

WHAT'S ON

Amar Ekushey Book Fair



Venue: Bangla Academy premises

Date: February 1-28

Time: 9am onwards

Amar Ekushey Programme
Organiser: Sanskritik Jote
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises
Date: Feb 8-19 at 4pm everydayDui Bangla-r Rabindra Natyomeela 2011
Organiser: Prangone More
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: February 12-18
Time: 5:30Classical and Flamenco Guitar Fest
Organiser: CGAB
Venue: Chayanaut Auditorium, Shankar Date: Feb 18
Time: 7:30pm-9pmPraner Khela
Singer: Bulbul Chowdhury,
Jhuma Khandakar and Yakub
Venue: Bengal Shishpalay, H
275/F, Rd 27, Dhanmondi
Date: Feb 15 at 7pmFilm Screening
Film: Duhshatar
Venue: Chittagong Theatre Institute, Chittagong
Date: Feb 17-19Film Festival
Film: Adaptations of Tolstoy and Dostoevsky's novels
Venue: RSC, 7-10, H-20, Dhanmondi
Date: 13 and 15; Time: 11amIn Memory of Kalim Sharafi
Organiser: Unilever Limited
Venue: Main Auditorium, National Museum
Date: February 15; Time: 7pmSolo Exhibition
Title: Cinema of Agony
Artist: Ashraf Hossain
Venue: Galleri 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 artistes was brought out from Bokulota and paraded the main roads of the town.

In the evening a discussion was held on Khalekda 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 Jatin Sarker, poet Farid Kabir; Ataul Karim and Mahbub Kabir.

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

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

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

It was Firth's second consecutive

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.

PHOTO: MUMIT M.



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



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.



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