

WHAT'S ON

Children's Art Exhibition
Title: Mitsubishi Asian Children's Enkika Festa
Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 18-23

Painting Exhibition on Bangbandhu
Venue: Sufia Kamal Milonayaton, National Museum
Date: March 16-23

Theatre
Play: Putro
Troupe: Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 18

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

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

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

Group Installation Show
Title: Dhaka Seeks Solitude
Venue: Goethe Institut, H-10, R-9, Dhamondi
Date: Mar 10-Apr 7
Time: 11am-8pm

Painting Exhibition
Artist: D. D. Mollick
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhamondi
Date: April 8-21

Group Art exhibition
Title: Women in Nature
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A, Dhamondi
Date: March 17-23
Time: 3pm-8pm

CRICKET FEVER THE CUP THAT COUNTS



A CORRESPONDENT

It is hard to predict who will emerge victors from the tournament as the competition is tense. My foremost wishes go to Bangladesh, who I think will be able to reach the semis. I think the Bangladesh team is capable of reaching greater heights when they are confident and composed. Australia and India might be the two sides playing the final, from which Australia could take the trophy. Sachin should be the man of the tournament.

Chhayanaut's Homage to Waheedul Haque A Medley of Folk Melodies at Charukala



The nightlong programme highlighted the opulent heritage of Bengali folk music and its sub-genres. PHOTO: GOLAM MAHBUB

ZAHANGIR ALOM
As a tribute to eminent cultural activist and Tagore exponent Waheedul Haque, a driving force behind the nationalist cultural movement for decades, Chhayanaut arranged a nightlong musical programme titled "Desh Ghar-er Gaan 1417" on March 16. Featuring the opulent heritage of Bengali folk music, the programme was held at Bakultala, Faculty of Fine Arts (also known as Charukala), Dhaka University. Veteran singer Sushoma Das inaugurated the programme.
Dashaarath Das kicked off the event with solo dhol recital. Dashaarath was

joyful in every beat he produced with other accompanying instrumentalists among whom the flautist stood apart as he moved the audience with his nostalgic inducing melody.
General Secretary of Chhayanaut, Khairul Anam Shakil, delivered the welcome speech on the occasion. Director General of Bangla Academy Shamsuzzaman Khan spoke highly of the arrangement.
Quoting Waheedul Haque, Khairul Anam Shakil said, "If we are to know real music, we have to feel and savour the true taste of that music belonging to the folk traditions."
"Chhayanaut's 'Desh Ghar-er Gaan' is

Gaan, Kirtan, Gambhira, Pala Gaan, Baul Gaan, Bhawaiya, Radharaman O Rashikkal-er Gaan and Fakir Lalon Shai-er Gaan. Aside from Chhayanaut's regular artistes, renowned artistes and troupes from all over the country performed at the programme.
Veteran folk singer Sushoma Das, from Sylhet, was the first to perform at the event. From the moment she breathed life into her first song "O Amar Shyam Binye Pran Banchey Na", a Radharaman composition, the artiste demanded undivided attention. She also performed a Rashikkal number, "Jaistha Mashey Am Kathaler" and a Shah Abdul Karim song "Ekhon Ami Ki Koribo".
Kirtan performances by Goshai Das and his troupe from Faridpur followed. Chhayanaut artiste Nadira Begum, along with Bhupatibhusan Borna and Parul Roy from Kurigram, performed Bhawaiya songs on the occasion. Sirajuddin Khan Pathan from Netrakona offered Baul songs. Upendranath Roy and his troupe from Lalmonirhat presented Pala Gaan while Rawshan Ali and his troupe from Narail and Sanjoy Mallik and his troupe from Jessore performed Kobi Gaan.
Chhayanaut artiste Chandana Majumdar performed songs of Fakir Lalon Shai. Her repertoire highlighted the predicament of a lost soul -- searching for the ultimate truth. How does one find eternal solace? Lalon provided the most sensible answer, that is, through serving and appreciating humanity.
Gambhira performance by Mahbul Alam and his troupe from Chhapainawabganj was outstanding and was received with rounds of applause.
The soiree ended on a high note, leaving the audience craving for more and an incredible vibe lingering under the Bokul tree at Charukala.



Famed Artists Lend a Hand

Painting exhibition in memory of Debobroto Das



STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Young artist Debobroto Das recently died in a road accident on the Jessore-Satkhira highway. A student of Graphic Design at the Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), University of Dhaka, he was born in Jessore.
In memory of the emerging artist, fellow students of FFA have organised a group painting exhibition at Zainul Gallery. Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, inaugurated the exhibition on March 12. Matlub Ali, Dean of FFA, was present as special guest at the inauguration.
The exhibition feature works of noted Bangladeshi painters including Anisuzzaman, Sheikh Afzal, Shahid Kabir, Kalidas Karmakar, Khalid Mahmud Mithu,



Debobroto Das (top); a painting by the late artist.

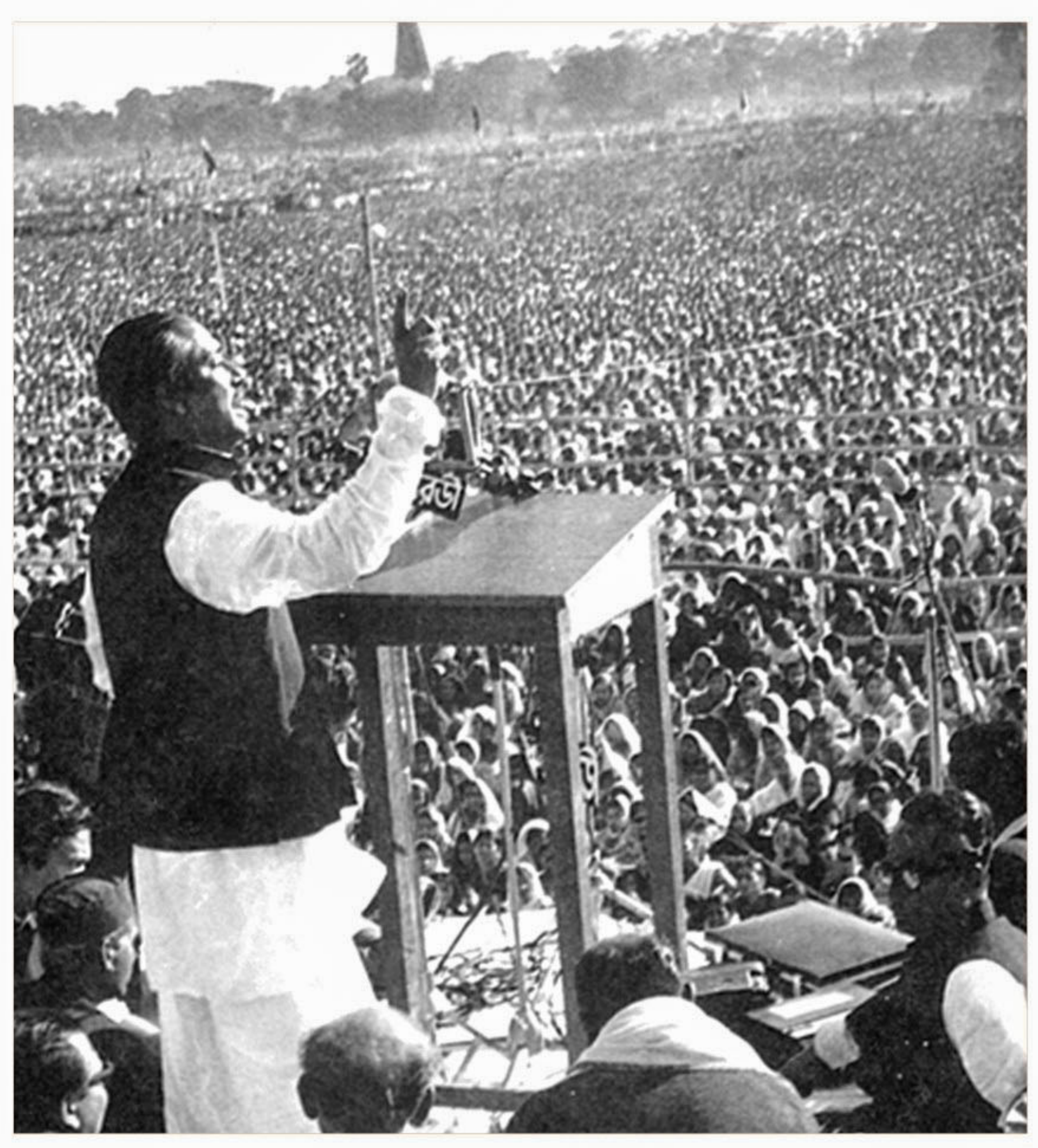
Samiran Chowdhury, Devashish Pal, Abdus Satter Towfique and Mustafizul Haque; Indian painters Rishi Borua, Salil Sahani, Pankaj Parwal, Dilip Mukherjee, Nandalal Mukherjee, Soumik Nandi, Arpan Mukherjee and a Japanese painter Fudesuka.
Proceeds from sales of the paintings will go to Das' financially strapped family.
"I believe that the students have come up with a brilliant idea of generating funds by selling paintings and wall hangings made both by the students and teachers of the Faculty of Fine Arts," said Matlub Ali.
"Our teachers and noted artists including Farida Zaman, Abul Barq Alvi, Mohammad Eunus, Biren Shome, Kanak Champa Chakma and others have donated their paintings to this fundraiser," said an FFA student who is also a member of the organising committee.
The exhibition ended yesterday.

Bauls Take Over the Ramp

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi
Are Baul singers of Bengal and the glamorous world of fashion poles apart?
Apparently not, as Indian fashion designer Babita Malkani displayed her summer/resort 2011 collection 'Iktar' (derived from the Bengali word 'ektara'), which is inspired by the Baul singers, at the Lakme Fashion Week in Mumbai on March 14.
Using prints of Baul singers, Bengali words and indigenous Bengali musical instruments like ektara on fabrics like cotton and silk, Malkani's collection was acclaimed as "fluid and feminine".
Malkani's presentation opened to Bengali folk music and in a break from convention, she used as the showstopper, two bauls in their traditional wear who sang their hearts and souls out as the models in flowing dresses sashayed down the ramps, earning appreciation from the audience.
The collection had looks that combined serene sophistication with chic, modern and traditional cuts.
Mumbai-based 42-year-old Malkani says, "My collection, 'Iktar', drew inspiration from the Baul singers. The folk tunes and religious chants added to the feel. It was all in sync with the mood of the show."



Members of recitation group Kanthoshilan staged their latest production "Juddho Shesher Juddho" at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, on March 16. The premiere show also marked the birth anniversary of Waheedul Haque, founder of the organisation. "Juddho Shesher Juddho" includes poems on the Liberation War by Syed Shamsul Haq, Hasan Azizul Haque, Alauddin Al Azad, Moinal Hsan Saber and Mahadev Saha. Kamal Lohani, director general, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy spoke on the life and works of Waheedul Haque at the programme.



Dol Utshab at Chheuria Begins Today

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia
The five-day long Lalon Smaran Utsab (memorial festival) will start from today (March 18) at the Lalon Akhra, in Chheuria, under Kushtia district.
The programme highlights and celebrates the philosophy of Lalon, and is held annually on the occasion of Dol Purima. The celebration was introduced by Lalon. After his demise, the festival turned into a tradition. A large number of baul artistes take part in it.
On the occasion, the Akhra sees an influx of devotees and admirers from all over Bangladesh and overseas. An attraction of the event is a Baul Mela.
Lalon Academy, a group of elected individuals who look after the Lalon shrine, has organised the programme.
Lawmaker of Kushtia-4, Sultana Tarun, will inaugurate the event today. Deputy Commissioner of Kushtia, Abdul Mannan, will chair the programme.
Among others, acting secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Suraiya Begum; Islamic University Vice-Chancellor, Dr. M. Alauddin; researcher and also Professor of Bangla at Islamic University, Dr. Abul Ahsan Choudhury; journalist Abdur Rashid Choudhury; Kushtia police superintendent Ekraul Habib and Additional Magistrate of Kushtia, Dr. Mallick Anwar Hossain, will speak at the programme.
The shrine has been decorated beautifully for the festival. Bauls from all over the country and beyond have started to gather at the shrine.



Lalon's shrine in Chheuria.

Bryan Adams to become a first-time father at 51

Singer Bryan Adams is set to become a father for the first time at the age of 51.
"His personal assistant, Alicia Grimaldi, is expecting his baby in May," the Telegraph quoted a friend and neighbour of the rocker as saying.
Alicia helped to establish the Bryan Adams Foundation and is one of the charity's four trustees.
The Cambridge graduate, who is in her 30s, declined to comment on the news. She apparently knows that Adams never discusses his love life.
Source: Internet



Rangpur Divisional Children's Theatre Fest Kicks Off

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur
The Rangpur Divisional Children's Theatre Festival 2011 kicks off today with much festivity at Dinajpur Shilpakala Academy.
Around 17 children's theatre troupes from the Rangpur division will take part in the four-day festival.
Hectic preparations are over for the event, the first of its kind in the region in the last 10 years.
Peoples' Theatre Association of Dhaka has organised the festival in collaboration with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.
Local lawmaker Iqbalur Rahim will be present at the festival as chief guest at

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Kotha Shatta Shakkhi Durbal
On Rtv at 08:30pm
Single Episode TV Play
Cast: Hasan Maksud, Mukti

Peter Pan
On Star Movies at 10:20pm
Genre: Adventure/ Fantasy
Cast: Jeremy Sumpter, Jason Isaacs

Karmaphol
On Desh TV at 09:45pm
Single Episode TV Play
Cast: Rowan Hasan, Bidya Sinha Mim

06:45 Roop Madhuri 09:45 Drama: Ojona Gantabho 11:50 Hip Hip Hurry (Live)	10:30 The 13th Warrior 01:30 Just Like Heaven 03:40 Shall We Dance? 06:45 The Terminal 09:30 Mystery, Alaska 12:15 Meet the Parents
01:15 World Cup Carnival 06:00 Extra Innings 08:30 Drama: Kotha Shatta Shakkhi Durbal 11:15 Cricket Highlights 11:30 Ghure Darao Bangladesh	HBO 11:00 An American Werewolf in London 01:00 Gremlins 2 03:15 The Curious Case of Benjamin Button 06:45 Public Enemies 09:30 Freshman Year 11:30 American Pie: The Wedding
04:05 Music Together 05:45 Googly 06:05 Gaan O Fun 11:20 Rivers Swipe 11:50 Ami Ekhon Ki Karbo	Star World 12:15 Street Fighter Unrated 07:00 The Foreigner 08:40 Shadow Man 10:20 Peter Pan 12:20 Presidio
07:45 Celebrity Show 09:45 Drama: Karmaphol 11:45 Close up Call-er Gaan	Star World 02:30 Las Vegas 07:30 Coffee With Karen 08:30 How I Met Your Mother 10:30 Dexter 11:30 Community

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