

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Calligraphy Exhibition

Artist: Murtaja Baseer  
Venue: HSBC Amanah, Gulshan-2  
Date: December 15-31  
Time: 10am-7pm



### Solo Art Exhibition

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



### Photo Exhibition of Sunfest

Title: Sunfest 2001  
Organiser: Bangladesh Astronomical Association  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: December 20-31



### Classical Musical Fest

Organiser: Lakkhyapara  
Venue: Convention Centre, Narayanganj Club Ltd, Narayanganj  
Date: December 30  
Time: 5:30pm onwards



## The Liberation War and its aftermath under limelight

Shabdaboli stages its productions at Mayor Natya Utshab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Shabdaboli Group Theatre staged two plays -- "Fona" on December 23 and "Neel Mayurer Joubon" on December 25 -- at Ashwini Kumar Hall. The shows were part of the Mayor Natya Utshab (theatre festival) in Barisal, and were much appreciated by the audience.

"Fona", written by Shahman Moishan and directed by Sudip Chakraborty, was the 52nd production of Shabdaboli.

"As drama easily cuts across linguistic and geographical barriers, we hope that our efforts will fuel curiosity among the audience about our history of struggle for the right to speak in mother tongue, liberation from occupation forces, and fight for democratic and human rights," said Sudip Chakraborty, director of "Fona", at the festival.

The story of "Fona" is based on the life of soldiers during and after the Liberation War, as they search for freedom, sovereignty, democracy and basic human rights.

The playwright with outstanding techniques and dialogues presented the



Actors of Shabdaboli Group Theatre in the play "Fona".

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internal discipline and physio-psychological conflicts of the soldiers. In a clear metaphor, at the end of black and moon lit nights of war, a new sunlight of freedom emerges in the horizon.

Many soldiers became martyred, many were injured, many lost everything. The patriotic soldiers who were fortunate to remain alive and had taken on the enemy only for the welfare of the motherland and freedom of the nation, found themselves marginalised and neglected

after the war was over. Selfishness burst out like 'fona', the hood of a snake, and soldiers became tools in the hands of conspirators who misused the formers' patriotism and nationalism during the war. The interne-cine conflicts that arise amongst the various players after the war constitutes the rest of the play.

The cast included Nabila Nasrin, Abu Saleh, Shahidul Islam Shishir, Anwar Hossain Shamim, Palash Majumdar, Swarna Shil, and Shankha.

"Neel Mayurer Joubon" was the 45th production of Shabdaboli. The play was dedicated to the memory of the martyrs of the Language Movement.

Syed Dulal directed the play, scripted by Sunanda Bashar. The play was a story of daily struggles of a nation, portrayed by Selina Hossain in her novel with the same title, based on the themes of "Charyapada". Images of mass-life mingled with the novelist's imagination.

The plays narrated the

struggle, which laid the seeds for the Language Movement and prepared the grounds for a sovereign state, which later emerged as an independent Bangladesh. The narrative unfolded against the backdrop of fortunes of Kanhu Pa and Vusuku Pa, two poets of the eighth and eleventh century.

The cast included Animesh Saha Litu, Naznin Ruma, Nabila Nasrin, Wasim Hawladar and Riyad Mahmud Rassel.

The festival was arranged jointly by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTf), Barisal Division Administration and Barisal City Corporation, and ended yesterday.

'Baan Eshechhe Mora Gangey, Khulley Hobey Nao' was selected as the slogan of the festival, calling for creating a new stream of native culture.

Troupes like Theatre Art Unit, Drama Department of Dhaka University, Drishtipat, Natya Kendra, Pranganey More, Aranyak, Shabdaboli Group Theatre, Kheyali Group Theatre, Barisal Natak, Brojomohan Theatre, Barisal Shishu Theatre, Natyam and Protik Natya Gosthi of Jhalakathi participated at the festival.

## DS Café



DS Café has received a tremendous response from you, the readers. We want to involve you more. Now the readers get to vote for the celebrity of the month and we'll have him or her at DS Café respond to your questions. Every month we'll give a choice of three cultural personalities and the one receiving the most votes will be on the hot seat at DS Café. This month's

shortlist includes (A) director-actor Salauddin Lavlu; (B) actress Tamalika Karmakar and (C) actor Hasan Masud. Send your vote to culture\_dailystar@yahoo.com. The subject of the mail should read "DS Café: Vote".

The deadline for voting is January 2, 2011.

We're all ears...

## Julie Andrews to get lifetime Grammy

Dame Julie Andrews is to receive a lifetime achievement Grammy award, it has been announced.

The "Mary Poppins" star, alongside country star Dolly Parton and punk rock group The Ramones, will receive the honour for her contribution to music.

The Juilliard String Quartet, jazz drummer Roy Haynes, folk group The Kingston Trio and gospel singer George Beverly Shea will also receive awards.

The awards will be given out at a special ceremony on February 12.

Dame Julie made her Broadway debut in 1954 and has a career, which spans more than 60 years.

The singer and actress has won a Grammy before, taking home the 1964 award for best recording for children for her role in "Mary Poppins".

The other honourees have also previously collected Grammys -- Parton has seven under her belt, the Juilliard String Quartet have four, Hayes and the Kingston trio each have two and Shea has one.



It is the first time The Recording Academy has honoured punk pioneers The Ramones -- famed for songs like "Blitzkrieg Bop" and their cover of "Baby, I Love You".

"It is a great honour to recognise and celebrate such a distinguished and dynamic group of honourees who have been the creators of such timeless art," said Neil Portnow, president of the Academy.

"These influential performers and brilliant innovators

have been of great inspiration to our culture and industry. Their legendary work has left a lasting impression and will continue to influence generations to come."

Although the awards will be given out at a separate ceremony, a formal acknowledgment will be made during the Grammy Awards, which will be held in Los Angeles on February 13.

Source: BBC

## 'Boithoki Gaaner Jolsha' held

RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI, Moulvibazar

An attractive presentation of classical songs, 'Boithoki Gaaner Jolsha', was held at a local community centre in Moulvibazar last Thursday night.

Indian artiste Anil Chattopadhyay and Bangladeshi artiste (of Canadian origin) Ronney Prentice Roy recited several classical compositions. The artistes gave renditions of semi-classical songs as well, like ghazal and thumri. Tagore and Nazrul songs on winter, spring and monsoon also stole the show.

Classical dances were staged between each song. Kathak dancer Taposh Debnath gave a performance revolving around Shiva, Durga and Matri Bandana.

The Ragrong Sangeet Academy was the organiser of the musical night. Local enterprising youths Syed Munim Ahmed, Syed Monsur Ahmed Sumel, Apu Prentice and Syed Mehedi Russell put their hands forward to make the function a success.



The soiree featured classical and semi-classical renditions.

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**ATN BANGLA**

12:15 Off Time  
03:45 Tapur Tupur  
04:25 Shonali Din  
05:20 Obiraam Bangladesh  
10:45 Bihongo Katha  
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News

**CHANNEL i**

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Ridoyer Gaan  
11:30 Banglalink Jagoroner Gaan  
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

**ntv**

04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey

**RTV**

12:05 Protidiner Gaan  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film

**BANGLAVISION**

03:30 Cinebit Shadakalo  
06:05 Sports Time  
09:10 Garbo: Gao Pran Khuley Gao  
11:30 Raat Biratey  
12:30 Bashudha Cinemar Gaan

**Boishakhi TV**

04:15 Shorashori Doctor  
05:15 Boishakhi-CNN Sharabishwa  
05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan  
11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon Sangbad

**Diganta TV**

12:30 Score Cards  
03:30 Shahityalap  
05:30 Shur Shurobbhi  
06:05 Dosh Diganta  
08:05 Lime Light  
10:00 Prime Time

**Star Movies**

11:15 Night At The Museum

**Star World**

01:30 The Bold and The Beautiful  
07:30 Koffee With Karan: Shahid & Priyanka  
08:30 How I Met Your Mother  
09:00 Friends  
09:30 MasterChef Australia  
10:30 Burn Notice  
11:30 Two And A Half Men  
12:00 The Simpsons

**Discovery Channel**

11:30 Survivorman  
12:30 Speed of Life  
01:30 Extreme Engineering  
02:30 Man vs. Wild  
03:30 Swords: Life on The Line  
04:30 Destroyed in Seconds  
06:00 Time Warp  
06:30 Superswarms  
07:30 Creating Synthetic Life  
09:30 Man vs. Wild  
10:30 Surviving Disaster  
11:30 A Haunting

**National Geographic Channel**

10:30 Creative Vision

**BBC World**

02:00 BBC World News  
02:30 White Horse Village Revisted  
03:30 HARDtalk  
04:00 BBC World News  
04:30 World Business Report  
04:45 Sport Today  
06:30 Review 2010: The Year in the Arts  
07:00 BBC World News  
07:30 Review 2010: Return to the Floods  
10:30 Our World  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 Final Score  
12:00 BBC World News

**Talk Show**

**ATN BANGLA**

10:30am Hello Bangladesh  
06:20pm Kothamala

**CHANNEL i**

09:45am Tritio Matra  
12:30pm Taroka Kathon

**ETV**

10:10pm Galpo Shalpo

**ntv**

12:30am Ei Shomoy

**Rtv**

08:30pm Road to Democracy

**Boishakhi TV**

10:45pm Saatkahon

**Drama Serial**

**ATN Bangla**

08:00pm Madnabi Villa  
09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala

**CHANNEL i**

10:55pm Nondini  
05:30pm Jato Durey Jai

**ntv**

08:15pm Manabzamin  
09:45pm Dhupchhaya

**ETV**

08:20pm Ek E Shunno Dosh

**Boishakhi TV**

09:30pm Durer Manush  
07:45pm Nil Josnay Kalo Sap  
09:20pm Air Com  
10:10pm Shiyal Pondit  
08:15pm Comet  
09:45pm A Shomoye Shei Shob Manushera

**BANGLAVISION**

04:05pm Swapno Chura  
08:15pm Mad Bhai

**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

**Garbo Gao Pran Khuley Gao**  
On Banglavisian at 09:10pm  
Musical Talent Hunt (SMS Round)  
Judges: Sabina Yasmin, Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul, Asif Akbar

**Reign Of Fire**  
On Star Movies at 08:45pm  
Genre: Action  
Cast: Christian Bale, Gerard Butler

**Manabzamin**  
On ntv at 08:15pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Subarna Mustafa

**RADIO FOORTI**

07:30 Hello Dhaka  
10:00 Morning 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 Janalaya  
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney  
12:00 Darun Dupurey  
03:00 Duranto Bikeley  
05:00 Shondhatara  
07:00 Shajer Maya  
09:00 Raat-er Akashey  
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

**RADIO TODAY**

07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Mosti 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