

WHAT'S ON

Shilu Abed Craftsperson Award Venue: Brac Centre Auditorium, Mohakhali Date: March 5 Time: 5pm

Discussion & Musical Soiree Organizer: Amra Surjammahi Venue: National Museum Date: March 5 Time: 4pm

Theatre Play: Koma Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA Date: March 6 Time: 7pm

Workshop & Art Exhibition Organizer: Gallery Cosmos Artist: Fudekula Toshiba Venue: Cosmos Centre, 69/1, New Circular Road, Malibagh Date: Feb-25-March 5

Bangladesh Street Theatre Festival 2011 Organizer: Bangladesh Street Theatre Parishad Venue: Central Shaheed Minar Date: March 1-7

Solo Photo Exhibition Title: Gar and Pandua Photographer: Babu Ahmed Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 1025/56 Rd (1st floor), Dharamondi Date: Feb 27-March 8 Time: 12-6pm

Group Art Exhibition Title: 7 Voices Venue: Tivoli Art Gallery, DCC Super Market, Gulshan-2 Date: March 3-12 Time: 11am-7:30pm

Srijonshil Tarunner Natyapokash Venue: Natyomondol, Dhaka University Date: March 1-15 Time: 6:30pm

Tagore's 150th birth anniversary celebration Organizer: Chayanaut Venues: Chayanaut and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: March 3-6



Honouring Literary Genius

Bangla Academy Sahitya Award-2010 conferred

(From left) Shahjahan Kibria, Ajoy Roy, Dr. Tajin Murshid (daughter of Khan Sarwar Murshid), Bulbul Chowdhury, Kabir Chowdhury, Shamsuzzaman Khan, Ruby Rahman and Nasir Ahmed at award giving ceremony.

TAKIR HOSSAIN

On February 27, the Bangla Academy Sahitya Award-2010 was conferred on two poets and four writers for their contribution to Bangla literature.

The awardees are Professor Khan Sarwar Murshid, Ruby Rahman, Nasir Ahmed, Professor Ajoy Roy, Bulbul Chowdhury and Shahjahan Kibria.

Ruby Rahman and Nasir Ahmed were honoured for their contributions to the field of poetry.

Khan Sarwar Murshid was unable to attend the programme as he was ill.

Shamsuzzaman Khan told The Daily Star, "The Bangla Academy Award is considered one of the most prestigious honours in our country."



Ruby Rahman

academy is to conduct research on Bangla language, culture, history and publish fictional, literary and research-based works.

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previously received the Ananya Literary Award for Poetry (2004).

Nasir Ahmed is also a distinguished poet emerging in the late '70s. His sharp vision and passion, reflected through verses, have enriched Bangla poetry.

Some of his noteworthy publications are "Akulota Shubhrota-r Jonno"; "Ekattur-er Padaboli"; "Ami Shapno Tumi Ratni"; "Tomar Jonno Aninidita" and "Nijer Shonge Nijer Kotha".

Ahmed was born in 1952 in Bhola. He completed his Masters in Bangla from Dhaka University.

Chhayanaut's Yearlong Celebration of Tagore's 150th Birth Anniversary Reaches 6th Phase

A CORRESPONDENT

With the staging of "Daakghar" at the Chhayanaut Auditorium by the students of Nalanda (Chhayanaut's school), the sixth phase of the yearlong celebration of Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary began on March 3.

The four-day event, featuring theatre and film adaptations of Tagore's works, is being held at Chhayanaut Shangkriti Bhaban and National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala academy (BSA) in Dhaka.

The opening programme began with a rendition of "Oi Mahamanab Ashey" by Chhayanaut singers. Chhayanaut artists also paid tribute to late Alpa Farhat through observing one minute silence that was followed by a brief welcome speech by Abul Hasanat.

After the staging of "Daakghar", the film "Kabuliwala" was screened.

On the second day (March 4) of the event, the film "Oriti" was screened at 10:30am at the same venue.

Dr. Syed Jamil Ahmed will deliver a lecture, titled "Bangladesh-e Rabindra Natyacharcha", today at National Theatre Hall.

The sixth phase will wrap up through screening of the film "Tin Konya" at Chhayanaut auditorium on March 6 evening.

The seventh and final phase will be held from May 7 to 9, 2011 at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library in Dhaka.



Students of Nalanda stage "Daakghar".



Actors of Rokku Smriti Parishad (Tangail) and Centre for Bangladesh Theatre staged their respective productions "Pherari Nishan" and "Nishobdo" at the Central Shaheed Minar premises, on March 3.

The staging was part of the ongoing Bangladesh Street Theatre Festival '11, jointly arranged by Bangladesh Patho Natok Parishad and The Daily Star. Seven plays were staged on the day.



"Blade Runner" Sequel /Prequel on the Cards?

In the blitz of remakes, reboots, prequels and sequels, a few films have stood sacred, with many of us convinced that Hollywood simply would. Not. Go. There. Well, it appears that one of those barriers has been well and smashed with "Blind Side" production company Alcon sending out a press release about buying up the rights to "Blade Runner", announcing its intention to start work on prequels, sequels, spin-offs and a TV cartoon called "Blade Runner Babies".

ity we have to do justice to the memory of the original with any prequel or sequel we produce. We have long-term goals for the franchise, and are exploring multi-platform concepts, not just limiting ourselves to one medium only.



Okay, maybe not the last one, but Broderick Johnson and Andrew Kosgrove, who run the Warner Bros.-based company, are busy negotiating with producer Bud Yorkin, the man who holds the key to Rick Deckard and co.

up with something that honours and respects Ridley Scott's 1982 classic while opening the world up to a whole new audience and... Nope, not going to go that far just yet either. There's one bright spark in all of this -- the rights don't include the option to remake the original film, so we'll be spared that 'net flame' war at least.

Reaping the Benefits OF OSCARS

With "The King's Speech" winning four major Oscars, the question is how the film, which defeated the heavy contender "The Social Network", will further benefit from the honours and publicity.

The historical has already grossed a strong \$260 million worldwide making it one of the most profitable surprise hits in recent years.

The most affected scene would involve Colin Firth's character, King George VI being encouraged by his speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush) to curse many times during a speech therapy session.

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of World War II. If the speech is not rousing, the morale of the empire would remain low.

The movie's biggest appeal lies not so much in history but in a man fighting the odds. It is also a stirring story of unexpected friendship emerging in an unlikely situation.

The other winner of the Oscar night, "The Fighter", will also get a boost at the box office. The film is already a hit, and now thanks to the two wins in the supporting category for Christian Bale and Melissa Leo, it will flex its muscles more.

The ballet thriller "Black Swan", a bigger

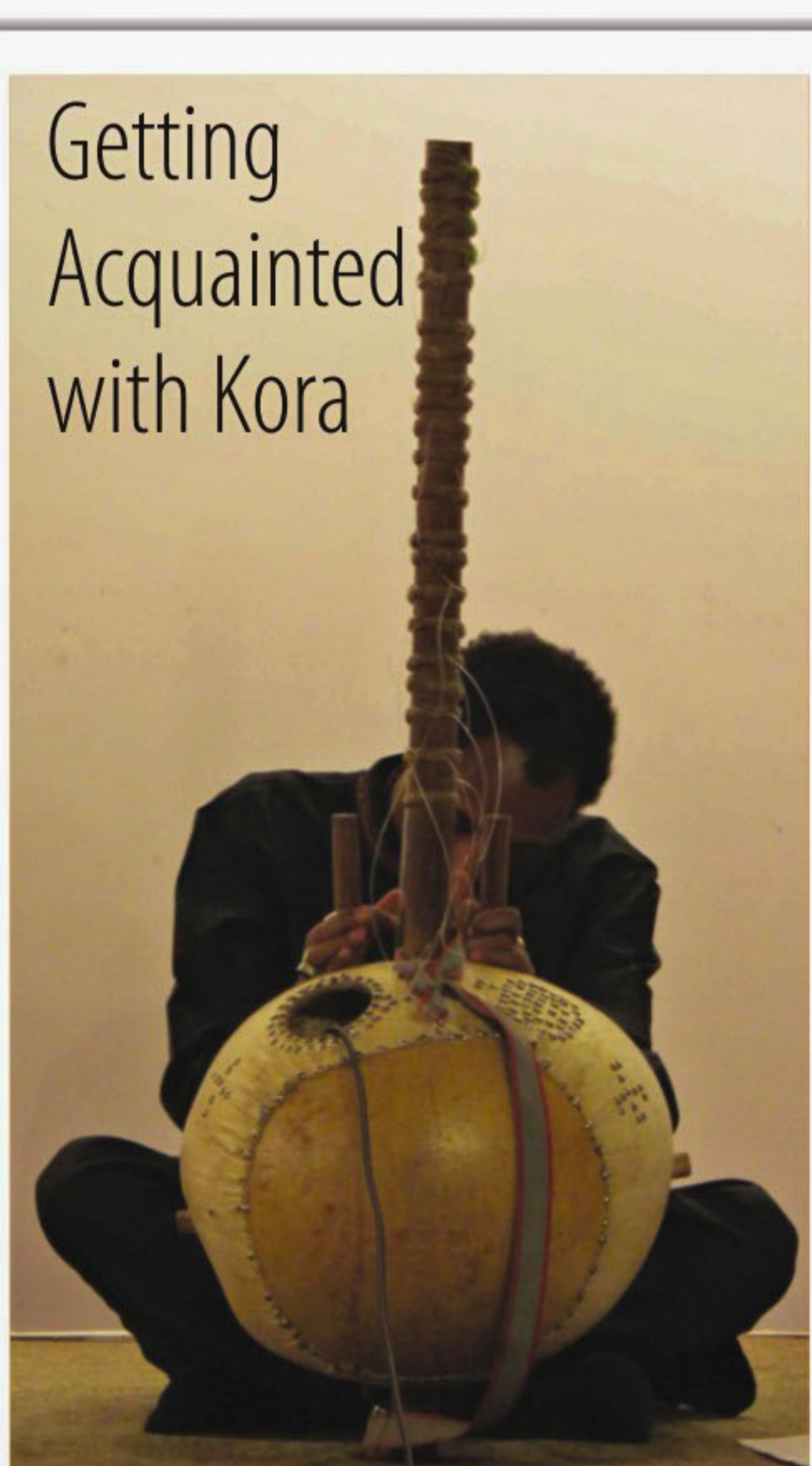
hit than "The Fighter", will blossom in many foreign territories. The film earned Natalie Portman her first Oscar for Best Actress. It is nearing its American run; worldwide, the film has grossed about \$220 million, and could easily reach \$300 million.

Each of these three films are small-budget movies by Hollywood standards. "The King's Speech" was made for about \$15 million. "Black Swan" cost about \$13 million and "The Fighter" cost \$23 million.

Compiled by Correspondent



A scene from "The Fighter".



Kora, a 21-string bridge-harp used extensively in West Africa, is not familiar to Bangladeshis.

It creates sounds that resemble that of a harp, though when played in traditional style, Kora bears a closer resemblance to flamenco and blues guitar techniques.

CRICKET FEVER A BET ON WATSON



Richie Solaiman

This is the first time I'm watching a world cup with my child. All the best wishes are for the Bangladesh team. I earnestly wished that the Tigers would win in their opening game.

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Need Drama Serial: On ATN BANGLA at 08:40pm. Cast: Chumki, Joyra.

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Garbo: Gao Pran Khuley Gao On BANGLAVISION at 09:10pm. Talk Show. Host: Aisif Iqbal.

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