

WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition
Venue: Gallery Basilio, H-302, B-15b, New DOR, Mohakhali
Date: January 14-29
Time: 10am-6pm



100th Show of "Rising"
Image: Aranyak Natyapal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: January 22-23

Art Exhibition
Report of Rabindro Artworks
Organiser: Chikayama
Venue: Chikayama Sangikethi Bhaban, Dharmad
Date: January 21-28

Group Art Exhibition
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre
Date: January 1-15
Time: 11am-6pm

Selm Al Deen Festival
Organiser: Dhaka Theatre, JU and Shilpakala Academy and JU
Date: January 14-16

Rabindra-Dance Festival
To celebrate 150th anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore
Venue: Chikayama
Date: January 21-22
Time: 6:30pm

Aerial Photography
Photographer: Yase Arshad-Bonrad
Organiser: US Bangladesh Foundation and Tawazup
Venue: South Plaza, National Parliament

Exhibition
Title: Paintings of the Past
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Française de Dhaka
Date: January 6-17

Two Decades of The Daily Star

Leading cultural personalities reflect on its impact



Razzak
English newspapers in Bangladesh are playing a significant role in providing information just as their Bangla counterparts. The Daily Star has been a lead player in our media. I've noticed that youngsters follow the newspaper. Best wishes on this joyous occasion and I hope The Daily Star continues its journey on the right track. I do have another observation -- there are only a few reports published on mainstream Bangladeshi movies. I hope the authorities concerned will bring their attention to this issue. However, a makeup artiste has informed me that the daily published an in depth article on him, which is very positive. There are many others in the movie industry who always remain behind the scene. If The Daily Star focuses on their stories, I will be very happy.

Suborna Mustafa
In every country, the media plays a crucial role, and in Bangladesh the importance is even more. The newspapers satisfy the morning craving by reflecting what is going on in the society. I'm pleased that the leading English daily is completing its 20 years. Someday we'll be gone, but I hope that The Daily Star will get to celebrate its centennial. I also hope that the newspaper will continue to contribute to the practice and development

Momtaz
As an artiste, a lawmaker and a socially aware citizen, I feel that the future of newspapers in this country is positive. Newspapers point out the inconsistencies, as well as bringing to light injustices and wrongs. I personally think that these factors continue to draw readers' attention. As for The Daily Star, I would say it's a very popular newspaper. I think it's popular because it speaks of the common man. As an artiste, I want to see a bigger and better Arts and Entertainment section. I also hope that The Daily Star will publish more articles on artistes who are neglected, and will stand beside those who need assistance.

Arif Khan
The Daily Star is a favorite among the youth and its popularity is growing. I'm delighted that the newspaper has successfully crossed a milestone of 20 years. I wish that the newspaper will continue to enjoy its success by holding on to its admirable qualities. As a musician, I want fellow musicians to get more focus in the Arts and Entertainment section. This will inspire musicians as well give readers insight into the lives of their favorite artistes.



A Jugalbandi to Remember

Tabla and sarod performance at Bengal Gallery



Arif Khan (top) and Soumik Datta perform at the soiree. ZAHANGIR ALOM

Bengal Foundation arranged an instrumental performance at the café, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhaka on January 13. The event featured tabla performance by Arif Khan, a descendant of Ustad Vilayat Hussain Khan (Farukhabad Gharana) and sarod performance by Soumik Datta, an UK based emerging artiste. Luva Nahid Chowdhury, director general of Bengal Foundation, welcomed all and introduced the artiste duo. Arif Khan's incredible dexterity, superb tonal quality and maturity surprise average listeners and connoisseurs at the same time. His father Ustad Sabir Khan; grandfather Ustad Karamatullah Khan and great-grandfather Ustad Masit Khan, is daughter of the legendary Ustad Fayyaz Ahmed Khan. Arif Khan started off with a solo recital of teen taal on tabla. The artiste has mastered different styles of teen taal, developed by his gharana. He was euphoric and expressive while executing fast beats, producing a number of bol. He played Punjabi qaida; a composition by Ustad Munir Khan; a very intricate qaida developed by Pandit Kishen Maharaj where no bol is repeated and a descending composition assimilating the features of childhood, youth and old age. Several gat, tukra, farmaishi chakradar and tehai seemed to have taken the audience to a realm far removed from the hustle and bustle of the city. Bangladeshi tabla artiste Enamul Haque Omar assisted Arif on harmonium.

Soumik Datta, despite being brought up in the west, managed to go back to his roots to master the art of playing the complex Indian classical instrument, sarod. Trained under Pandit Buddhadev Dasgupta of Senia Shahjahanpur Gharana of India, Soumik staged his first concert with his Guru at the age of 15. As an art scholar at Harrow School, UK, Soumik introduced Indian classical music to his department and won the senior strings competition three years in a row. Soumik also held his first solo art exhibition at the Nehru Centre in London, along with an opening sarod concert a few years back. He had named it Colour Palette to depict various moods through painting and music.



John Travolta to receive German Golden Camera award



Willis, Nicolas Cage and Richard Gere, last year's recipient. "The way John Travolta chooses his roles and the variety of characters he portrays shows a lot of courage," said Horzu. "He doesn't follow the same pattern and always shows us a different face. By doing that he continues to amaze his audience." "Receiving the Golden Camera best actor international award is a huge honour for me," said Travolta. "I take great pride in my work and it's wonderful to have it recognised in such a way." "It's going to be great to accept this award in person next month," he added. Recipients of the other international awards, which include prizes for best actress, best music artist and lifetime achievement, have yet to be announced.

US actor John Travolta is to receive one of Germany's top entertainment honours, the Golden Camera. The Palp Fiction star will collect the award for best international actor at a ceremony in Berlin on February 5. Travolta, 56, was praised by German listings magazine Horzu, organisers of the awards, as "one of the greatest actors in the world". Previous winners of the honour include Bruce

Now in its 46th year, the Golden Cameras reward excellence in film, television and music. "Over the past few months so many positive things have happened to my family and me," the actor said in a statement. Source: BBC

Time for Verses

Two day long poetry recitation festival at Rajshahi University

RU CORRESPONDENT
A two-day poetry recitation festival began yesterday at the Rajshahi University (RU) campus. With the slogan "Joy austosurjo joy olokho arunodoy joy", Shanon, the first recitation organisation at the university, has organised a function to mark its 29th founding anniversary. Dr. Kapes Uddin, former Vice Chancellor of Islamic University inaugurated the programme, while eminent writer Hasan Azizul Haque was present as chief guest. After the inaugural session, the present and former members of Shanon and guests brought out a colourful rally on the campus. The first day's programmes were held at the university's Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium. The second day's programmes include gathering and memory sharing session at 10:30 am and poetry recitation at 3pm at the university old Folklore Chattr.



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HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura
The 154-year-old Bororiar Mela (fair), a longstanding festival of Magura district, was held last Tuesday evening amidst much fanfare. As every year, the mela was held on Poush 28 of Bengali calendar at Bororia village under Mohammadpur upazila, located about 30 kilometers from the district headquarters. The mela that attracts large number of enthusiastic visitors every year continues to be the bastion of national culture against the large-scale invasion of city based non-traditional culture. As in previous year, the organisers had traditional events like horse race, Lathi Khela (a martial performing art with sticks), Jhapan Khela (a risky game involving snakes) and Jatra Pala (folk opera) at night. "This mela is one of the prime festivals of the Magura people, but not confined to the district alone. Over the passage of time it has turned into an ideal occasion for the sale and display of products coming from adjoining districts like Narail, Faridpur and also from places as far as Chittagong," said Sayed Ali Karim, chairman of Balidia Union Parishad in a conversation with The Daily Star. The visitors to the fair were drawn by a variety of goods: wooden furniture, toys, cooking utensils, attractively designed sari and lungi made by local weavers and handlooms. Goods also came from Chittagong which included various exotic hand-made ornaments fashioned out of sea-shells. The most fascinating draw for children was the chain of stalls offering sweets and the merry-go-round. For grown-ups the special attractions of the mela were the horse race, Lathi Khela, Jatra Pala, Putul Natch (puppet show) and various kinds of games like Ha-du-du, Kusti (wrestling) etc. Among the people who sold their wares at the mela was 60-year-old Ibrahim Khalil, a trader of wooden furniture from Satkhira. "I have been selling goods at this fair for about 32 years. Apart from the necessary business of trading, the fair makes it possible for me to meet old friends and acquire new ones."

The Return of James Bond



There is exciting news for James Bond fans -- a new 007 film has officially been announced. Film studio MGM and EON Productions executives have announced that the 23rd James Bond film will begin production later this year, and be released worldwide on November 9, 2012. Daniel Craig is back for his third turn as the secret agent, while Oscar winner Sam Mendes will direct a screenplay written by Neal Purvis, Robert Wade and John Logan, reports the BBC. The franchise had been on hold amid financial troubles, with MGM filing for bankruptcy protection last November. Work on the 23rd film was suspended in April 2010 because of uncertainty over the company's future. James Bond is one of the longest running franchises in film history. Its return marks a four-year hiatus for Bond since his last adventure, "Quantum of Solace" in 2008. Source: Internet

BTV	03:10 Bangla Feature Film	03:00 Bangla Feature Film
07:50 Documentary: Phony Dehla	07:45 Desh Top Chat	07:45 Shiga Katha
08:35 Documentary: Banglar Pathay Protroyo	12:30 Total Sports	
08:40 Musical Programme		Boishakhi TV
09:00 Amader Rabobsonath	05:15 Boishakhi- CNN Shara Bishar	05:15 Boishakhi- CNN Shara Bishar
ATN BANGLA	08:45 Onno Akor Gaan	08:45 Onno Akor Gaan
02:45 Bangla Feature Film	10:50 Shorony Katha Gaan Gaan	10:50 Shorony Katha Gaan Gaan
06:15 Shurtha Thakur	12:30 Zoro Doro	12:30 Zoro Doro
10:45 Bhangra Katha	12:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan	
12:30 Gramophone Lead News		Diganta TV
		12:30 Score Cards
CHANNEL i	01:05 Bangla Feature Film: Bachelor	05:30 School Angana
06:20 Bideshy Bishoto	11:05 Apankita	11:05 Apankita
Bangal	11:30 Desh Mahadend	11:30 Desh Mahadend
09:35 Hridaye Mati O Manush	11:30 Shudhu Hisedel	
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RADIO	RADIO FORUM
09:00 Mahatma Shreey	03:00 Ashraf
12:25 Standard Chartered: The Daily Star Interview	03:00 Four's Scintillat
	06:00 Barper to Barper
	10:00 Back to Back music
	Jugbandi
03:00 Dazana Bishoy	11:00 RADIO TODAY FM 95.6
05:00 Shaukhara	11:00 Muthi Unkhat
07:30 Shree Bano	08:00 Today's World Talk
09:00 Road to Madhoy	04:00 U Jan
11:00 Golob Shree Hai	08:00 Today Talk

Life is Beautiful
On Rtv at 9:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shahed Sharif Khan, Faruk Ahmed

Signs
On Star Movies at 10:25pm
Genre: Drama/ Mystery
Cast: Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix

Garbo Gao Pran
Khuley Gao
On BANGLAVISION
at 09:10pm
Musical Talent Hunt
Judges: Sabina Yasmin, Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul

12:00 Gramophone Aker	01:30 The 13th Warrior
Shangbadpatri	03:45 Top Gun
ntv	07:25 Free Willy
12:50 Shurtha Prezidin	09:30 Bhang Down the House
04:10 Gallery	11:45 The Godfather
05:45 Shaukani Bangladeshi	HBO
07:20 Shoukani Bangladeshi	12:30 Land of the Lost
09:00 Busy-der Easy Show	02:30 Rush Hour 2
ETV	04:45 D-Tox
01:30 Bangla Feature Film	07:15 Bean
05:25 The Arn	09:30 Inners
06:30 Vabo Guro Det Con	11:45 2012
07:50 Otopar Aru	Star Movies
12:02 Banglalink Ekusher Raat	11:50 The Terminator
Rtv	03:15 Deception
12:05 Proshid-er Gaan	07:00 Astro Boy
02:30 Drama	08:40 Scurry Row
04:30 Pathay Protroyo	10:25 Signs
05:00 Drama	Star World
05:00 Beautiful Bangladesh	02:30 French
11:45 Joyoy Achho Ki	04:30 Bam Nitice
BANGLAVISION	07:30 Koffee With Karan
12:05 Style File	09:30 Tsama
02:20 Bangla Feature Film	10:30 Royal Pains
06:10 Front Line	Discovery Channel
09:10 Garbo: Gao Pran/Khuley Gao	03:30 Destroyed in Seconds
11:30 Art Show: Laal Golap	04:30 A Haunting
12:30 Beshadhi Cinemar Gaan	08:30 Life: Birds

DRAMA SERIAL	08:15pm Guldaste
ATN BANGLA	ETV
04:40m Upshorghar	09:15pm Ghatik Baki Bhai
09:20m Libbet	Rtv
CHANNEL i	10:20pm Life In Slow Motion
07:50m Chota Pujal	10:00pm Tawar
10:00m Ural Pookhi	BANGLAVISION
Min	08:15pm Anusara
	Desh TV

NEWS BULLETIN	BANGLAVISION
01:00 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	News (Bangla) at 7:30am
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TALK SHOW	12:10pm Citynet Teroka
ATN BANGLA	12:30 Kathan
05:20am Adan City Show	ntv
10:30am Hela Bangladesh	12:10am EShorony
CHANNEL i	ETV
09:45am Gramophone	10:10pm Galpo Shalpo
Shonatho	Gango
11:45am Anadol Kayta	Rtv