

WHAT'S ON

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

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

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

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

Mime Show
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: February 20
Time: 5pm and 7pm

Ekushey February Programme
Organiser: National Museum
Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: Feb 18-21

Theatre
Play: Bisharjan
Troupe: Dashrupak
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: Feb 25 at 6:30pm

Film Screening
Film: Gainsbourg
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: Feb 25 at 6pm

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

Homage to Kalim Sharafi

Unitrend Limited holds memorial programme at National Museum



Nawshaba Khatun (2nd from right) receives the cheque from the organisers.

PHOTO: GOLAN MAHBUB



Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnyia performs at the event.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Paying homage to eminent Rabindra Sangeet artiste Kalim Sharafi, Unitrend Limited arranged a memorial programme at the main auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum on February 15.

The programme featured discussions and musical offerings to the memory of the artiste. Chairman and Creative-in-Chief Muneer Ahmed Khan and Managing Director Zulfiqar Ahmed (of Unitrend Limited) spoke on the remarkable life of Kalim Sharafi. The organisers presented a crest and a cheque worth taka 1 lakh to Sharafi's widow Nawshaba Khatun on the occasion.

Jahan Rana, who directed a documentary based on the life of Kalim Sharafi, shared her views on the cultural icon. Screening of the documentary followed.

With the Tagore song "Alo Amar Alo", artistes of Swapnopuri kicked off the musical event. Noted Rabindra Sangeet artiste Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnyia, with Adrita and Pijush, performed several songs at the

programme.

Kalim Sharafi was born into a religious family in Birbhum, West Bengal, undivided India. Going against his family's conservative views, he chose the path of music and liberalism.

One of the greatest exponents of Rabindra Sangeet, Sharafi established Sangeet Bhaban with an aim to popularise Tagore songs. His soulful rendition of the song "Pothey Pothey Dilam Chhoraiya" turned it into a classic.

Even after his demise, Kalim Sharafi continues to inspire generations of music lovers. The nationalistic fervour demonstrated in his patriotic songs continues to resonate in the hearts of millions across the nation and beyond.

Unitrend Limited has previously honoured media personalities including Enayet Karim; renowned filmmaker Tareque Masud; noted educationist Abdullah Abu Sayeed; agriculturalist and TV personality Shykh Siraj; artist Mustafa Monowar; philosopher Sardar Fazlul Karim; social reformer Valerie Ann Taylor and revolutionary Binod Bhari Chowdhury.

Baul Shah Abdul Karim Birth Anniversary Celebration in Sylhet

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, *Sylhet*

Speakers at a discussion on last Tuesday said that Baul Shah Abdul Karim is one of the pioneering figures in Bangladeshi folk music and his songs would remain popular among generations.

Cultural organisations Shikor and Sohojia jointly organised the function at the district Shilpakala academy in observance of the 95th birth anniversary of the bard. Shikor President and poet, Shuvendu Imam, chaired the discussion. "Kemoney Chinbo Tomarey", a documentary featuring interviews of the late Karim, was screened at the event. Nironjon Dey Jadu directed the film.

Barrister Arosh Ali; poet Moshtaque Ahmed Deen and poet Jofir Setu took part in the discussion on the life and works of the late bard.

Baul Abdur Rahman; Surjital Sen; Shamim Ahmed; Jamaluddin Banna; Mitali Chakraborty and other artistes presented moving renditions of Karim's timeless songs.

Shah Abdul Karim was born on February 15, 1916 at the village Ujandhol of Derai upazila, under Sunamganj district. The bard breathed his last on September 12, 2009 at a hospital in Sylhet city.



In observance of the birth anniversary, a separate programme was also organised at Karim's ancestral home. Shah abdul Karim's son, Baul Shah Noor Jalal, chaired the event at the bard's village home. Public prayers and renditions of Karim's songs were part of the programme.



Local artistes perform Shah Abdul Karim's songs at the event.

PHOTO: STAR

Syed Jahangir Receives Hamidur Rahman Memorial Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Hamidur Rahman Memorial Award 2011 was conferred on artist Syed Jahangir, one of the foremost painters of the '50s. The award giving ceremony was held at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi, Dhaka on February 14.

Jahangir received a crest and a cheque worth Taka 50,000 as part of the award. He received the award for his noteworthy contribution to Bangladeshi art. The award was formally handed over to the artist by noted educationist and literary critic Professor Mustafa Nurul Islam. Veteran painter Quayyum Chowdhury and architect Rabiul Hussain were present as special guests. Luva Nahid Chowdhury, director general of Bengal Foundation; Subir Chowdhury, director of Bengal Gallery; Pervin Ahmed (wife of the late playwright and critic Sayeed Ahmed), among others, spoke on the occasion.

The award was first introduced



(From left) Subir chowdhury, Rabiul Hussain, Quayyum Chowdhury, Mustafa Nurul Islam, Syed Jahangir, Parvin Ahmed and Luva Nahid Chowdhury at the award giving ceremony.

in 2009 by Sayeed Ahmed. Sayeed Ahmed (who died in 2010) was the younger brother of Hamidur Rahman. Bangladeshi expatriate painter Monirul Islam is the first recipient of the award.

Jahangir studied at Govt. Institute of Arts and Crafts (presently Faculty of Fine Arts,

University of Dhaka) in 1950. His style is greatly influenced by American Expressionism and his themes are closely connected to rural Bengal and its rivers and landscape. Rustic people and their way of life, harvest, fishing on a moonlit night, paddy fields are frequent themes in his works.

Artist Shafiqul Amin Critically Ill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shafiqul Amin is one of the senior-most painters in Bangladesh and one of the founding members of Dhaka Art College. The veteran painter has been ailing from age related complications for the last few years. The 99-year-old artist is now under treatment at Ahmed Medical College in Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

Amin was born in Shillong, undivided India in 1912. He studied at Calcutta Government Art College. He joined Faridpur Zilla School as an art teacher in 1938. The artist worked at David Hare Training College as drawing teacher in 1945. He later joined the Calcutta Government Art College as a designer in 1946.

After Partition (1947), he came back to Dacca (now Dhaka) and helped Zainul Abedin set up the Art College. Amin also worked at Mymensingh Teachers Training College as a lecturer. In 1961, he joined the Dhaka Art College and retired from the institute in 1968. He was the first director of the Bangladesh Folklore and Crafts Foundation in Sonargaon. He retired from the organisation in 1982.



A Treat for Guitar Enthusiasts

Classical and Flamenco guitar fest in Dhaka



JAMIL MAHMUD

The six-day 'Dhaka Classical and Flamenco Guitar Festival' is on at different venues in the capital (starting from February 14). Featuring reputed American guitarists Mir Ali and Stanley Yates, the festival has been arranged by Classical Guitar Association of Bangladesh (CGAB), an organisation aiming to promote western classical music.

Mir Ali and Stanley Yates, along with local artistes, have been performing everyday at the festival.

The inaugural show was held at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi on February 14. The event featured an hour-long performance by the American artistes. Mir Ali demonstrated his superb Flamenco guitar skills, while Yates entertained the audience with some pure western notes.

The duo also conducted a couple of master classes on the respective genres.

The festival is the first of its kind by CGAB, informed the organisers, who consider it as a step ahead to their journey to introduce western classical music to a broader audience, especially to the students. They held a couple of shows at different education institutes, including Notre Dame College. "Our

aim is to introduce western classical music across the country," said Iftekhar Anwar, president, CGAB.

Praising the guest guitarists Ali and Yates, noted Bangladeshi musician Swani Zubayer said that the festival is a remarkable endeavour. Zubayer, also an adviser to CGAB, hopes that the festival will inspire youngsters to take further interest in western classical music.

The festival also conveys a social message: "Save the Rive Buriganga". "We want to generate awareness among people, especially youngsters, about the significance of the river," said Zubayer. The Daily Star holds the same view and is the media partner of the festival.

Today, an exclusive show featuring the American guitarist duo will be held at Chhayanaut Sangskriti Bhaban, Dhanmondi.

The organisers informed that a part of the programme will feature renditions of popular Bangla songs by local artistes -- accompanied by Ali and Yates on guitar. Eminent author Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal will grace the event as chief guest.

Today's programme will start at 7:30pm.

CGAB officially started its journey in 2009, though its activities began in 2003.

Who is Esperanza Spalding?

The biggest upset of the 2011 Grammy Awards, held Sunday night, was when jazz bassist and singer Esperanza Spalding won for Best New Artist.

A broad contingent of Spalding's fans, especially within but certainly not limited to the jazz community, knew she has winning musicianship. But few believed she had even a puncher's chance at the actual award. Especially for its highest-profile categories, the Grammys tend to reward top-selling acts signed to major record labels, regardless of musical merit. And with teenage heartthrob Justin Bieber in the running -- not mention Drake, Florence and the Machine and Mumford and Sons -- her missing-out seemed a foregone conclusion.

Much of the mainstream pop audience, which may well have heard her name for the first time Sunday night, surely thought: Esperanza who? (One presumably angry Justin Bieber fan vandalised Spalding's Wikipedia entry by writing, among other things, "WHO THE HECK ARE YOU ANYWAY?")

Here are 10 things you should know about Esperanza Spalding:

1. Born on October 18, 1984, Esperanza Spalding is an American multi-instrumentalist best known as a jazz bassist and singer. Spalding is of African-American, Welsh and Spanish descent.

2. By the time Spalding was five, she had taught herself to play the violin and was playing with the Chamber Music Society of Oregon. Spalding stayed with the Chamber Music Society of Oregon until she was fifteen and left as concertmaster.

3. Spalding found high school "easy and boring" and dropped out.

4. Spalding was the 2005 recipient of the Boston Jazz Society scholarship for outstanding musicianship.

5. Almost immediately after graduation from college later the same year, Spalding was hired by Berklee College of Music, becoming one of the youngest professors in the institution's history, at age 20.

6. On December 10, at the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies, Spalding performed at Oslo City Hall in honour of the 2009 Laureate President Barack Obama and again at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert the following day.

7. When she was 15/16, Spalding started writing lyrics for music for the local indie rock/pop group Noise for Pretend, touching on any topic that came to mind. Although she had taken a few private voice lessons which

taught her how to protect her voice, her primary singing experience had come from "singing in the shower," she said.

8. Spalding also was the featured final act for the opening night of the 2009 Park City Jazz Festival in Park City, Utah, one of the top jazz festivals in the US.

9. As a teacher, Spalding tries to help her students focus their practice through a practice journal which can help them recognise their strengths and what they need to pursue.

10. Spalding is the first jazz artist to win the Grammy for Best New Artist.

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Reading Jasim Uddin at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre

A CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre and The Reading Circle will celebrate the month of Language Movement with a reading of "Nakshi Kanthar Matth" (The Field of Embroidered Quilt) written by 'Polli-kobi' Jasim Uddin. The reading will be held at the cultural centre (house 35, road 24 in Gulshan 1, Dhaka) today (starting at 5:30pm).

"Nakshi Kanthar Matth" is a famed narra-



tive poem that tells the story of two ill-fated lovers, Rupai and Shaju.

Pitha Utshob at Rajshahi University

RU CORRESPONDENT

With participation of teachers, students and staff of Rajshahi University (RU), a day-long pitha utshob (rice cake festival) was held recently.

Rajshahi University Mohila Club organised the function at the club premises on campus.

Around 50 varieties of delicious Bangladeshi pitha were on display at six stalls. The pitha included *Nakshi, Dudh Kusli, Ras Chatai, Patisapta, Khirsa, Akhia* and more.

A vibrant cultural programme -- featuring poetry recitation, fashion show and short skits -- was held much to the delight of the visitors.



ATN BANGLA		12:30	Phono Live Studio Concert
11:15	Campus Parliament		
02:50	Bangla Feature Film		Diganta TV
06:15	Amra Korbo Joy	12:30	Score Card
08:00	Dim Badal-er Kotha	03:05	Music Hour
10:45	Bibhango Kotha	06:05	Shurali (Live)
		08:35	Chena Ochena
CHANNEL 1		08:30	Power Play
02:40	Tele-Film: Love me love me not	11:05	Down the Wicket
05:30	Boi Mela (Live)	Z Studio	
06:20	Cricket World	10:30	Shanghai Knights
07:50	Khude Gaanraj	01:30	Forces of Nature
11:30	Fun Club Tournament	03:40	Jackie Brown
12:00	Gameeephone Aker Shaugbapetro	06:50	Shanghai Knights
		09:30	The Shaggy Dog
		11:45	The Motorcycle Diaries
ntv			
10:05	Gaan-er Shomoy	HBO	
12:30	Cricket World	10:30	Invaders from Mars
06:10	Shubho Shondhya	12:30	2012
06:25	Boi Boshotney	04:00	The Sisterhood of the
06:45	Roop Madhuri		Dancing
09:00	Dragna: Ajaka Gontobey	07:15	Rich Rich
11:30	Hi Hip Hurray Live	09:30	T-Travel

ntv	10:05	Gaan-er Shomroy	HBO
02:30	Concert	10:30	Invaders from Mars
06:10	Shubho Shondhya	12:30	2012
06:25	Boi Boshontey	04:00	The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
06:45	Roop Madhuri	07:15	Richie Rich
09:45	Drama: Ajana Gontobey	09:30	D-Tox
11:30	Hip Hip Hurry (Live)		

Obosheshe
Minus Shunno
On Desh TV at
09:45pm
Single Episode TV
Play
Cast: Fazlur
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Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Sumaiya Shimu			

Love Me Love Me Not			
On Channel 1 at 02:40pm			
Tele-Film			
Cast: Nirab, Nipun			

Rtv	10:20	Botanik Aroma	11:45	The Last House on the Left
12:05	Bashudha Protidin-er Gaan			
02:30	Drama			
05:40	Boi Mela Protidin			
06:00	Walton Star & Sports			
08:30	Drama: Roopshi			
12:05	Moha Shatta Al-Quam			
04:05	Music Together			
05:20	Special Programme/Drama			
06:05	Gaan O Fun			
11:20	Rivers Swipe			
11:50	Ami Ekhon Ki Karbo			

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Desh TV		Channel	
03:00	Concert: Golden Times	11:30	Great Migrations
04:00	Desh Janopad	02:30	World's Deadliest Animals
06:25	Phagun-er Molat	05:30	Nat Geo Amazing
07:45	Celebrity Show	07:30	I Didn't Know That
08:15	Venue Talk	09:30	Monster Moves
09:45	Drama: Obosheshe	10:30	Nat Geo's Most Amazing Photos
	Minus Shunno		
11:45	Close up Call-er Gaan		
			BBC World

ETV		11:00	BBC World News
01:30	Bangla Feature Film	11:30	World Business Report
04:30	Mukto Khabor	03:30	The Bottom Line
05:30	Shoptaho Jure	11:00	The Hub with Nike
09:40	Drama:		Gowing
11:50	Amader Boi Mela	11:45	Sport Today

ATN BANGLA	09:20pm	Haat-er Reikha Katha	Rtv	10:45pm	Tourist
10:55pm	Bary				
11:30pm	Amader Shongshar				
09:35pm	Maar Chhokka				
ntv	08:15pm	Rumali			

NEWS BULLETIN			
RTV	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.		
10:55pm	Odhena Manush		
11:30pm	Amader Shongshar		
09:35pm	Maar Chhokka		
ntv	08:15pm	Rumali	

ATN BANGLA	12:30am	Gramophone	ntv	12:00am	El Shomoy
01:00am	Lead News				
	Islam Ki Bole Amra Ki Kori				
CHANNEL 1	09:45am	Gramophone			
	12:25pm	Kara			

TALK SHOW

Ataap

Hour

Boishakhi TV

12:00am

Zero Hour