

WHAT'S ON

Solo Musical Soiree
Artist: Laisa Ahmed Lisa
Venue: IJCC, H-24, R-2,
Dharmundi
Date: April 22
Time: 6:30pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Symphony of Colours
Artist: Syed Abdulah Khalid
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20,
R-16, S-4, Uttara
Date: April 12-29

Grand Group Art
Exhibition
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, DCC
Market, Gulshan-2
Date: April 1-30
Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Photo Exhibition
Title: A Dream of Venice
Photographer: Stephan Babold
Venue: Goethe-Institut, H-10,
Rd-9, Dharmundi
Date: April 15-May 10

Solo Musical Soiree
Artist: Rebeka Sultan
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal
Auditorium, National Museum,
Shahbagh
Date: April 18

Baishakhi Mela
Organiser: BSCC
Venue: Bangla Academy
premises
Date: April 14-24
Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Painting exhibition
Title: Impressions of Surroundings
Artist: Moshuluddin Ahmed Mohsin
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A,
Dharmundi
Date: April 15-22
Time: 3pm-8pm

Solo Photo Exhibition
Photographer: Bishu Nandi
Venue: Creative Destination,
H-20, Rd-1, Sec-3, Uttara
Date: April 16-20
Time: 3pm-8pm

NEW RELEASES

Bangladesh Rabindranath Documentary on Rabindranath Tagore
Source: Shurolok

Labonye Purno Pran Solo album of Rabindra Sangeet by Shakila Jafar
Source: Agniveena

Kon Kuley Aaj Bhrilo Tori Solo album of Nazrul Sangeet by Rehana Siddiqui
Source: Surtaila

Republic Mixed album
Source: G-Series, Agniveena



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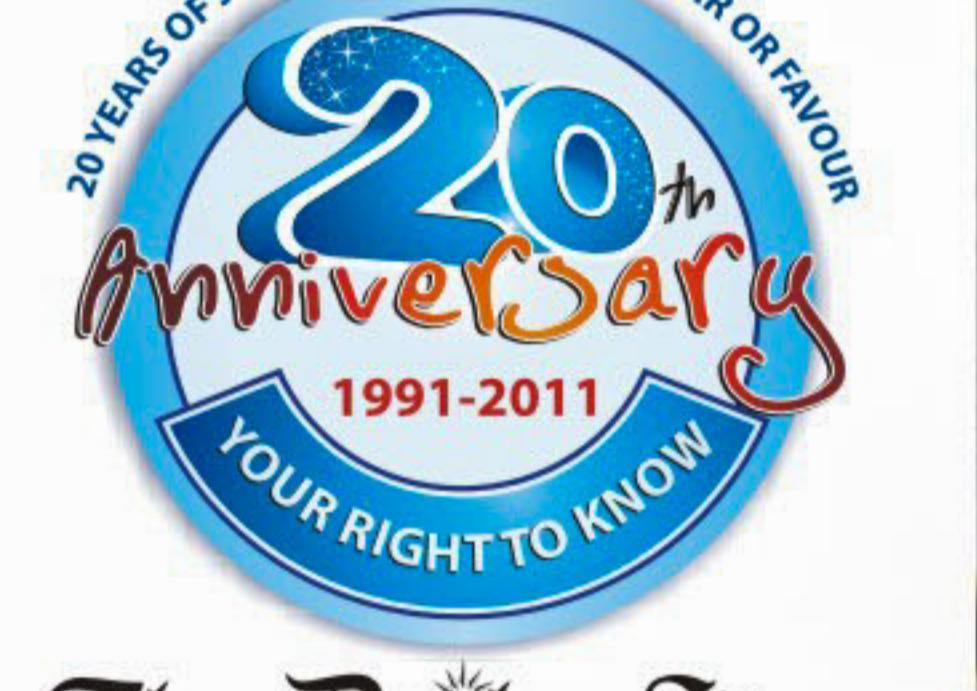
The Daily Star celebrated its 20 years of eventful journey at the Hall of Fame, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka on April 15. The newspaper was born on January 14 in 1991.

People from different sections of the society, including ministers, diplomats, politicians, educationists, economists and cultural personalities attended the grand event under the banner '40 years of Independence, 20 years of Independence'.

Renowned newspaper editors from India, Pakistan and Nepal joined the ceremony. Praising the role of The Daily Star in the last 20 years, they spoke about its impartiality and its principle of journalism without fear and favour.

In his speech, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, Mahfuz Anam said, "Without democracy, free media cannot flourish and without free media, democracy cannot survive."

"When there is a clash between the government and free media, the govern-



The Daily Star

ment will win. But that [victory] will be short-lived... in the end freedom will win but precious time will be lost," he added.

In her welcome speech, Rokia Afzal Rahman, chairperson of Media World, the owner organisation of the daily, said that The Daily Star is more than a newspaper. It is an institution on which the people depend greatly.

At the entrance of the venue, The Daily Star arranged a photo exhibition



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Artistes of Pallabi Dance Centre perform a dance (top); Elita Karim sings at the event.

Shondhi (on acoustic guitar) wrote and composed the song.

A documentary featuring The Daily Star's 20-year-long journey was screened at the event. Poplar singer and editor of Star Campus magazine Elita Karim performed an inspiring patriotic number 'Tomar Dikey Takiye Desh'. Musician

This year is very special not only because Bangladesh is celebrating 40 years of independence and The Daily

Star is celebrating its 20th anniversary but also, coincidentally, we are going to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore," Haque said.

The musical part of the 12-minute performance featured excerpts of songs written by Rabindranath Tagore, Shahidullah Kaisar [composed by Shaheed Altaf Mahmud], Sukanto Bhattacharya [composed by Sheikh Lutfur Rahman] and Dr. Enamul Haque [composed by Shaheed Altaf Mahmud]. The songs were 'Bohey Nironotor Onator Anandadara', 'Ami Manusher Bhai Spartacus', 'Himalay Thekey Sundarban Hothat Bangladesh' and 'Jai Satyer Jai'.

Actor-musician Shindul Yousf

directed the medley.

The cultural programme wrapped up with a group rendition of the theme song 'Nirbho Niropekkho Konthey Janatar Adhikar Rokkhay Shochchar Daily Star'.

Noted lyricist Mohammad Rafiquzzaman

penned the song, set to tune by Ali Akbar Rupu, Biman Chandra Biswas, Tili, Imran, Monir and Tito performed the theme song.

Farooki Joining Hands with Star Cineplex

Filmmaker's next project "Television" to have multiple producers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Filmmaker Mostafa Sarwar Farooki will soon be joining hands with Star Cineplex to produce his next film "Television". Star Cineplex and Farooki's own production house Chhobial will jointly produce it.

Two international producers [from Germany and France] are set to join the project as co-producers. Farooki is going to Berlin and Paris later this month to finalise the deal with the international producers. The filmmaker sees the deal as a step ahead for Bangladeshi cinema in the international arena.

"Working with international

rather than urbanites -- Farooki's preferred theme so far. The filmmaker also informed that Habib Wahid and Hridoy Khan will work as music directors for the film. Shooting will likely start this July, according to the director. It should be mentioned that "Television" received the Asian Cinema Fund award for script development at the last Pusan Film Festival. It was also selected as an official project of Pusan Promotion Plan 2010 [recently renamed as Asian Project Market] and Film Bazaar India 2010.

Farooki's other films are "Batchelor", "Mad-e in Bangladesh" and "Third Person Singular Number".



producers will likely open a door for Bangladeshi films to the global movie market," said the filmmaker.

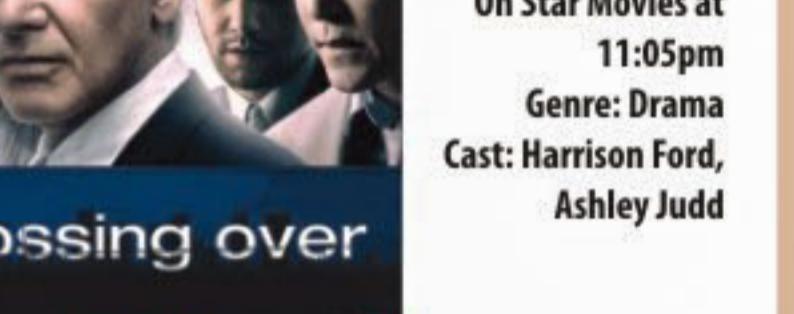
Farooki also informed that both the international producers

are well recognised and

their productions have been screened at prestigious film festivals such as Cannes, Berlin and Venice.

"Television" will be Farooki's fourth feature film. The film will highlight rural characters

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CHANNEL 1	01:05 Ebong Cinema Gaan 05:15 Krishibangla 06:00 The Daily Star Standard Chartered Jibon-e Galpo 11:30 Prokrito Jibon 12:00 Gramophone Ajker Bhagabatpore	10:30 Shaolin Soccer 10:30 Father of the Bride 11:00 Friday the 13th Part VIII Star Movies
ntv	10:05 Bangla Feature Film Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey 05:30 Apnar Jiggasha Shohi Ana Bangali Ana	11:15 Last Action Hero 01:30 The Dewey Cox Story 03:10 Slimdog Millionaire 07:00 Brooklyn's Finest 09:20 The Hunt for the Blood
RADIO	abc Radio FM 89.2 06:00 Bhor Janayal 09:00 Mokhurbo Jhoney 12:00 Duran Dupurey 03:00 Duranto Bilekey 05:00 Shondha Tara 07:00 Shohor-e Raya 09:00 Raxit er Akhey 11:00 Golper Shech Nei	10:00 Morning Express 12:30 No Tension 04:00 Dhaka Calling 09:00 Full Volume 11:00 Back to Back Music 12:00 Good Morning Dhaka Today's Adda 12:00 U Turn 04:00 Today
	10:00 Radio Footi	10:00 Zero Hour On Boishakhi TV at 03:20pm Talk Show Guest: Hamid Mir



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