

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photography Exhibition

Title: Nature
 Photographer: Shamsunnahar Lovely
 Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, Shahbagh
 Date: December 17-23
 Time: 10am-8pm



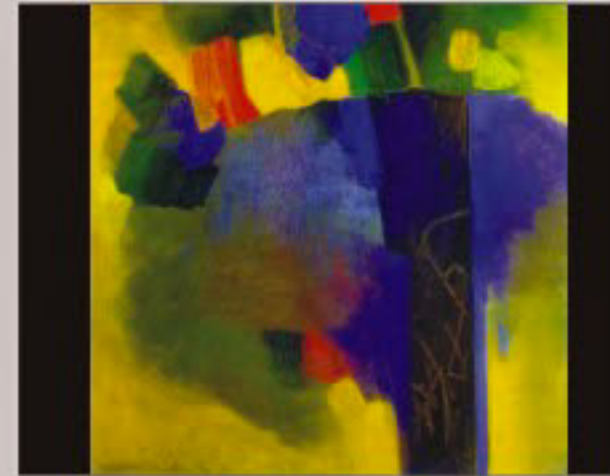
Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Swapan Chowdhury
 Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, R-7 A, H-60, Dhanmondi
 Date: December 15-31
 Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Hashem Khan
 Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattoshali Gallery, National Museum
 Date: December 18-January 2
 Time: 12pm-8pm



CD Launch

Title: Bajuk Praney Banglar Gaan
 Organizer: Bengal Foundation
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: December 22
 Time: 5:30pm



An exotic fare

Singer Elita dons a new role



PHOTO: MUMIT M.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Singer and TV show host Elita Karim unfolded another landmark of her creative career by acting in the ongoing popular serial "Mukim Brothers", currently running on Channel i. Based on Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's story, the serial has been written and directed by Ashfaque Nipun.

Playing a guest character named 'Dooty' who is visiting Bangladesh from the US, Elita is seen in four consecutive episodes of the serial.

"My role in 'Mukim Brothers' is a lot of fun. I get entangled in all the activities of the family, especially between the two brothers who are always at daggers drawn with each other. I played the character because Ashfaque Nipun had requested me to do so."

Asked about her experiences in a new medium, Elita said, "Even though I had acted in a single-episode play directed by Kawshik Shankar Das four years ago, I was very nervous while working in 'Mukim Brothers'. I think I worked hard for the character. 'Mukim Brothers' is filled with comic elements, which is why after a while I was relaxed. Everyone, including the director, had helped me a lot."

Vocalist of the band R-Take, Elita Karim regularly performs at concerts and music shows aired live on television channels. "A mixed album, which will have one of R-Take's singles, will come out very soon. My solo album is also in the pipeline. As this is going to be my first solo, I'm taking some time working on it. I hope I can have it out by next year."

Aside from hosting and performing on several live shows on stage, radio and television, Elita Karim is the editor of the weekly magazine, Star Campus, of The Daily Star.



Muktadhara IV Theatre Festival

On December 16, under the aegis of Shadhona -- A Centre for Advancement of South Asian Dance and Music, 10 lathials from Kishoreganj and Netrokona and 10 dancers from Dhaka participated in 'Muktadhara IV', an international theatre festival organised by Janasanskriti, A Centre for Theatre of the Oppressed, says a press release. Theatre groups from 23 countries participated in the festival. Janasanskriti has been taking forward the work of Brazilian Theatre activist Augusto Boal who popularised community theatre.

Dhaka performers presented lathi khela from the Boulai Estate of Kishoreganj, Raibeshe dance and a presentation based on the fusion of lathi khela and fire-dance choreographed by Shabbir Ahmad Khan Biju. The performances were greatly appreciated by the audience.

ITYADI in Puthia

A CORRESPONDENT

Over the last couple of years, popular variety show "Ityadi" has been under the camera at different historic places. The latest episode of the show was shot in the zamindar estate of Puthia, Rajshahi.

The episode will be aired on December 31 at 9:30pm on Bangladesh Television. Planned and anchored by Hanif Sanket, this episode will emphasise the cultural and historical aspects of Rajshahi. Several skits of the show are based on local culture.

During the shooting, the locals had a field day. According to the "Ityadi" team, around 40,000 people enjoyed the shooting.



Watercolour in Focus Art workshop by Standard Chartered



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) Bangladesh has organised a 35-daylong art workshop, titled 'Standard Chartered Sreejoni 2010'. The theme of this year's art camp is watercolour. Around 43 artists are participating at the workshop which was inaugurated by Sandeep Bose, Head of Consumer Banking for Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka on the city. Gitanka D. Datta, Head of Cards, Consumer Banking; Aftab Mahmud Khurshid, Head of Marketing of SCB; Najib Tareque, executive, Desk Top Pub-

lications, Consumer Banking, among others, were present on the occasion. Veteran watercolourists Samiran Chowdhury and Biren Chowdhury are conducting the workshop. Senior painters Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Alakesh Ghosh and Rezaul Karim are instructors. Participating painters are visiting several sites in the city for inspiration. The workshop will be held at 16 different outdoor locations in Dhaka and Narayanganj like Shilpanu Academy (Lalmatia), Dhanmondi Lake, Boshila (near Rayer Bazar), Ramna Park, Amin Bazar Bridge, Botanical Garden and others. The workshop's aim is to popularise

the watercolour medium among promising painters of the country. Participating painters are the students of Faculty of Fine Arts (University of Dhaka), Narayanganj Fine Arts Institute, Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts and University of Development Alternative in Dhaka. About the theme of the camp, Samiran Chowdhury said, "Watercolour is one of the lucid mediums which beautifully articulate nature and landscape. However, watercolour exhibitions are few and far between, and budding artists do not have sufficient knowledge of this medium. This medium can effectively depict nature and seasons of Bangladesh."



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