runway
04:00	Feast Bazaar Year 2006

06:30 Shimmy
07:30 Culinary Asia
08:30 World Cafe
11:30 Samantha Brown

National Geographic Channel

09:30	Seconds from Disaster
11:00	Creative Vision
11:30	Nat Geo Wild
12:30	Lockdown
05:30	Nat Geo Amazing!
07:30	Great Migrations
08:30	Monster Fish
09:30	Big
10:30	Great Migrations
11:30	True Stories

Fox History and Entertainment

12:00	Creative Vision
01:30	Special Forces Heroes
03:30	History Showcase
05:00	Science & Tech
09:00	Anniversary Special
10:00	See Science at 9

Talk Show

Channel i	06:45pm Shobar Jonno
09:45am	Grameenphone Shujog O Manobadhikar
12:30pm	Citycell Taroka Kathon
11:30pm	Aloy Bhuvan Road To Democracy
ntv	08:30pm Durer Manush
12:10pm	Ei Shomoy
11:45pm	Shoja Katha

Drama Serial

Channel i	ETV
07:55pm	Mukim Brothers
08:20pm	Ek E Shunyo Dosh
09:45pm	Sabuj Nokkhotro
09:30pm	Dyrectaar Avenue
11:30pm	Khela Ghor
08:15pm	Dyrectaar Avenue
09:45pm	Gulshan
09:10pm	Bagh Putul
08:15pm	Dyrectaar Avenue
10:20pm	Shada Patay Kalo Daag
Boishakhi TV	08:40pm Roshamia

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.
 News (English) at 6:00pm
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

Bagh Putul
 On Rtv at 09:10pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Apurbo

Sgt. Bilko
 On HBO at 09:30pm
 Genre: Comedy
 Steve Martin, Dan Aykroyd

Shobar Jonno Shujog O Manobadhikar
 On ntv at 06:45pm
 Talk Show
 Guest: Afzal Hossain, Fahmida Nabi

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	Shajer 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 Gan
02:00	Back to Back