

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: The Limitless
Luminosity of Art
Artist: Safiuddin Ahmed
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-275/F, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: December 10-December 23
Time: 11am-8pm



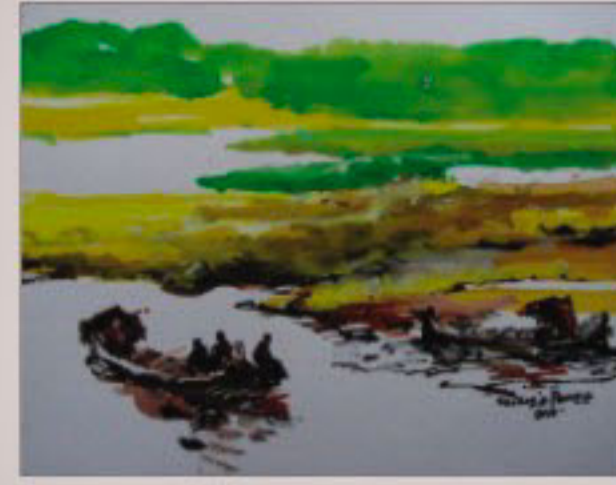
Group Photography Exhibition

Title: Pinnacle of Goodwill
Organiser: Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, Malibagh
Date: December 10-12
Time: 5pm-8pm



Solo Exhibition

Artist: Shohag Parvez
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: December 12-24
Time: 10am-8pm



35th Anniversary of Amra Surjamukhi

Organiser: Amra Surjamukhi
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: December 11
Time: 4pm



Silence is bliss

Partha Pratim Majumder on new mime academy

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Very few artistes in this world have attained mastery over mime, the base of all performing art forms. Etienne Decroux is the father of modern mime, while the greatest mime maestro Marcel Marceau is thought to be the father of French mime.

Partha Pratim Majumder is undoubtedly the forerunner of mime in Bangladesh. He started his career as a musician but his keen sense of rhythm enabled him to let his limbs move and express his surroundings through gestures.

"'Natya Shastra' of Bharata Muni is the earliest surviving text on theatre and drama where Indian theatre encompasses all the different forms of fine arts and literature like dance, music, mime, movement, sculpture, painting and architecture," says Majumder.

Born in an arty family of Pabna, Bangladesh in 1954, initially, Partha received schooling on mime from Jogesh Dutta of Calcutta from 1966 to 1972, but his unquenchable thirst for the genre put him in touch with world-renowned artistes.

In 1981, Partha moved to Paris to study mime with Etienne Decroux. From 1982 to 1985 he studied at Marcel Marceau's mime school in Paris and was a member of his touring company. Partha is now based in Paris and works regularly in French films, theatre and publicity. Since

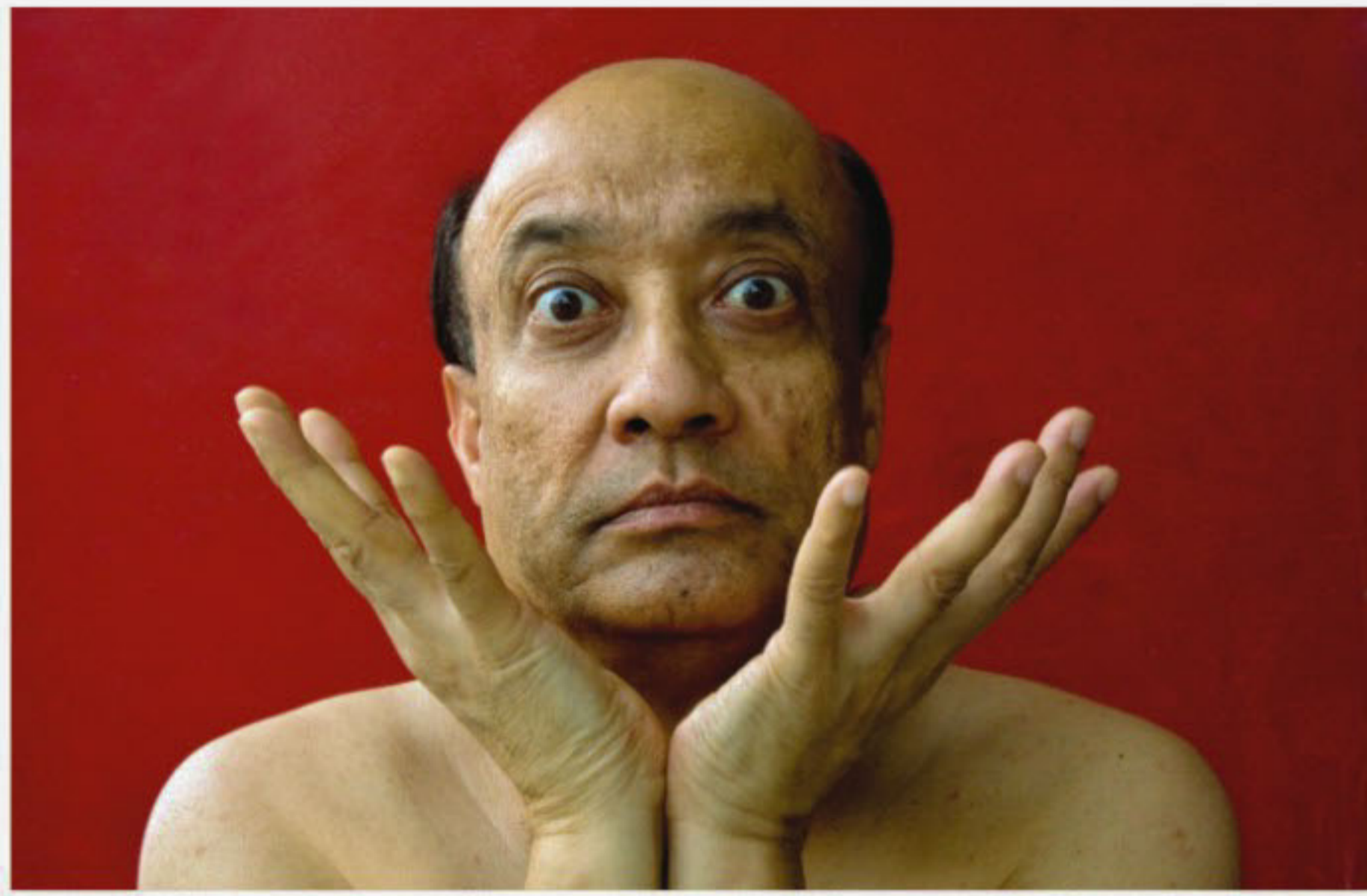


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the mid-1980s his artistic excellence has unfolded on the illuminated stages both at home and abroad. His devotion and sensitivity uplift an ordinary theme to a sublime height, transcending cultural barriers.

Grameenphone joined hands with world-renowned performer Partha to revive the art of mime in Bangladesh. The announcement of setting up a mime academy was made in the middle of this year at a Mime Carnival arranged by Grameenphone at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor of Bangladesh Bank; Grameenphone's Chief People Officer, Arnfinn Groven and Chief Communications Officer, Kazi Monirul Kabir, were present at the carnival.

At the carnival,

Grameenphone launched a series of TV commercials. All the TVCs feature mime performances by Partha. The TVCs are on air and are expected to popularise mime among the masses.

"Mime has its roots in theatrics. I conduct classes on mime around the world. Mime is slowly losing its appeal in Bangladesh, as it was not nurtured properly. I suppose I have a responsibility towards my country. Grameenphone will set up a mime academy of international standard that will act as a platform for all the performing art forms. I plan to stay in Bangladesh every six months to look after the academy," says Partha.

"Learning is a process that necessarily claims cognition, perception and symbolic interaction. The art of mime

can be helpful in making children learn the artistic symbols like butterfly, fish, snake, flower etcetera, as these are essentially being learnt in schools of developed countries. The inner potential of children can flourish through learning mime. Again, both the basic and the performing art forms of Bangladesh are expected to get resurrected through setting up of this academy. My prime focus will be to uphold our rich folk culture through mime so that the identity of Bangladesh becomes unique in the world," adds the artiste.

Grameenphone is a strong believer in the cultural strength of Bangladesh. The organisation believes that if the cultural heritage of the country is properly nurtured, it will be able to play a positive

role in the development of Bangladesh.

"I have visited Bangladesh three times over the last one and a-half years. This time I have come here to deliver a demonstration presentation on child sexual abuse. The presentation was held at Grameenphone Head Office on December 5. This is actually parental protection so that children underage cannot access adult sites through mobile and Internet. Grameenphone is providing technical assistance for the project to come into being," says Majumder.

Partha Majumder delights in conducting mime classes and workshops with fellow artistes and students to promote the art of mime and share his expertise. He frequently works with hearing and speech impaired, using mime to develop skills in self-expression and communication.

Majumder was conferred the Master of Mime Award by the only mime academy of India "Jogesh Mime Academy" in 1987. The Journalist Association of Malaysia honoured him with Master of the World in the same year. Partha received the highest European honour for theatre named "Moliere Award" in 2009. He also received the Munier Chowdhury Award, the highest honour for theatre (Non Governmental) in 2009. And last but not the least he bagged the highest honour of Bangladesh Ekushey Padak in 2010.

DS Café

This month DS Café will have noted actor-director-playwright Mamunur Rashid take your calls at The Daily Star office. Readers will have the opportunity to converse with him on our Liberation war and more. Call 8126155 on Sunday, December 12, between 11am to 12 pm to speak to him!!!

James Cameron and Cirque du Soleil team up for movie



Cirque du Soleil performers thrill audience with imaginative acrobatics, and colourful characters and costumes.

REUTERS, Los Angeles

It seems a natural fit: the movie director behind blockbuster "Avatar" that changed cinema forever, teaming with Cirque du Soleil, the Canadian performance troupe that gave the circus a whole new meaning, to make a movie.

"Avatar" creator James Cameron, Cirque du Soleil, "Shrek" director Andrew Adamson and production company Reel FX Entertainment on Thursday unveiled plans to make 3D movies they promise will represent "an art form beyond the imagination."

"The images we've been shooting are stunning, and I know Andrew Adamson will weave

them into a transporting, dreamlike narrative which will mesmerize audiences of all ages around the world," Cameron said in a statement.

Details were scant, but the movies will feature Cirque du Soleil performers who have thrilled audiences with their unique live shows that feature imaginative acrobatics, and colourful characters and costumes. Their shows like The Beatles-themed "Love", and "Mystere" in Las Vegas, as well as those on tour around the world have played to more than 100 million people since 1984.

The first movie project, which has yet to be named, is already in production, the creators said. No release schedule was announced.



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A five-day Lalon festival to celebrate the first anniversary of Bogra Lalon Academy was held recently at the academy premises, located in the city's Shohordigha area. On the last day (December 9), renowned Lalon singer of the country Farida Parveen enthralled the audience with soulful renditions.



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

ATN BANGLA 12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhhor 02:50 Bangla Feature Film 06:15 Shushtha Thakun 10:45 Bihango Katha 12:30 Grameenphone Lead News	ntv 12:50 Shastha Protidin 04:10 Gallery 06:45 Shongskriti Ei Shaptaho 07:20 Sholana Bangaliana 09:00 Drama: E Shomoy	ETV 11:30 Mukto Khobor 01:30 Bangla Feature Film 05:25 The Aim 06:30 Bhaboghurey Dot Com 07:50 Celebrity Profile Show 12:02 Banglalink Ekusher Raat	RTV 12:05 Protidin-er Gaan	02:30 Drama 04:30 Prithibir Pothey Pothey 05:00 Cinema R Gaan 06:00 Shushtha Thakun Protidin 11:45 Jegey Achho Ki	BANGLAVISION 12:05 Style File 03:05 Bangla Feature Film 06:05 Gaan Ebgong Fun 09:10 Garbo: Gao Pran Khuley Gao 11:30 Art Show: Laal Golap 12:30 Boshudha Cinema'r Gaan	DESH TV 10:30 Khelar Shokal 02:30 Bangla Feature Film 07:45 Drama Serial: Muktijuddha 71 10:30 Mega Serial: Bhojokot 12:30 Total Sports	Boishakhi TV 02:35 Bangla Feature Film 05:15 Boishakhi-CNN Shara Bishwa 08:00 Documentary on Liberation War: Jagroto Ohongkar 08:40 Drama	10:45 Nirapod Shorok Chai	ATN NEWS 11:30 Sports Insight 02:15 Amader Katha 05:15 Pramanno Shomoy 07:30 Saat Rang (Live) 08:30 Ei Banglaay	Diganta TV 12:30 Score Cards 05:30 School Angina 06:30 Aparajita 11:05 Desh Mahadesh 11:30 Shindhu Hindol	Zee Studio 01:30 Seraphim Falls 04:00 A Beautiful Mind 07:15 Consenting Adults 09:30 Surviving Christmas 11:35 Wedding Daze	HBO 12:30 The Big Hit 02:30 The International 05:30 The Naked Gun 09:30 Fast & Furious 12:00 Star Trek	Star Movies 12:30 Slumdog Millionaire 02:35 The Hurricane 07:00 Knowing 09:10 Street Fighter 10:55 Killshot 12:40 The Reader	Star World 11:30 MasterChef Australia 02:30 Friends 03:30 Koffee With Karan 04:30 Bum Notice 06:30 Royal Pains 08:30 How I Met Your Mother 09:30 Trauma 11:30 Warehouse 13	Cartoon Network 11:00 Roll No. 21 02:00 Krish, Trish and Baltiboy 06:00 Tom and Jerry Tales 08:30 Inazuma Eleven 10:30 Richie Rich	National Geographic Channel 12:30 Nat Geo Women's Hour	01:30 Big, Bigger, Biggest 03:30 True Stories 06:30 Fight Science 07:30 Nat. Geo Amazing! 10:30 Great Migrations 11:30 True Stories	Discovery Channel 12:30 Wildlife Specials 03:30 Worst Case Scenario 04:00 Million 2 One 07:30 The Detonators 08:30 Big Cats 09:30 I'm Alive 11:30 Raging Nature	Fox History and Entertainment 12:30 A Legacy Called Pashmina 02:30 Crusoe 04:30 Building the Ultimate 08:30 Cut in Half - Airplanes 09:30 The Ghost of JJ Stark 10:30 Terror International 11:30 The Investigative Hour
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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 (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,	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
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Leelaboti
On ATN Bangla at 09:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tamalika Karmakar

Great Migrations
On National Geographic Channel at 10:30pm
Documentary
Narrated by Alec Baldwin

Tourist
On Rtv at 10:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mir Sabbir, Nadia

09:00 Raat-er Akashey 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei RADIO FOORTI 08:00 Addabazi 02:00 Foorti Unlimited 06:00 Bumper to Bumper 10:00 Back to Back music	abc radio fm 89.2 06:00 Bhorer Janalay 09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney 12:25 Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Jiboner Joygaan 03:00 Duranto Bikeley 05:00 Shondhatara 07:00 Shajer Maya	RADIO TODAY 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka 11:00 Musti Unlimited 01:00 Today's World Music 04:00 U Turn 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
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