

WHAT'S ON

Amar Ekushey Book Fair
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 1-28
Time: 9am onwards

Amar Ekushey Programme
Organiser: Sangkritik Jote
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises
Date: Feb 8-19 at 4pm everyday

Dui Bangla-r Rabindra Natyomela 2011
Organiser: Prangona More
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: February 12-18
Time: 5:30

Classical and Flamenco Guitar Fest
Organiser: CGAB
Venue: Chayrast Auditorium, Shankar
Date: Feb 18
Time: 7:30pm-9pm

Praner Khela
Singer: Bulbul Chowdhury, Juma Khandakar and Yakub Ali Khan
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, H 275/F, Rd 27, Dhannomdi
Date: Feb 15 at 7pm

Film Screening
Film: Dubshatar
Venue: Chittagong Theatre Institute, Chittagong
Date: Feb 17-19

Film Festival
Film adaptations of Tolstoy and Dostoevsky's novels
Venue: RSC, R-7, H-510, Dhannomdi
Date: 13 and 15; Time: 11am

In Memory of Kalim Sharafi
Organiser: Unirent Limited
Venue: Main Auditorium, National Museum
Date: February 15; Time: 7pm

Solo Exhibition
Title: Carnival of Agony
Artist: Ashraful Hasan
Venue: Galleria Kaya, H-20, R-16, S-4, Uttara
Date: Feb 11-24
Time: 11am-7:30pm

Literature Festival in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, NETRAKONA

Bashontokalin Shahitya Utshab (Spring Literature Festival) was celebrated at the Mukterpara area of the district town last Sunday, on the occasion of Pahela Phalgun, the first day of spring.

Netrakona Shahitya Shomaj organised the event. The programmes included a procession, discussion and a cultural function, at the premises of the Public Library, and was inaugurated by Parimol Roy -- a renowned local cultural organiser. The procession of artists was brought out from Bokultola and paraded the main roads of the town. In the evening a discussion was held on Khalekdad Chowdhury's life and contribution to Bangla literature. Presided over by Kamruzzaman Chowdhury, president of Netrakona Shahitya Shomaj, the discussion was addressed among others by renowned writer Professor Jatun Sarkar; poet Farid Kabir; Ataul Karim and Mahubul Kabir.

On the occasion, Netrakona Shahitya Shomaj presented the 14th and 15th Khalekdad Chowdhury Literary Awards to two literateurs in recognition of their contributions.

Poet Altaf Hossen bagged the 14th Khalekdad Chowdhury Literary Award and writer Nasrin Jahan received the 15th.

Leading writers, poets and intellectuals from across the country attended the festival.

Rabindra Theatre Fest '11



On the second day (February 13) of the ongoing weeklong Rabindra Theatre Fest, three plays were staged at Shilpakala Academy. Prachyanat staged its "Raja...ebong Onnanno" (top) at the Experimental Theatre Hall. Fame School of Drama, Chittagong staged "Rakto Karobi" (bottom-left) at the National Theatre Hall and Theatre Art Unit staged its latest production "Magoj Shamachar" at the Studio Theatre Hall. The plays drew a good number of theatre enthusiasts at the venues.



"The King's Speech" Sweeps the Board at the Baftas



Colin Firth with his BAFTA.

The story of King George VI's struggle to overcome a stammer, aided by his devoted wife, dominated the Orange British Academy Film Awards. Colin Firth continued his winning streak by taking the best actor prize for his portrayal of the reluctant monarch. Helena Bonham Carter and Geoffrey Rush won the supporting actor categories.

Firth's first Oscar now appears closer than ever. The 50-year-old actor joked that his involvement with the film might never have come about had he not cancelled a doctor's appointment.

"The day I had my first meeting with [director] Tom Hooper, I had to postpone a routine but possibly somewhat uncomfortable medical examination. I am pleased to report that the meeting with Tom was a lot more edifying."

It was Firth's second consecutive

best actor Bafta -- he won last year for "A Single Man". "I like coming here," he said as he accepted the award.

Natalie Portman won best actress for her role in the ballet drama "Black Swan", although she could not attend because she is heavily pregnant, and David Fincher won best director for "The Social Network".

But the night belonged to "The King's Speech", and the most entertaining speech was made by Helena Bonham Carter, named best supporting actress for her performance as Queen Elizabeth [the Queen Mother].

"I think I should thank the Royal Family because they have done wonders for my career," she joked. The 44-year-old actress, attired in Vivienne Westwood, dedicated the award "to all the best supporting wives in the world, including the Queen Mother herself and my own mum." Her speech was somewhat rambling but afterwards she was unapologetic. "I know I'm not going to win the Oscar, so for the Baftas I may as well go for it," she said.

The awards were held at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and the weather was typically British. Emma Watson was among the stars battling the elements.

Other winning films included "Inception", Christopher Nolan's mindbending thriller, and "The Social Network", the story of Facebook. Tom Hardy won the Rising Star award, the only prize of the night chosen by the public. Sir Christopher Lee, 88, received the Academy Fellowship.

Source: Internet

Old and New Stars Come Together at Grammy Awards



Clockwise (from top-left): Justin Bieber with his mentor Usher on stage; Mick Jagger during his performance; Lady Gaga crawling out of an egg.

The Grammy Awards on Sunday was a night to honour mentors, as everyone from teen idol Justin Bieber to rock icon Mick Jagger paid tribute to artists who helped mould their careers.

The on-stage tributes on the recording industry's biggest night were part of an effort by Grammy producers to bridge the gap between young and old, and bring in several generations of TV viewers.

Bieber, the 16-year-old Canadian who inspires fanaticism in young followers, sang "OMG" with Usher, the R&B singer and music executive who discovered him.

The audience also watched a video showing an even younger Bieber auditioning for Usher.

Usher, 32, said that he expects great things from the pop idol who has ridden to fame with the bubble gum crowd, on the strength of hit songs like "Baby" and "U Smile."

Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger performed for the first time on the Grammy stage on Sunday, singing to honour the late Solomon Burke, a soul legend whose gospel and country-rooted delivery influenced Jagger early in his career.

Jagger sang "Everybody Needs Someone to Love," a 1960s song co-written and recorded by Burke before the Rolling Stones covered it.

The 53rd Grammy Awards produced several surprise results, with favoured artists including Bieber and Eminem losing out to lesser-known acts.

The coveted album of the year award -- which had been expected to go to Eminem for his comeback record "Recovery" -- went instead to Arcade Fire for "The Suburbs".

The Canadian indie group, who have won critical

acclaim for all three of their albums since 2004, are now tipped to move into the top flight of mainstream international rock acts.

Lady Antebellum, a country trio from Nashville, Tennessee, ended up with the most awards overall, winning five out of six nominations, including the prestigious prizes for song and record of the year.

Meanwhile Bieber lost out on the award for best new act to Esperanza Spalding, a relatively obscure 26-year-old jazz singer and bassist from Portland, Oregon.

Spalding, who was the longestshot according to every bookmaker, was the first jazz artist to ever win the category. In a stunned acceptance speech, she said: "I take this honour to heart so sincerely."

Muse, the Devon-based prog rock group, won the award for best rock album for "The Resistance", their fifth studio album since debuting in 1999.

Other British winners included La Roux, who picked up best electronic album. Iron Maiden, who took best metal performance, and Sade, who won best R&B performance by a duo or group.

The flamboyant Lady Gaga took three awards -- for best female pop performance, best pop vocal album and best music video -- after turning heads by arriving at the show in a giant egg carried by 'slaves'.

The performance Gaga gave of her new song, "Born This Way", after "hatching" drew yet another round of comparisons with Madonna in her 1980s pomp.

Jay-Z, the rapper and music industry tycoon, also won three awards, including two for "Empire State of Mind", his hugely successful tribute to New York recorded with Alicia Keys.

Compiled by Correspondent

Chinese Acrobats Stun Dhaka Audience

A CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of keen audiences -- Bangladeshi and Chinese -- were awed by the spectacular performances of Zhejiang Acrobatic Art Troupe and Chinese Students Art Performing Group from University of International Business and Economics. The acrobatic show, titled 'Happy Chinese Spring Festival 2011', showcasing extraordinary feats of balance, agility and endurance was held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy premises in Dhaka on February 12 and 13.

The internationally recognised Zhejiang Acrobatic Troupe, consisting mostly of teenagers, mesmerised hundreds during its two-hour long performance.

Acrobatics is one of the oldest performing arts of China, dating back to 475 BC. Starting age for these performers are as young as six. The visiting troupe is among the most popular in China and has more than 170 members.

The Chinese troupe performed

13 items, including "Butterfly Lovers-Aerial Silk", "Umbrellas Juggling", "Head Balancing" and more. The audience was literally stupefied by the performers' unimaginable flexibility and teamwork. The full-house also roared in laughter thanks to the comic elements in these performances. The item called "Fighting in Kitchen", and "Cup Rolling" were particularly hilarious.

The spellbinding performance, "Head Balancing", was staged by Sun Xizhong, Jia Jun, Li Zhenlong, Cheng Hui, Song Yanzhao and others. It has won the Golden Award at the 4th session of International Circus Festival in Russia, and at the 17th session of Massy International Circus Competition in France.

Many Bangladeshi and Chinese high officials were in the audience. The guests hoped the bond between the two nations would further strengthen through cultural exchange programmes.



An act by Zhejiang Acrobatic Art Troupe.

SPBA-Citycell Rajshahi Art Camp 2011



Professor M. Abdus Sobhan (2-L), Abul Barq Alvi, Professor Muhammad Nurullah and Mohammad Eunus at the inaugural session of the art camp.

The art camp was a gathering of new and veteran artists. The camp offered the artists the opportunity to exchange views.

"Kibria" which focuses on the life history and art of the reputed artist Mohammad Kibria. Besides this, SPBA has sponsored several exhibitions in the country and abroad.

From Dhaka, Rafiqun Nabi; Abul Barq Alvi; Farida Zaman; Mohammad Yunus; Nisar Hussain; Nasrin Begum; Shahjahan Ahmed Bikash and Javed Jalil took part in the art camp.

From Rajshahi, Golam Faruk Bebul; Dr. Siddarth Sankar Talukder; Hritendra Kumar Sharma; Mohammad Zillur Rahman; Mohammad Amirul Islam; Sushanta Adhikari and Hasan Ashique participated.

Colours of Spring Bashonto Utshab in Manikganj



ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Shahid Rafiq Smriti Pathagar, a library named after the first martyr of the Language Movement Rafiquddin Ahmed, celebrated Bashonto Utshab (Spring Festival) with a colourful rally, cultural function and discussion on Sunday.

The rally accompanied by a band was brought out from the central Shaheed Minar that paraded the main streets of the district town. Hundreds of people, including children, took part in the rally.

This was followed by a discussion and cultural function at the central Shaheed Minar. Atia Ferdousi Chait, president of the Shahid Rafiq Smriti Pathagar, presided over the discussion. Columnist Mehedi Hasan; Nirmal Kumar Sarker, assistant professor of Government Devendra College; Rabeya Basri Tumpa, general secretary; Anha Faruk Khan, former general secretary and Ishita Roy Anna, organising secretary of the Shahid Rafiq Smriti Pathagar addressed the gathering.

The members of the Pathagar performed dances, songs and recited poetry.

সুন্দরবনকে প্রাকৃতিক সম্পদ হিসাবে

ভোটদিন

স্বির নন্দী, বারী সিদ্দিকী, এস আই টুটল, নতুল কুমার বিশ্বাস

বিটটি আরো প্রতিবেশা শিল্পীদের অন্তর্ভুক্ত...

ওপেন এয়ার

কনসার্ট

বন অধিদপ্তর, পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়

১৫ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১১ সন্ধ্যা ৬ টার ঠিক ১০ মিনিট

স্থান: ৪ শিল্পকলা একাডেমী মার্গ

CHANNEL i	08:05 Lime Light
09:30 Shangbadpote Bangladesh	10:00 Prime Time
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	11:05 Down the Wicket
04:30 Boli Mela	
07:30 Khush Gaanai	Z Studio
11:30 Bangladeshi Jagorener Gaan	11:50 Failure to Launch
12:00 Gramphone Ajker Shangbadpote	01:30 Sweet Home Alabama
	04:00 Vicky Cristina Barcelona
	07:00 Unbreakable
	09:30 Good Advice
	11:30 Away from Her
ntv	
03:10 Amader Anandabari	
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolear Achhey	
05:00 Desher Khabar	
06:25 Boli Boshante	
06:45 Crime Watch	
09:00 GramarWorld	
11:30 Cover Drive Ortha Leg Break	
	Star Movies
	11:20 The Proposal
	03:30 Charlie's Angels
	07:00 There's Something about Mary
	09:05 When Harry Met Sally
	10:45 When in Rome
	12:20 Horsemen
ETV	
10:30 Ekushey Business	
04:02 Tommy Miah Recipe	
06:30 Desh Jony Shanglap	
07:50 Baula Antar	
11:40 Janotar Kotha	
	HBO
	10:30 Ghosts of Girlfriends Past
	12:30 Fast & Furious
	02:45 Intolerable Cruelty
	04:45 Matchstick Men

Darshok-er Galpo:

Omanisha

On Ntv at 09:45pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Tazin, Deepa

abcradio FM 89.2

06:00 Bhoor Janalay

09:00 Mahabharat Jibony

12:00 Duran Duran

03:00 Duran Duran

05:00 Shondhata

07:00 Shajer Maya

09:00 Fiat-er Akashey

11:00 Golper Chesh Nei

Radio Foorti

07:30 Hello Dhaka

RADIO

10:00 Morning Express

12:00 My Time

01:00 No Tension

04:00 Duran Calling

09:00 Night Rider

01:00 Back to Back music

RADIO TODAY FM 89.6

07:15 Good Morning Dhaka

11:00 Music Unlimited

01:00 Today's Kadda

04:00 U Tam

Maar Chhokka

On CHANNEL i at 09:35pm

Drama Serial

Host: Abul Hayat, Khaled Masud Pilot

11:50 Amader Boli Mela

Desh TV

04:00 Desh Janapath

04:30 Bajary Notun

06:25 Phaguner Molat

07:45 Binodon Dumpa

08:15 Venue Talk

09:45 Contenders

12:30 Total Sports

10:20 Aroma

10:45 Tarkalop

12:05 Protidin-er Gaan

02:30 Bangla Feature Film

05:20 Shajib Valobashar Daak Piyon

05:40 Amader Boli Mela

BANGLAVISION

09:05 Shadhur Gaan

01:05 Bangla Feature Film

04:05 Protidin-er Boli Mela

06:05 Sports Time

06:30 Shaheed Minar

09:10 Garbo: Gao Pran Khuley Gao

11:20 Riverswimming

11:50 Baul Boley

12:30 Score Cards

01:30 Chitra Bichitra

06:05 Dosh Diganta

07:30 Road Trip: Beer Pong

09:30 Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

Star World

11:00 Two And A Half Men

12:30 Burn Notice

07:30 Coffee With Karen

08:30 The Good Guys

09:30 Masterchef US

Discovery Channel

11:30 Survivor man

12:30 Man vs. Wild

05:30 Destroyed in Seconds

08:30 World War II in Colour

10:30 Future Weapons

11:30 A Haunting

National Geographic Channel

10:30 Creative Vision

12:30 Not Good Amazing

07:30 I Didn't Know That

09:30 Big, Bigger, Biggest

10:30 Secrets of the Taj Mahal

11:30 Don't Tell My Mother

BBC World

12:00 BBC World News

12:30 World Business Report

08:45 Sport Today

09:30 Hardtalk

10:00 The Hub with Nick Grouing

12:00 BBC World News

05:40 Amader Boli Mela

BANGLAVISION

09:05 Shadhur Gaan

01:05 Bangla Feature Film

04:05 Protidin-er Boli Mela

06:05 Sports Time

06:30 Shaheed Minar

09:10 Garbo: Gao Pran Khuley Gao

11:20 Riverswimming

11:50 Baul Boley

12:30 Score Cards

01:30 Chitra Bichitra

06:05 Dosh Diganta

07:30 Road Trip: Beer Pong

09:30 Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

Star World

11:00 Two And A Half Men

12:30 Burn Notice

07:30 Coffee With Karen

08:30 The Good Guys

09:30 Masterchef US

Discovery Channel

11:30 Survivor man

12:30 Man vs. Wild

05:30 Destroyed in Seconds

08:30 World War II in Colour

10:30 Future Weapons

11:30 A Haunting

National Geographic Channel

10:30 Creative Vision

12:30 Not Good Amazing

07:30 I Didn't Know That

09:30 Big, Bigger, Biggest

10:30 Secrets of the Taj Mahal

11:30 Don't Tell My Mother

BBC World

12:00 BBC World News

12:30 World Business Report

08:45 Sport Today

09:30 Hardtalk

10:00 The Hub with Nick Grouing

12:00 BBC World News

ATN BANGLA

09:20pm Foush Phaguner

10:55pm Pata Nondia

CHANNEL i

05:30pm Jato Durey Jal

09:35pm Maar Chhokka

Rtv

08:15pm Manabzaman

09:45pm Darshok-er Golpo

ETV

08:20pm Ghongkar

09:30pm Ghotak Baki Bhai

Rtv

06:00pm Angkha Shada Kalo

07:50pm Golla

09:20pm Air Com

08:15pm Mad Bhai

ATN BANGLA

09:20pm Foush Phaguner

10:55pm Pata Nondia

CHANNEL i

05:30pm Jato Durey Jal

09:35pm Maar Chhokka

Rtv

08:15pm Manabzaman

09:45pm Darshok-er Golpo

ETV

08:20pm Ghongkar

09:30pm Ghotak Baki Bhai

Rtv

06:00pm Angkha Shada Kalo

07:50pm Golla

09:20pm Air Com

08:15pm Mad Bhai

ATN BANGLA

09:20pm Foush Phaguner

10:55pm Pata Nondia

CHANNEL i

05:30pm Jato Durey Jal

09:35pm Maar Chhokka

Rtv

08:15pm Manabzaman

09:45pm Darshok-er Golpo

ETV

08:20pm Ghongkar

09:30pm Ghotak Baki Bhai

Rtv

06:00pm Angkha Shada Kalo

07:50pm Golla

09:20pm Air Com

08:15pm Mad Bhai

ATN BANGLA

09:20pm Foush Phaguner

10:55pm Pata Nondia

CHANNEL i

05:30pm Jato Durey Jal

09:35pm Maar Chhokka

Rtv

08:15pm Manabzaman

09:45pm Darshok-er Golpo

ETV

08:20pm Ghongkar

09:30pm Ghotak Baki Bhai

Rtv

06:00pm Angkha Shada Kalo

07:50pm Golla

09:20pm Air Com

08:15pm Mad Bhai

ATN BANGLA

09:20pm Foush Phaguner

10:55pm Pata Nondia

CHANNEL i

05:30pm Jato Durey Jal

09:35pm Maar Chhokka

Rtv

08:15pm Manabzaman

09:45pm Darshok-er Golpo

ETV

08:20pm Ghongkar

09:30pm Ghotak Baki Bhai

Rtv

06:00pm Angkha Shada Kalo

07:50pm Golla

09:20pm Air Com

08:15pm Mad Bhai

ATN BANGLA

09:20pm Foush Phaguner

10:55pm Pata Nondia

CHANNEL i

05:30pm Jato Durey Jal

09:35pm Maar Chhokka

Rtv

08:15pm Manabzaman

09:45pm Darshok-er Golpo

ETV

08:20pm Ghongkar

09:30pm Ghotak Baki Bhai

Rtv

06:00pm Angkha Shada Kalo

07:50pm Golla

09:20pm Air Com

08:15pm Mad Bhai