

WHAT'S ON

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Venue: Gallery Basilio, H-300, R-19b, New DOHS, Mohakhali  
Date: January 14-29  
Time: 10am-8pm



**100th Show of "Raarang"**  
Troupe: Aranyak Nityadal  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 22-23

**Art Exhibition**  
Reprint of Rabindra Artworks  
Organiser: Chhayanaut  
Venue: Chhayanaut Sangskriti Bhaban, Dhanmondi  
Date: January 21-28

**Retrospective Exhibition**  
Artist: Mostafizul Haque  
Venue: Santa-Mariano University, H-18-20, Sector-3  
Date: January 19-25

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

**Folk Festival**  
Organiser: The Daily Star  
Venue: Bakul Taha, Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University  
Date: January 28  
Time: 4pm-9pm

**Aerial Photography**  
Photographer: Yoni Artus-Bertrand  
Organiser: US Bangladesh Foundation and Insmung  
Venue: South Plaza, National Parliament

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

**Festival of Colours**  
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, H 27/5, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: January 14-22  
Time: 12-8pm



# Riding High on an Euphoric Tide

Classical music and dance mark The Daily Star's 20th anniversary celebration

## Dancing in Tune

### Two-day folk festival wraps up

**PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong**

Speakers urged the government and organisations from all walks of life to arrange such festivals and programmes all over the country to preserve our rural culture.

The function began with Lathi Khela by Kushtia Lathi Bahini. On the first day Rakta Karabi performed songs of Tagore, Nazrul, DL Roy, Rajanikant and Atul Prasad.

Tripura Gairing Forum performed Tripura dances. Kushtia Baul Dal, Uchal Indigenous Cultural Dal and local songs were performed at the festival.

On the second day performers of Academy for Manipuri Culture and Art, directed by Santana Devi, held the attention of the audience.

The country's noted singers performed Maizbhandari, Bhawaiya, Bhatiali, Hasan Raja, Shah Abdul Karim songs and more.

The festival ended with fascinating flute and solo performances by Bari Siddiqui.



The highlight of the event was "Chaturongo", a grand arrangement that brought together around 100 dancers on the stage.

**KARIM WAHEED**

For days they had rehearsed tirelessly at The Daily Star office, but the ultimate sign of the dancers' dedication to their craft was walking around and stretching barefoot backstage, for hours, totally ignoring the piercing cold floor. We, at The Daily Star, don't have the audacity to compare ourselves with these artists but we do have something in common. Just as the performers are committed to staging their best, we always try to provide our readers with the best possible news [in English] coverage.

On the occasion of The Daily Star's 20th anniversary, 'Sur Sagor' -- a programme featuring classical music and dance -- was held at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka on January 15.

Sadya Aftab Mallick, editor of Star Arts & Entertainment, and Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, general manager, production and events, The Daily Star emceed the show. Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher, The Daily Star welcomed the audience.

The show started with light classical music. Priyanka Gope's bandish of a Khayal in Raga Yaman -- "Piya Ki Najariya" -- warmed up the chilly ambience. Currently a teacher of classical music at Chhayanaut, Priyanka's intoxicating vocals seemingly engaged the audiences' senses.

Accomplished artiste Swani Zubayeer rendered an Ustad Bade Gulam Ali Khan Thumri, "Yaad Piya Ki Aaye". The vocalist made a commendable effort despite



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being under the weather.

Anup Barua, also a classical music teacher at Chhayanaut, presented a Raga Mishra Jogiya based performance in Bangla.

The second segment of the show began with a "Batu" performance by Odissi and Tagore Dance Organisation Centre from Chittagong. Directed by Proma Abanti, the Odissi piece established the link between temple sculpture and the classical dance form through sculpturesque poses.

Nilmoni Singh and his troupe, Manipuri Lalitkala Academy, from Maulvibazar performed "Mridang/Dhol Chalam". This Manipuri piece with a tandava essence showcased Singh in a mad frenzy of speed with bends and turns, holding the drum and producing music. The

electrifying performance received rounds of applause from the keen audiences.

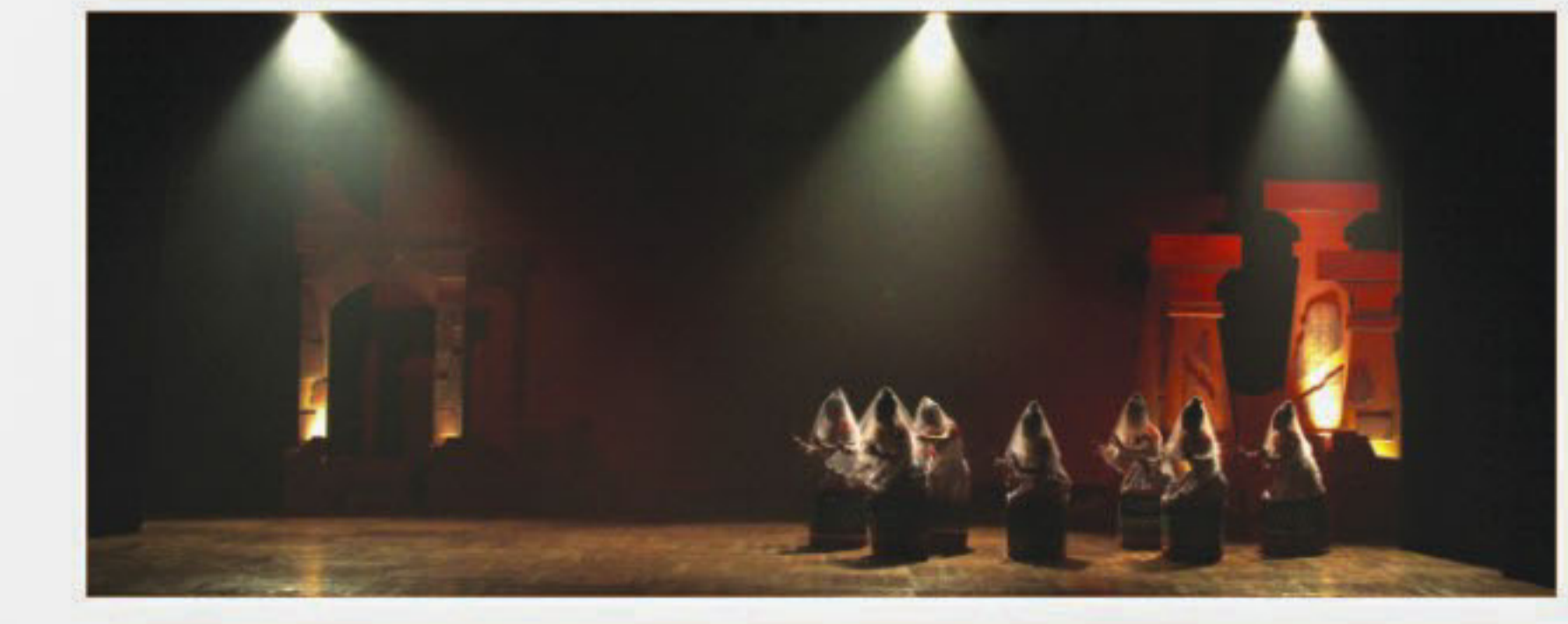
Srishti Cultural Centre presented "Jatiswaram". This Bharatanatyam piece, directed by Anisul Islam Hero, highlighted the rhythmic syllables of a raga and taal. Through eye movements and rhythmic stomping, the dancers tried to articulate the aesthetics of the dance form.

In "Protibimbo", dancers -- in pairs -- of Nriyanchal mirrored each other's movements. This Kathak piece was directed by Shibli Muhammad.

The highlight of the event was "Chaturongo", a grand arrangement that brought together all four groups -- around 100 dancers -- on the stage. Inspired by four ragas -- Ahir Bhairav, Brindavani Sarang, Yaman and Behag -- performed at different hours of the day, the composition demon-

strated smooth transitions between the four dance forms and ended with a bang. Odissi, Manipuri, Bharatanatyam and Kathak mingled spectacularly -- a harmony inspired by nature. The piece was jointly directed by Shibli Muhammad, Nilmoni Singh, Proma Abanti and Anisul Islam Hero. Kudos to Shibli and Shamim Ara Nipa for developing the concept. Nriyanchal coordinated the dance segment of the show. Nasirul Haque Khokon and Nuruddin Faruq Shubho deserve special mention for lighting and set designs.

Moved by the performances, the editor of The Daily Star made a pledge: "We'll continue to support and encourage classical music and dance practices, as well as artistes, in Bangladesh."



## Future in Frames

### 4th International Children Film Festival on the cards

Children's Film Society Bangladesh is to organise the weeklong 4th International Children's Film Festival from January 22, says a press release.

Children's Film Society (CFS) Bangladesh announced this at a press conference at the Press Club on January 15. Chairman of the Festival Advisory Committee, eminent artist Mustafa Monwar; vice-chairman of CFS, Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal; member of the Festival Advisory Committee Yasmin Haque; festival director Morshedul Islam; outreach and communication director of Transparency International Bangladesh S.M. Rezwanul Alam and communication specialist of UNICEF Bangladesh Arifa S. Sharmin were present at the press conference.

Two hundred and thirty three children's movies from 40 countries will be screened at 14 venues in Dhaka,



<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	06:25 Bajarey Notun
01:25 Cholochchitree Galpo	07:45 Hothat Ekdin
04:25 Banjira Mela Protidin (Live)	12:30 Total Sports
06:20 Abidin	<b>Boishakhi TV</b>
10:45 Bihungo Katha	07:30 Bhor Holo Bibhabori
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News	10:30 Bangla Feature Film
	05:15 Boishakhi-CNN
	08:45 Sharabishwa
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	08:45 Drama Serial: Empty Pocket
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	09:15 Drama Serial: Stamparka
01:30 Hridoyer Gaan	
02:40 Bangla Feature Film: Bachelor	<b>Z Studio</b>
06:00 Magazine Programme: Rupantor	10:50 Snowglobe
09:35 Fantasic Family Game Show	01:30 Dark Water
11:30 RC Travel On	03:45 Shall We Dance?
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro	06:15 Pirates of the Caribbean
	09:30 Along Came a Spider
	11:45 The Deadly Duo
	<b>Star Movies</b>
ntv	11:25 When In Rome

<b>RADIO</b>	
abc radio FM 89.2	12:00 My Time
09:30 Adh Oon	01:00 No Tension
02:05 Doyonoti	04:00 Dhaka Calling
03:00 Duranto Bikshy	09:00 Night Rider
03:30 Adik Odik	01:00 Back to Back music
04:30 Bhalo Theko Sange	<b>RADIO TODAY FM 89.6</b>
05:30 Kachulonka	07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
Radio Foorti	09:00 Today's Adde
10:00 Morning Express	04:00 U Turn
	08:00 Tobey Tai Hok

**Nandini**  
On ATN BANGLA at 10:55pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Mir Sabbir, Mousumi Biswas

**BATMAN**  
On HBO at 11:30pm  
Genre: Crime/Drama  
Cast: Michael Keaton, Jack Nicholson

**Metamorphosis**  
On Desh TV at 08:15pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Apurba, Runa Khan

01:00 Shastha Protidin	03:20 Trade
03:15 Amader Anandabari	05:25 Encino Man
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	07:50 Anascondor
05:30 Apnar Jigasha	08:45 Lies & Illusions
06:45 Ogrojo	10:30 Golden Gate
07:20 Sholana Bangallana	12:10 Soul Plane
11:30 Music Jam	<b>HBO</b>
	11:45 Superman IV
<b>ETV</b>	03:30 Ghosts of Girlfriends Past
12:30 Ekushey Business	05:30 Ladybugs
04:00 Drama	07:30 Ghost Town
05:30 Street Magic	11:45 If Looks Could Kill
06:30 Desh Jurey	11:30 Batman
11:45 Baula Ontor	
12:00 Banglalink Ekusher Raat	
	<b>Star World</b>
<b>Rtv</b>	10:45 Tarokalap
	07:30 Koffee With Karan
	08:30 How I Met Your Mother
	09:30 Friends
	09:30 The Bachelorette
	10:30 Burn Notice
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	<b>Discovery Channel</b>
09:05 Shudhui Gaan	11:30 Speed of Life
09:20 Bangla Feature Film	03:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
09:05 Mover Kartha	06:30 Rattle Snake
12:30 Cinemar Gaan	08:30 Culinary Asia
	11:30 Raging Nature
<b>Desh TV</b>	04:00 Desh Janopod
06:30 Durpath	
	<b>BBC World</b>

<b>DRAMA SERIAL</b>	
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	07:45pm Neel Jonayya Kalu
08:00pm Mokbal	Saap
10:55pm Nandini	Air Com
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	<b>ETV</b>
07:50pm Swapnobazar	08:30pm Bhishor
08:15pm Manabzaman	09:30pm Lotia
09:45pm Dhuupbhaya	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>
	08:15pm Mad Bhai
	09:45pm Fifty-Fifty

<b>NEWS BULLETIN</b>	
<b>ETV</b>	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	News (Bangla) at 7:30am
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm	1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:50 pm	News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels)	News (English) at 6:00pm Rtv
<b>CHANNEL-i</b>	News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm, 1:50am
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	<b>ETV</b>
NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am	News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:30 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 8:00pm

<b>TALK SHOW</b>	
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	ntv
10:30am Hello Bangladesh	12:10am El Showmy
11:05am Asian City Vision	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>
2020	10:10am Amar Jini
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	06:10pm Front Line
09:45am Grameenphone	<b>ETV</b>
Tattio Matra	10:10pm O Bandhu Amar
12:30pm Citycell Tarika	<b>Desh TV</b>
Kathan	11:45pm Shoja Kotha