

WHAT'S ON

- Folk Festival**  
Organiser: The Daily Star  
Venue: Bakul Tala, Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University  
Date: January 28  
Time: 4pm-9pm
- Chobi Mela VI**  
At seven different venues  
Theme: Dreams  
Organiser: Drik  
Date: Jan 21-Feb 3
- Art Exhibition**  
Reprint of Rabindra Artworks  
Organiser: Chhayanant  
Venue: Chhayanant Sangskriti Bhavan, Dharamendi  
Date: January 21-28
- 4th Int'l Children's Film Festival**  
Organiser: Children's Film Society Bangladesh  
Main Venue: Central Public Library premises, Shahbagh
- Group Art Exhibition**  
Venue: Gallery Basilio, H-300, R-19b, New DOTS, Mohakhali  
Date: January 14-29  
Time: 10am-9pm
- Solo Photography Exhibition**  
Photographer: Oshaid Hasan  
Venue: Hakim Chatter, Dhaka University  
Date: January 22-28
- Retrospective Exhibition**  
Artist: Mostafizul Haque  
Venue: Santo-Mariam University, H-18-20, Sector-3  
Date: January 19-25
- Classical Music Performance**  
Artist: Dada Tapan Kanti Baidya  
Venue: TSC Auditorium, DU  
Date: January 26  
Time: 4-9pm

# As Film Stars See It

## The Daily Star's 20th anniversary

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

The Daily Star celebrated its 20th anniversary recently. On the occasion, we spoke to some of the popular film stars to get their feedback. They also clue us in with what they would like to see in the newspaper in future. Here's their take:

**Shakib Khan:** I'm glad that the leading English daily of the country is completing its 20th year. I extend my heartfelt greetings to The Daily Star on the occasion and hope for its continued success. The print media has helped me enormously



Shakib Khan



Popi

in reaching the pinnacle of success. I hope that this support will continue in the coming years. A newspaper can contribute a great deal to the country. I would like to see more reports and features on artists.

**Nirob:** I would call The Daily Star a newspaper which meets international standards. It is remarkable that an English daily has acquired so much popularity in our country. This paper promotes Bangladeshi performers among the expats living in our country. As The Daily Star completes its 20th year, I want to offer my best wishes to the paper. I hope that the daily will one day celebrate its centennial. I also hope that the Arts & Entertainment section will publish more reports on film personalities.

**Moushumi:** Newspapers always provide strong support to people from the movie industry, something which also I have enjoyed. This had forged in me enormous respect for newspapers. The Daily Star stands out from the crowd -- which I think is a great achievement for its editor and all the journalists involved with the paper. I convey my best wishes on its 20th anniversary. I also hope that the daily will continue to stand beside the artists, and one day I'll be able to celebrate the paper's golden jubilee.

**Popi:** My heartiest greetings to The Daily Star on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. This is the leading English newspaper of the country and I hope for its continued success. I also hope that the daily will make a better evaluation of artists from the movie industry.

**Nipun:** I hope that The Daily Star will continue to be move forward -- achieving greater successes as well as winning

the hearts of a larger readership. It gives me great joy that the daily is celebrating the completion of its 20th year. I can't go a day without sweeping a glance at the headlines in the morning. As an artist, I have always enjoyed the support of newspapers. When I received the national film award, all dailies put the limelight on me and I'm very grateful for that. I'll be delighted if The Daily Star focuses more on movie artists.

**Ferdous:** I was a student of journalism. I have long been and continue to be a keen reader of The Daily Star. I am delighted that my favorite newspaper is celebrating its 20th anniversary and wish for its continued success. I ask authorities concerned to consider publishing more features on artists from the film industry. I extend my warm greetings to all involved with the daily.

**Shimla:** The Daily Star is undoubtedly one of the frontrunners among the country's dailies and is also one of my favorite English newspapers. I am happy to know that the daily is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Those of us who work in the film industry have great expectations from the newspaper as it helps promote us to the world. I pass on wishes of red roses to the daily.



Nirob



Moushumi



Shimla



Ferdous



Nipun

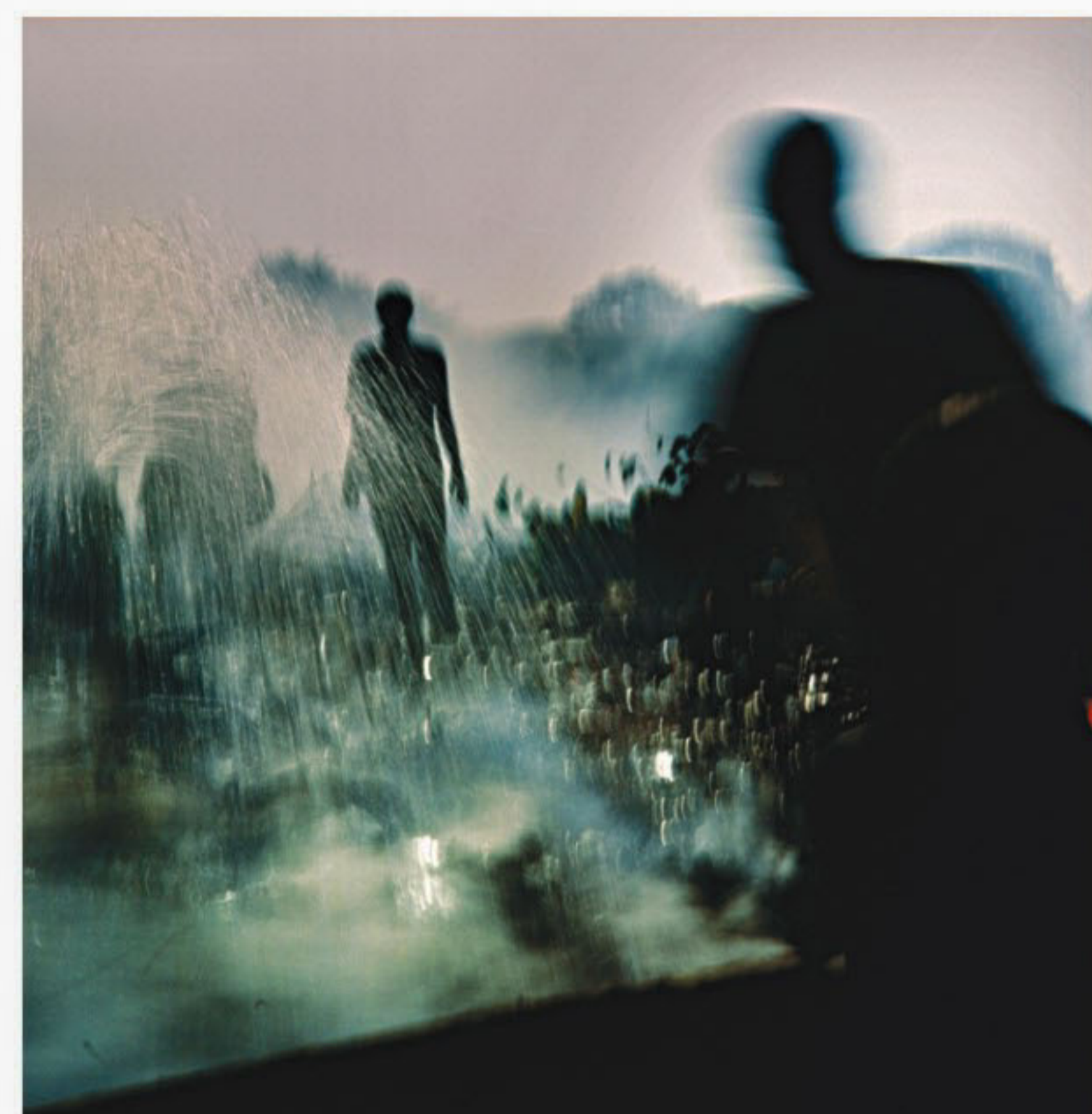
# Chobi Mela VI

## Laurence Leblanc's Out-of-focus, Dreamlike Images

AKRAM HOSEN MAMUN

To confront the out-of-focus images of fleeting moments by the internationally acclaimed photographer Laurence Leblanc is an unsettling yet fascinating experience. Born and raised in Paris, Leblanc took courses in design and painting at a very young age. She also trained in engraving at the "Ecole des Arts décoratifs du Louvre". Eventually, she took to photography and chose childhood as her theme. She made her debut in 1993 with a project on the Droit au Logement (the right to accommodation) and collaboration with the artist Peter Gabriel.

The dreamlike images -- most of it in black and white -- provoke thoughts and questions rather than providing conclusive answers. When asked to comment on the idiosyncratic texture of her photos, the photographer said: "First of all, I never wanted to show reality (in the most literal sense of the word) with details in my work. When I was painting and drawing as a child, I had a fondness for this particular kind of texture -- as you've called it." The subject of most of her photos is childhood. The joyful children's games are overshadowed by an ominous apprehension of violence and memories of terror



"I never wanted to show reality with details in my work." -- Laurence Leblanc

from the past. The most remarkable aspect of her photos is that they suggest a lot of things that are not visible. Leblanc has won several prestigious awards including the Foundation HSBC Award in 2003, Kodak Award 2001, and Villa Médicis Award in 2000. In 2009, her exhibition "Seul l'air" (only air) consisting of images shot in Africa was presented at the 40th International Photography Festival in Arles, France.

Her solo exhibition, titled "Can All Dreams be Found Somewhere Else?" was inaugurated on January 22 at La Gallery of Alliance Française de Dhaka.

The session was presided over by Dr. Shahidul Alam, director of Chobi Mela and Dr. Hameeda Hossain, founder member of 'Ain O Shalish Kendra' was present as the chief guest. Apart from the photos exhibited, the highlight of the session was the artist herself who patiently answered the queries from viewers. The exhibition ends on February 3.



# Puducherry Blue Begins Today at Bengal Gallery



(From Right): Alokesh Gosh, Ankan Banerjee (director of Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre), Rafiqun Nabi, Subir Chowdhury and Sarwar Jahan at the press conference.

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India Gandhi Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Dhaka, in collaboration with the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts has organised a ten-day painting exhibition, titled "Puducherry Blue", at the Bengal Gallery in Dharamendi, Dhaka. The exhibition begins today and will continue till February 2. "Puducherry Blue" is a collection of 32 paintings of 32 noted artists from South Asian countries, produced at an art camp at Puducherry, India (from March 3 to 9, 2010). The art camp was organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and an Indian NGO (SEHER). Out of the 32 artists who participated at the art camp, 19 are from India and two from Bangladesh.

The participating artists are: Mehreen Zuberi (Pakistan); Amber Hamad (Pakistan); Latifa Meeran (Afghanistan); Enayatullah Niazi (Afghanistan); Chandraguptha Thenuwara (Sri Lanka); Sanjeeva Kumara (Sri Lanka); Tshewang Tenzin (Bhutan); Karma Zangmo (Bhutan); Erina Tamrakar (Nepal); Birendra Pratap Singh (Nepal); Alokesh Gosh (Bangladesh); Rafiqun Nabi (Bangladesh); Mariyam Omar (Maldives); Kyaw Shein (Myanmar); John Tun Sein (Myanmar); Ajay Rajgarhia (Delhi); Kota Neelima (India); Mona Rai (India); Masooma (India); Sumedh Rajendran (India); Amitava Das (India); Niladri Paul (India); Farhad Hussain (India); Prabhakar Kolte (India); Vanita Gupta (India); Vilas Shinde (India); Jin Shook Shinde (India); Debnath Basu (India); R. Bala (India); Parvathi Nayar (India); Zakir

Hussain (India) and V. Ramesh (India). Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mijarul Quayes, will inaugurate the exhibition. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Rajeev Mitter, will be present as special guest. Eminent artists who participated at the Puducherry Blue Art Camp, Prabhakar Kolte (India) and Rafiqun Nabi (Bangladesh) will be present as guests of honour. On the occasion of the exhibition, a press conference was held yesterday at Bengal Café. Subir Chowdhury, director of Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts; artists Rafiqun Nabi, Alokesh Gosh, Ankan Banerjee, Director, Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, among others, spoke on the occasion. Sarwar Jahan, manager of the gallery, read out an essay on the works included at the exhibition.



Clockwise (from top-left) LRB, Miles, Aurthohin and Warfaze perform at the concert.



# Youth Connect

## Banglalink Music Fest in Chittagong

Banglalink, in its latest bid to keep abreast with changing music trends and connect with the country's youth, has launched a series of nationwide concerts -- the second of which was held on January 21 in Chittagong. Banglalink Brand Ambassadors Habib, Warfaze, Aurthohin and two of the most popular Bangladeshi bands LRB and Miles performed to a teeming audience in Chittagong's MA Aziz Stadium, says a press release. Banglalink has supported music-based entertainment for the youth of the country on previous occasions, including both contemporary and traditional music. In the course of this year, Banglalink will organise three more concerts in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Mymensingh.



04:30	Bashori	07:45	Bajarey Notun
07:50	Documentary: Phirey	12:30	Hotat Ekdin
	Dakha		Total Sports
08:35	Documentary: Banglar		
08:40	Pothey Prantorey	07:30	Boishakhi TV
09:05	Krisbi Dibanshi	10:30	Bhor Holo Bibhabori
09:35	Drama: Kalo Dhoya	10:30	Bangla Feature Film
	Drama: Obooshehe Ekdin	05:15	Boishakhi-CNN
			Sharabishwa
		08:45	Drama Serial: Empty Pocket
		09:15	Drama Serial: Shamparka
		11:00	The Avenging Eagle
		10:30	The Italian Job
		04:00	Holiday in Handcuff
		06:30	Minority Report
		09:30	Snake Eyes
		11:40	Men From the Monastery

RADIO		
abc radio FM 89.2	10:00	Morning Express
06:15	07:00	My Time
06:30	07:30	No Tempon
07:05	08:00	Dhaka Calling
03:00	09:00	Night Rider
03:30	01:00	Back to Back music
04:30	04:00	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
	07:15	Good Morning Dhaka
05:30	01:00	Today's Adda
	04:00	U Turn

**Lux-Channel i**  
Super Star  
On Channel i at 07:50pm  
Beauty Pageant Gala Round

**The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3**  
On HBO at 12:00am  
Genre: Action/Crime  
Cast: Denzel Washington, John

**Mokbul**  
On ATN BANGLA at 08:00pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Siddique, Mir Sabbir

07:50	Rupantor	11:45	Shanghai
11:30	Super Star	01:40	The Terminator
12:00	KC Travel On	03:30	Brenda Starr
	Gamephone Aker	05:15	New In Town
	Shangbadpoto	07:00	Alien Hunter
01:00	Shakha Protidin	08:45	Streets Of Blood
03:15	Amader Anandabari	10:25	Mangolian Death Worm
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	12:00	Watching The Detectives
05:30	Apar Jiggasha	10:45	HBO
06:45	Ogrojo	12:45	My Sister's Keeper
07:20	Sholana Banglania	03:00	Bloodspot
11:30	Music Jam	05:00	Renegades
		07:30	Dracula: Dead and Loving It
10:45	Tarkalap	09:30	Avenging Force
12:06	Protidin-er Gaan	12:00	The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3
02:30	Bangla Feature Film		
05:30	Are You Ready		
11:45	Diplomatic Zone		
09:05	Shudhai Gaan		
02:20	Bangla Feature Film		
09:05	Moner Katha		
12:30	Cinemar Gaan		
04:00	Desh Janpodd		
05:30	Durpath		

DRAMA SERIAL	
ATN BANGLA	07:45pm
08:00pm	Mokbul
08:40pm	Pothi Jaria Nai
10:50pm	Nandini
CHANNEL I	05:30pm
05:30pm	Joto Dure Jai
ntv	08:15pm
08:15pm	Manabzamin
Rtv	
09:20pm	Neel Jonayaj Kalo Saip
09:30pm	Air Com
10:00pm	Shal Pandit
ETV	
08:20pm	Bibhob
09:30pm	Lolita
BANGLAVISION	
08:15pm	Mad Bhai

NEWS BULLETIN	
BTV	
News (Bangla)	8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 10:50 pm
News (English)	at 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:00pm
News (English)	at 6:00pm
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News (Bangla)	2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
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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
BANGLAVISION	
News (Bangla)	7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm
News Headlines (Bangla)	at 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:00pm
News (English)	at 6:00pm
BBC World	

TALK SHOW	
ATN BANGLA	12:10am
10:30am	Hello Bangladesh
11:00am	Asian City Vision 2020
CHANNEL I	
09:45am	Gamephone Bito
Mara	
12:30pm	Citycell Taroka
Kathan	
ntv	
12:10am	E Shomoy
08:30pm	Meet Democracy
BANGLAVISION	
10:10am	Asrar Ami
06:10pm	Front Line
ETV	
10:10pm	O Sandhu Anar
Desh TV	