

WHAT'S ON

Shah Abdul Karim Folk Festival 2011
Venue: Ujan Dhol, Diral, Sunamganj
Date: March 11 & 12
Time: 11am onwards



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



Noazesh Knowledge Centre
Organiser: Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh
Venue: Cosmos Centre, 69/1, New Circular Road, Malibagh
Date: March 12, Time: 4pm



Exhibition
Title: Peace Women Across the Globe, Peace Women Across Bangladesh
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: March 9-19



Solo Photography Exhibition
Photographer: Naymuzzaman Prince
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: March 25-April 6



Film Screening
Film: Arsene Lupin
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: March 11 at 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 Taruner Natyapokash
Venue: Natyomondol, Dhaka University
Date: March 1-15
Time: 6:30pm



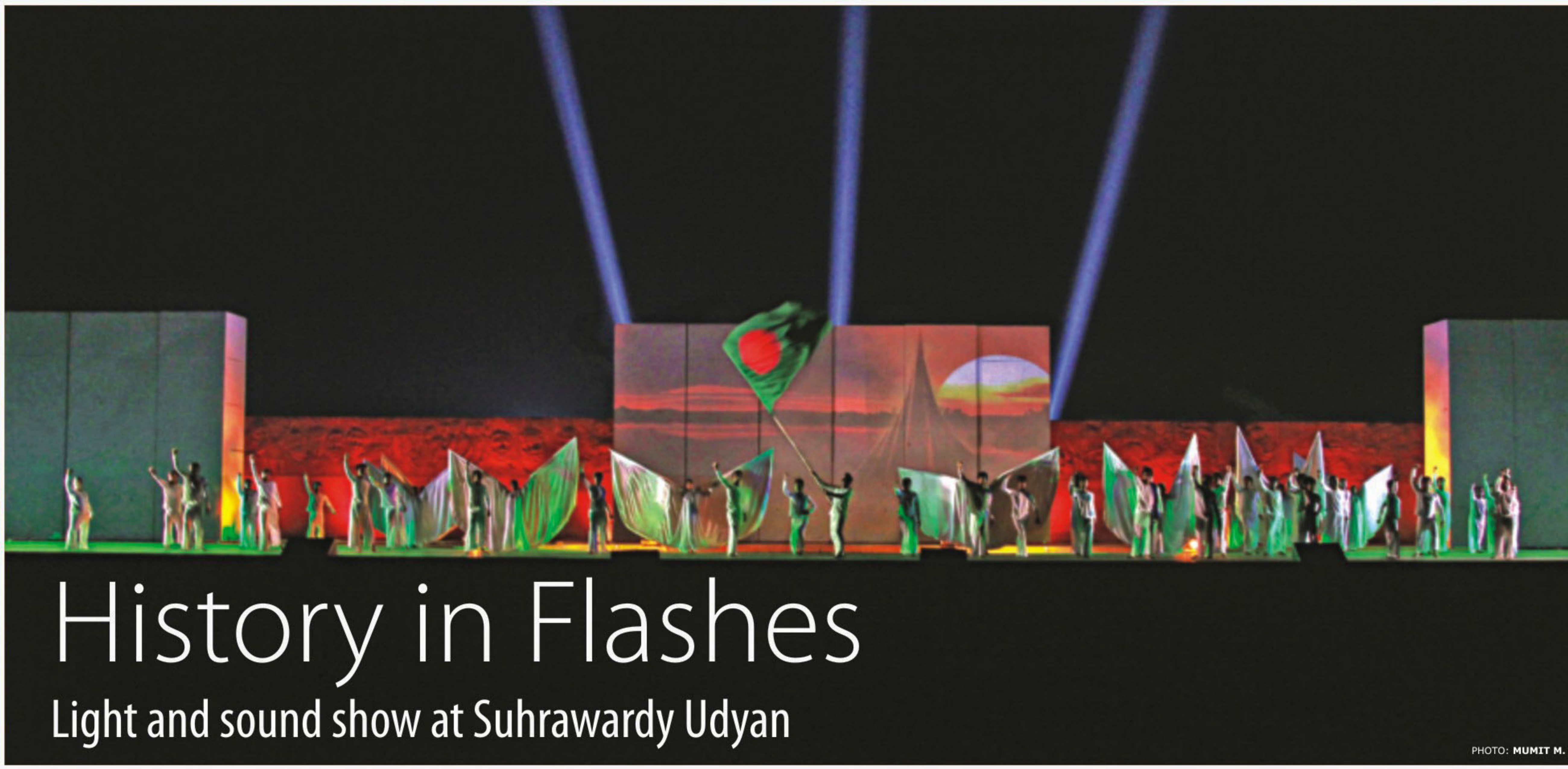
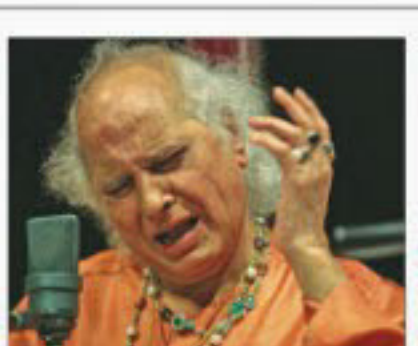
Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Marshida Arzu Alpina
Title: Contemplation
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7/A Dhanmondi
Date: March-4-16



Documentary Premiere
Documentary: The Speech
Venue: TSC Auditorium, DU
Date: March 15 at 6pm



Hindustani Classical Musical Soiree
Artist: Padma Vibhushan Pandit Jasraj
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA; Date: March 18; Time: 6:30pm

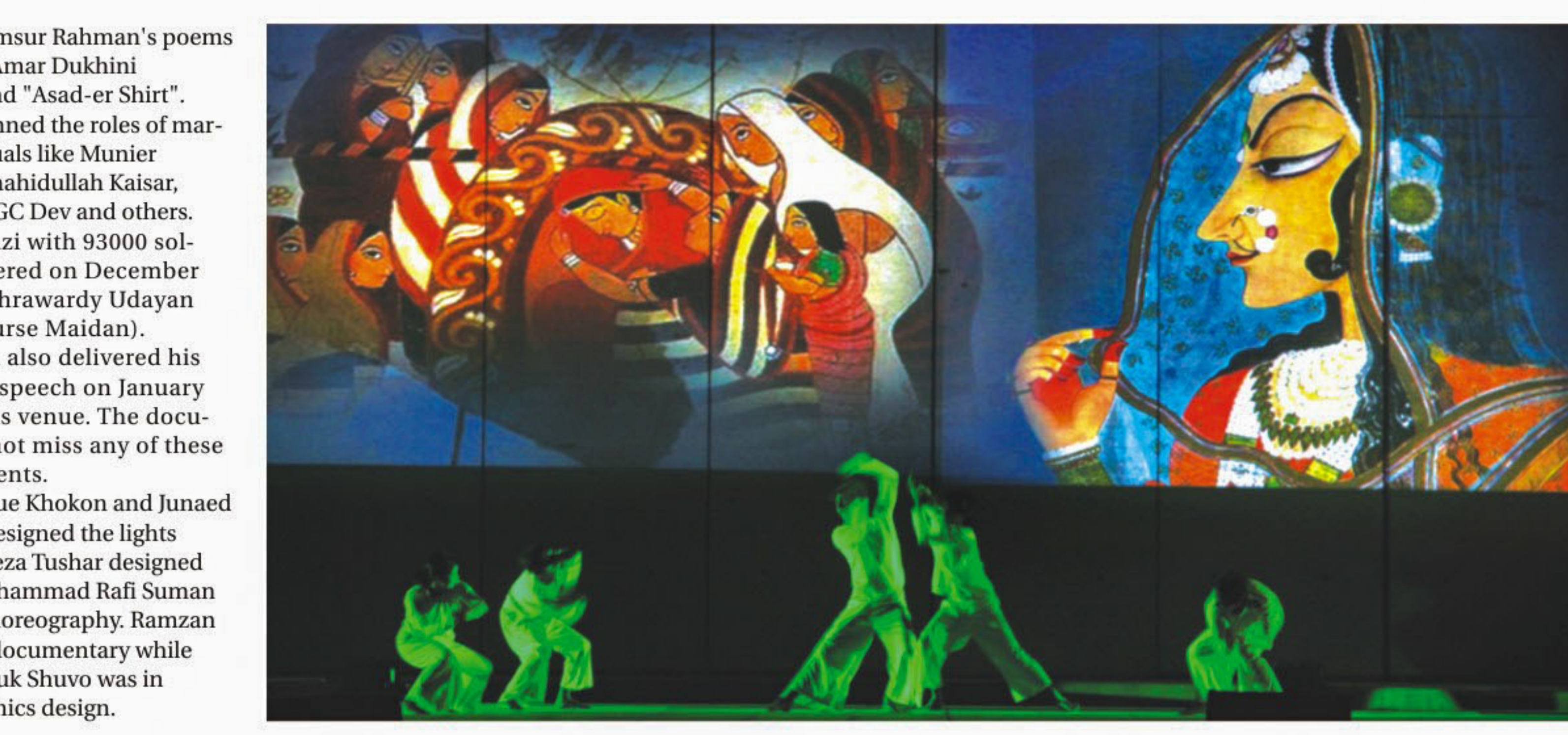


History in Flashes
Light and sound show at Suhrawardy Udyan

PHOTO: MUMIT M.



ZAHANGIR ALAM
Starting from March 7, a three-day long light and sound show, titled "Bangladesh-er Hridoy Hotey", was held at Suhrawardy Udyan. The show was held to celebrate the 'month of independence'.
Our national flag was hoisted for the first time in this month [March 2] in 1971. Bangabandhu delivered his historic speech on March 7, 1971. Following the black night of atrocities, the declaration of independence went on air on March 26, 1971. Planned and directed by Nasirul Haque Khokon, the light and sound show presented a thousand year-old history tracing the origin of Bangladesh. Scripted by Sohel Anwar, the show featured narration by eminent actor and reciter Asaduzzaman Noor. Starting with a Tagore song, "Sharthok Janam Amar", the documentary portrayed Bangabandhu's historic March 7 speech, reference to history in poetry and music. Two poems -- "Amar Porichoy" by Syed Shamsul Haque and "Shadhinota Ei Shabdo-ti Kibhabey Amader Holo" by Nirmolendu Guun -- were part of the presentation.
Students' Movement in 1962, Bangabandhu's declaration of six point charter in 1966, Agartala Conspiracy Case in 1968, Mass Uprising in 1969, AL's unprecedented victory in the 1970 election and finally Liberation War in 1971 were evocatively presented in the show.
Artists from several theatre troupes -- Centre for Asian Theatre, Theatre (Baily Road), Prachyanat, Dhaka Padatik, Natyachakra, Nagarik Natyangan, Palakar, Sanglap, Bongorango and Kranti -- made the presentation exciting as they performed to Shamsur Rahman's poems "Barnaomala Amar Dukhini Barnomala" and "Asad-er Shirt". Actors also donned the robes of martyred intellectuals like Munier Chowdhury, Shahidullah Kaisar, Zahir Raihan, GC Dev and others.
General Niazi with 93000 soldiers surrendered on December 16, 1971 at Suhrawardy Udayan (then Racecourse Maidan). Bangabandhu also delivered his homecoming speech on January 10, 1972 at this venue. The documentary did not miss any of these historic moments.
Nasirul Haque Khokon and Junaed Yusuf jointly designed the lights while Ahsan Reza Tuskar designed the sound. Mohammad Rafi Suman directed the choreography. Ramzan Ali edited the documentary while Nur Uddin Faruk Shuvo was in charge of graphics design.



QAYYUM CHOWDHURY'S 79th birthday celebration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qayyum Chowdhury is one of the most celebrated contemporary Bangladeshi artists. His immense contribution to Bangladeshi art, over the last six decades, has earned him international acclaim as well.
On March 9, this veteran artist turned 79. On the occasion, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts threw a birthday bash for the artist at Bengal Cafe in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Fans and well wishers from different sections of the society wished the artist with flowers, sweets and gifts.
Noted educationist Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, novelist Hasnat Abdul Hai; Subir Chowdhury, director of Bengal Gallery; Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation; artists Syed Jahangir, Hashem Khan, Monirul Islam, Ranjit Das, Mohammad Shamsudohha, Mohammad Iqbal, Anisuzzaman, Maksuda Iqbal Nipa; cultural personality and lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor; Kamal Lohani, director general of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; among others, wished him at the programme. Chowdhury was born in 1932 in Feni. He graduated from Government. Institute of Arts



Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir (right) greets Qayyum Chowdhury (centre) with flowers. The artist's wife is also seen in the photo. (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka) in 1954. The artist has held four solo exhibitions and he has participated in many group exhibitions at home and abroad.

Contenders Representing Rahimafrooz Win "Busy-der Easy Show"

A CORRESPONDENT

At the grand finale held at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Farzana Afroze and Tahasina Rafa of the Rahimafrooz team were declared the champions of the reality programme "Busy-der Easy Show". Sumaiya Jannat and Tanjeri Hoque from Eastern Bank Limited were runners-up. All the 24 contending teams including the four finalists -- The City Bank, Rahimafrooz, Eastern Bank Limited and Brac Bank -- were present at the finale. Top level executives of various corporate houses were also there.
The show was designed to celebrate the spirit of working women. It was the second season of the reality show.
Astrologer and lyricist Kawsar Ahmed Chowdhury, beauty expert Kaniz Almas Khan, cricketer Khaled Mahmud Sujan and Habibul Bashar Suman were present as judges at the event. Malik Mohammad Sayeed, head of Marketing, Square Toiletries Limited and Enayetur Rahman, managing director of ntv, along with the judges, handed over the prizes to the winners.
The champions of Meril Revive "Busy-der Easy Show" won an amount of Tk 2 lakh



The Rahimafrooz team receives trophy and cheque.

from Square Toiletries Limited. Media partners for Meril Revive "Busy-der Easy Show" were daily Samakal, Radio Today and Bangladesh Info. Other partners were Square Hospital Ltd, Micromax and Persona. Naveed Mahboob emceed the event.
Sponsored by Meril Revive, the finale will be aired on ntv on March 19 at 9:15pm.

DHAKA UNIVERSITY THEATRE FESTIVAL "Ashchorjo Shundor Ei Bechey Thaka" and "Durghotona" staged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ongoing fortnight-long theatre festival by the Department of Theatre, Dhaka University featured two plays on March 9. The plays -- "Ashchorjo Shundor Ei Bechey Thaka" and "Durghotona" -- were staged at Natmandal Auditorium of DU.
Tanvir Rashid directed "Ashchorjo Shundor Ei Bechey Thaka".
The play is an optimistic approach to those who find themselves unnecessary to the society. The play tries to convey the message: every moment alive is special.
Mahfuzur Rahman, Atiqur Rahman, Shushanto Sarkar and Camellia Moushumi Khan enacted the roles in the play. Camellia also did the set, light and costume designing.
The second play of the evening was "Durghotona". Written by Sudipta Bhoumik, the play was directed by Bhudev Chandra Mandal.
"Durghotona" is psychological drama. It highlights two characters. One of them is a Bangladeshi, who went to the US in search of a better life. The other character's identity remains in the shadows. Throughout the play, the Bangladeshi describes his days from the past to the stranger who seems uninterested to listen.
Until the last sequence, the Bangladeshi's narratives seem incoherent but the twist comes when it is revealed that the character has been dead all along.
Tauqir Ahmed and Syed Muhammad Zubayeer donned the roles of the Bangladeshi and the anonymous character respectively.
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A scene from the play "Durghotona". PHOTO: MUMIT M.

CRICKET FEVER GO TIGERS!

Sharmin Lucky

A CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh winning the match against Ireland was a remarkable feat, no doubt. I was at the stadium and at one point, I realised that I was on my feet, jumping and screaming. I went on like that till the end. Celebrity chef and nutritionist Siddiquy Kabir called me up and said, "As long as you're cheering on the field, we're likely to win." It was one of the most exciting experiences of my life.
I will be at the stadium today to encourage our players. I hope the Tigers will win this and the next few matches.
Win or lose, I love sports. It's very important to play like pros. I expect the matches to be exciting. Even if Bangladesh loses I want the players to be confident. There's dignity in playing with a positive attitude.
I want to see our team into the semi-finals. My best regards for the players.



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England vs. Bangladesh
On Star Sports at 02:30pm
ICC World Cup 2011
Live from Zohar Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium.

Mean Girls
On Z Studio at 11:30pm
Genre: Drama/Comedy
Cast: Lindsay Lohan, Jonathan Bennett

Engagement
On Rtv at 08:30pm
Single Episode Play
Cast: Marjuki, Russell, Shaqeta

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