

WHAT'S ON

Recitation Programme Title: Omar Akash Dao Organiser: Iqbalur Rahman Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: March 10 at 7:30pm

Children's Painting Competition Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Rd 2, H 24, Dharmondhi Date: March 11 Time: 10am

Theatre Play: Karma Troupe: Prachyanat Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA Date: March 6 Time: 7pm

Exhibition Title: Peace Women Across the Globe, Peace Women Across Bangladesh Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dharmondhi Date: March 8-19

Bangladesh Street Theatre Festival 2011 Organiser: Bangladesh Street Theatre Parishad Venue: Central Shaheed Minar Date: March 1-7 Time: 4pm

Solo Photo Exhibition Title: Sarani Pandua Photographer: Babu Ahmed Venue: Sonali Gallery, P/10, H 275/6, Rd 16, Dharmondhi Date: Feb 27-March 8 Time: 12-6pm

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

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

Tagore's 150th birth anniversary celebration Organiser: Chayanat Venue: Chayanat and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: March 3-6 Time: 6pm

Bauls Come Together in Chuadanga

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

A two-day Baul Festival ended recently at the remote Sarishadanga village in Chuadanga district.

The fair was organised on the occasion of the 78th death anniversary of Baul Bishu Shah, an ardent follower of Lalon.

The programme included discussion and rendition of Baul songs by local artistes and Bauls from various corners of the country.

Deputy Commissioner of Chuadanga, Bholanath Dey inaugurated the fair last Friday night.



Moments of Discontent Padodhoni and His Luck Staged at Natmandal

JAMIL MAHMUD As part of the ongoing theatre festival at the Natmandal Auditorium of Dhaka University, two adaptations of world classics -- "Padodhoni" and "His Luck" -- were staged on March 4.

Horace Holley's "His Luck" also features two characters who, coincidentally, happen to be two women. But it's not about a mother and daughter, rather two women who share an apartment.



Scenes from "Padodhoni" (left) and "His Luck".

WEEKLONG THEATRE FEST

Sylhet Plays Host

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

A week-long theatre festival organised as part of Ekushey February (International Mother Language Day) commemoration ended in Sylhet on March 1.

Sammilita Natya Parishad, Sylhet organised the event. Veteran cultural personality Hemchandra Bhattacharya formally inaugurated the fest while the Sylhet city mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran was the chief guest.

The exhibition of the Liberation War-themed posters, collected by Babul Biswas, drew droves of people from all age groups. As many as 91 multi coloured works were exhibited at the venue.



The festival was held to commemorate Ekushey February.



This month DS Café will have noted media personality Pijush Bandyopadhyay take your calls at the Daily Star office.

Asha Bhosle's Debut on the Big Screen

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

One is never too old to make an acting debut in a film. That, apparently, is the message from 77-year-old diva Asha Bhosle.

Asha refused to divulge details about the film and her role, except for saying that "it is a story set in the urban upper middle class

of Mumbai with a social message. Padmini Kolhapure plays my daughter." The veteran singer will also lend her voice to a song which will be filmed on her.



The Daily Star-Patho Natak Parishad Street Theatre Fest in Full Swing



Seven troupes from and outside Dhaka staged plays on the fourth day.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The weeklong Bangladesh Street Theatre Festival 2011 at the Central Shaheed Minar premises in Dhaka is in full swing.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of independence, Bangladesh Patho Natak Parishad and The Daily Star have jointly organised the festival.

Khorsheed Alam directed the play.

After Moitri Theatre's "Mati", Spandan from Jessore staged its production "Sagar Loot".

Dyash Bangla Theatre staged its production "Joar" at the venue. Written by Rashidul Islam Raja, the play was directed by Jamal Bari.



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Other plays staged that day were "Digbaji" by Shayestaganj Theatre (Habiganj), "Rajar Pala" by Oniyomito Shahitya O Sangskritik Goshthi (Munshiganj) and "Choreder Lojja Holo" by Tirjak Jessore.

Spring Celebrations Continue



Indigenous artistes perform at the festival.

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Bashonto Utshab (Spring Festival) was celebrated in Panchagarh last Friday with much enthusiasm and festivity.

Memorial premises in the town. The procession made its way through the main streets before ending at its starting point.

Hundreds of enthusiastic people of all age groups and professions, whether teachers, students or professionals, attended the programme attired in hues of saffron.

Phil Collins to hang up his drum sticks

Phil Collins has revealed that he is set to end his rock career as he is facing health problems that prevent him from playing the drums.

Collins, 60, who has been the drummer and vocalist for the band Genesis, has hearing problems, a dislocated vertebra and nerve damage in his hands, all brought on by a lifetime spent hunched behind a drum kit.



Table with TV programmes: ATN BANGLA, Diganta TV, CHANNEL i, Z Studio, Ntv, Star Movies.

Table with RADIO programmes: abv: Radio FM 99.2, No Triston, Dhaka Calling, Full Volume, Back to Back music, GOOD MORNING DHAKA, Good Morning Dhaka, Music Unlimited, Today's Kida, Today's Happy Moments.

Akash Bhora Jochhnadhara On ntv at 09:00pm Single Episode TV Play Cast: Intekhab Dinar, Jeni

The Truman Show On Z Studio at 11:30pm Genre: Drama Cast: Jim Carrey, Ed Harris

All Rounder On BANGLAVISION at 09:45pm Drama Serial Cast: Shajol, Bindhu

Table with ETV programmes: Sports Plus, Cricket Extra, Na Ha Na, Media Gossip, Cricket Crazy.

Table with BANGLAVISION programmes: Shudhu Gaan, Bangla Feature Film, Googly, Ebong Class-er Baiery, Rivers Swing.

Table with Rtv programmes: Robi Jege Acho Ki, Bangla Feature Film, Extra Innings, Diplomatic Zone.

Table with Desh TV programmes: Desh Janopad, Durpath, Amra Dujan Dehite, Kemon, Total Sports.

Table with Boishakhi TV programmes: Bangla Feature Film, Time to Cricket, Boishakhi-CNN, Sharabishwa, Shudhu Cnemar Gaan, Priyo Mukh.

Table with HBO programmes: Future X-Cops, Beethoven, Beethoven's 2nd, Pride and Glory, The Phantom, Rumble in the Bronx.

Table with Star World programmes: Friends, Coffee With Karen, Detroit 187, White Collar.

Table with National Geographic Channel programmes: Dangerous Encounters, Nat Geo Amazing!, Mission Army, Hunter Hunted.

Table with Discovery Channel programmes: How Stuff Works, Destroyed in Seconds, Wild China, Man vs. Wild, Rumpage.

Table with BBC World programmes: BBC World News, BBC World News Report, Newsnight, Sport Today, BBC World News.

Table with DRAMA SERIAL programmes: ATN BANGLA, ETV, CHANNEL i, BANGLAVISION, ntv, Rtv.

Table with NEWS BULLETIN programmes: BTV, News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, News (English) at 10:00am, News Headlines (Bangla) at Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.

Table with TALK SHOW programmes: ATN BANGLA, BANGLAVISION, CHANNEL i, Desh TV, ETV, Dupur.