

WHAT'S ON


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



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Symphony of Colours
Artist: Syed Abdullah Khalid
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, R-16, S-4, Uttara
Date: April 12-29
Time: 11am-7:30pm



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 Rabold
Venue: Goethe-Institut, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: April 15-May 10
Time: 10am-8pm



Film Show
Title: Well Done Abba
Venue: Central Library, IGCC, H-24, R-2, Dhanmondi
Date: April 21
Time: 6pm



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



Solo Painting exhibition
Title: Impression of Surroundings
Artist: Mohiuddin Ahmed Mohim
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
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: 3-8pm




Catherine Zeta Jones treated for bipolar disorder

Catherine Zeta Jones has been treated for bipolar disorder. The Welsh actress briefly checked into the Silver Hill Hospital in Connecticut last week for around five days.

Her representative said the illness -- diagnosed as bipolar II disorder -- was triggered by the stress of her husband, Michael Douglas' recent battle with cancer.

The spokesperson said, "After dealing with the stress of the past year, Catherine made the decision to check in to a mental health facility for a brief stay. She's feeling great and looking forward to starting work this week on her two upcoming films."

Bipolar disorder -- also known as manic depression -- is a mental illness where sufferers have elevated or irritable moods alternating with periods of depression. Bipolar II is marked by longer mood swings and more severe depression, and can be triggered by major life changes.

Michael, 66, underwent six months of intense chemotherapy and radiotherapy to treat a tumour in his throat before being given the all clear in January.

A friend of Catherine's told website People.com, "Catherine has had to deal with Michael's illness and that's been hard. She went in for a few days because she's about to start working, and wanted to make sure she's in top form, which she is."

Speaking about their relationship, Michael told OK! magazine, "I think you just spend the effort and time and don't take each other for granted. That probably is the most important thing."

The couple have two children together, Dylan, 10, and Carys, who will be eight next week. Catherine, 41, is set to star in "Playing the Field" and "Lay the Favorite", both of which are scheduled for release next year.

Source: Internet

The Music of Freedom

Documentary on Shaheed Altaf Mahmud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A documentary on the life of renowned musician and martyred freedom fighter Altaf Mahmud premiered at Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Begum Sufia Kamal Central Public Library, Shahbagh in Dhaka on April 16. Sentu Roy is the director of the documentary, titled "Altaf Mahmud". Bangla Dhoritri was the organiser of the premiere.

Shaheed Altaf Mahmud is widely known for his music composition of the song "Amar Bhai-er Rokte Rangano Ekushey February", which has become the unofficial anthem of International Mother Language Day. This composition and more have given him a unique position in the hearts of Bangladeshis. Mahmud was abducted by the Pakistani army from his residence on August 30, 1971.

A talented painter as well as composer, Mahmud wrote and composed many patriotic songs which were played by Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra during the Liberation War. His composition was used in the movie "Jibon Theke Neyra" and other popular Bangladeshi movies. Some of his notable creations include "Satyer Jai", "Bolo Bir" and "Ami Manusher Bhai Spartacus".

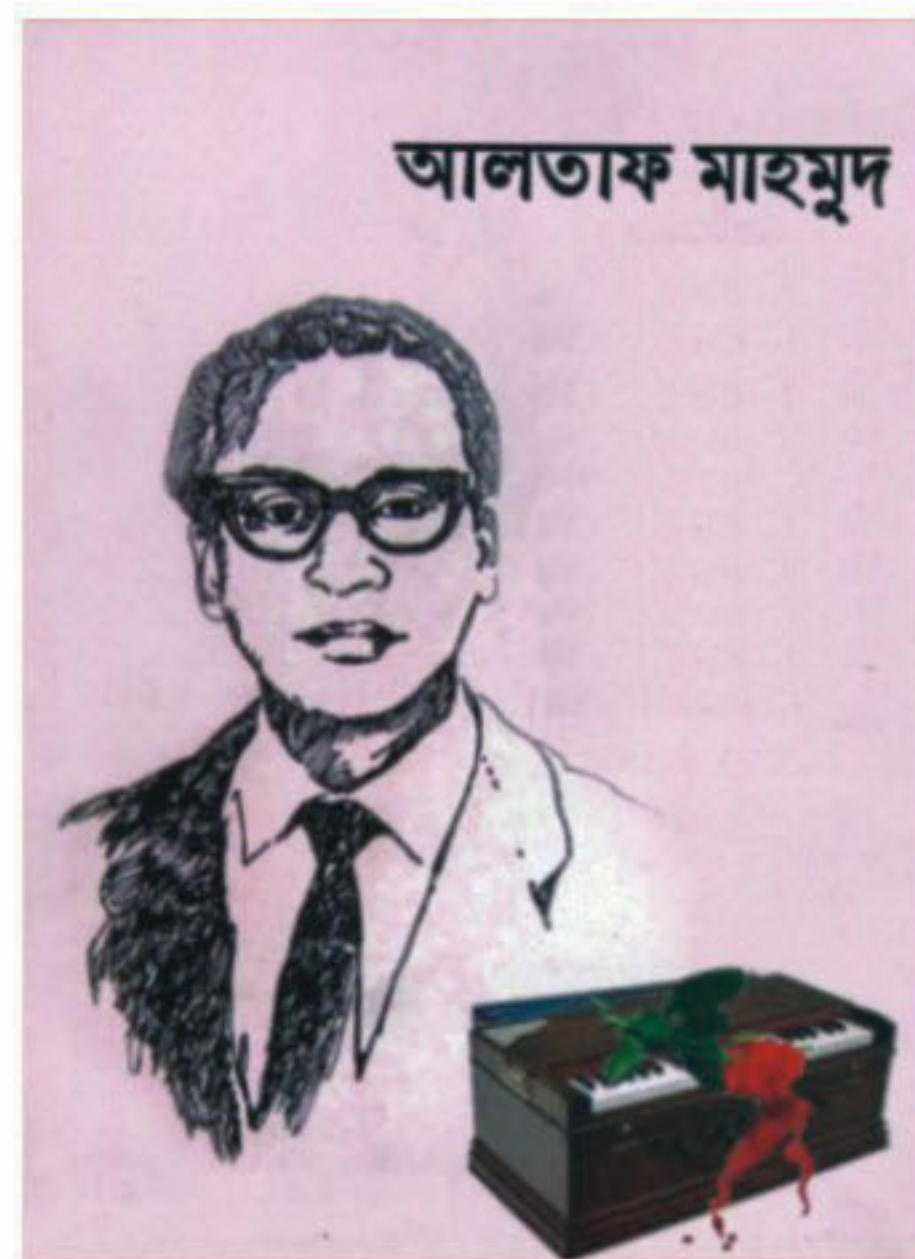
Prior to the documentary screening, a brief discussion was held at the venue.

Veteran cultural personality and journalist Kamal Lohani; human rights activist Advocate Sultana Kamal; artist Abul Barq Alvi; Sara Ara Mahmud, widow of Altaf Mahmud, among others, spoke at the discussion.

The 90-minute documentary features the early life of Altaf Mahmud as well as interviews with noted personalities. Mahmud was born in Patachar village under Barisal district in 1930. He finished his matriculation from Barisal Zilla School. He gained admission to BM College before he went to Calcutta (now Kolkata) to study painting at the Calcutta Arts School. Mahmud started singing when he was in school. He received his first music lessons from famed violinist Suren Roy. He learnt to sing *Gano Sangeet* which earned him popularity at that time.

Part of the documentary also features interviews with renowned personalities who talked about Mahmud and his contribution to the country. Among those who spoke on the martyred freedom fighter were Matiur Rahman, editor of Prothom Alo; Abul Hasnat, editor of Kali O Kalam; Dr. Sanjida Khatun; artist Abul Barq Alvi; Akhter Hossen and Shaon Mahmud (daughter of Altaf Mahmud).

The documentary also features footage of Mahmud's village and Barisal town where he spent a significant period of his life.



Speakers at the discussion were of the view that Mahmud inspired the masses during all progressive movements like the Language Movement in 1952, Mass Uprising in 1969 and Liberation War in 1971. He inspired the nation through his music at times of crises, they added.

The music featured in the documentary has been directed by Sentu Roy. Nafis Ahmed Nadvi and Maksudul Bari are the cinematographers. The documentary has been edited by Towheed Antu and Anup.

A Congregation of Bauls at Rabindra Sarobar

A CORRESPONDENT

Baul singers from different regions of the country rendered traditional and popular folk numbers at Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmondi in Dhaka on April 16. The programme, 'Baul Shommelon' was organised by Amy's Workshop. The event also featured a discussion attended by Information and Cultural Minister Abul Kalam Azad; folk song collector and researcher Mustafa Zaman Abbasi; writer, publisher and one of the trustees of Liberation War Museum, Mofidul Haque and Professor Harun Uzzaman.

The discussants expressed their shock and disgust at the recent assault on Bauls by fanatics and highlighted the secular nature of the Baul tradition. They also called on the audience to contribute whatever they can for the treatment of 9-year-old Baul singer Sagor, a musical



Jamal Dewan sings at the programme.

prodigy who has already won the hearts of many music enthusiasts with his impassioned renditions.

The discussion went on till the recess for Magrib prayer, after which renowned Baul singers Jamal Dewan, Aklima Begum, Momota Dasi and Ranjit Das rendered some of the timeless folk songs.

Singing metaphysical songs with an urge that reach the deepest corners of the heart is a defining characteristic of Bauls. The singers would have held the audience captivated for hours, had a sudden Kalbaishakhi not forced everyone to take cover. The programme that started a little late had to end abruptly.

Jamal Dewan's (from Mymensingh) rendition of Shah Abdul Karim's popular numbers "Agey Ki Shunder Din Kataitam" and "Kon Mistori Nao Banailo" were truly soulful.

A group of fire spinners called 'Naor' who performed during renditions of Lalon songs by Aklima Begum, was an added attraction. The fire spinners also contributed Taka 15000 for the treatment of Sagor Baul.

Mamta Dasi and Ranjit Das' performances were also remarkable.

Mumin's busy hands on dhol was also a highlight of the soiree.

Musa Meets McFerrin

Bangladeshi emerging singer shares stage with international legend

A CORRESPONDENT

The name Armeen Musa brings to mind the hit song "Bhromer Koiyo Giya" [A Radharaman composition rearranged by Fuad]. The popularity of this track is testament to the musical talent that Armeen possesses. Starting her journey with the band Enshrined, playing at concerts in Dhaka, Armeen soon discovered a burgeoning love for music which led to her composing original songs and soon carving a niche in the Bangla pop and underground music scene. After moving to England, she gained further exposure culminating in collaboration with Kishon Khan's Lokkhi Terra. In 2008, she released her debut solo album "Aye Ghum Bhangai", featuring her band, The Grasshoppers, among numerous other guest musicians.

The album fared well and was signal of greater things to come.

In 2010, the Berklee College of Music took its Audition tour to South-east Asia, scouting for talent in various countries including Malaysia and India. Armeen was selected as a recipient of the Asian Tour Scholarship being the first person to go to the prestigious institution from Bangladesh. An opportunity of attending one of the most renowned schools of Jazz and popular music was ideal for Armeen's development.

Robert 'Bobby' McFerrin, an American vocalist and conductor, 10 times Grammy winner and best known for his 1988 mega-hit "Don't Worry, Be Happy", started taking auditions for one of his shows. This remarkable singer-musician has been hailed as the 'king of a capella'. Using his voice and movements as rhythm, Bobby surprised and enthralled the world once again when he released his latest album "VocaBu-

laries" after an eight year hiatus. In order to once again share his creative spirit with groups of younger people, Bobby held auditions for his show in Boston last February. Armeen Musa, among hundred others, auditioned for the chance to work with the legendary Bobby. As luck would have it, after four rounds of auditioning, Armeen along with 14 others were chosen to be part of Bobby McFerrin's a capella group for the show in Boston on February 24. During the performance, Armeen sang a line in Bangla.

Furthermore, Armeen also recorded her first playback song [under Neel Dutta's direction], featured on the soundtrack of Indian film "Jijo Kaka".

Although these can be considered feathers in the cap for Armeen Musa, they speak lengths for her ability and bring about much needed exposure for Bangladeshi music and artistes.



Armeen Musa (extreme left) with Bobby McFerrin (centre) and his a capella group.


ATN BANGLA	01:30 Scary Movie 4
11:35 Chobir Gaan	03:30 Nancy Drew
12:10 Motamot	05:30 Good Advice
01:25 Chalchitra-er Galpo	07:30 Disciples of Shaolin
04:05 Shadhinota Cup	09:30 Reindeer Games
Football'11 (Live)	12:00 Oscar
06:20 Aladin	
10:45 Bihongo Kotha	
CHANNEL i	
09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh	10:25 Brooklyn's Finest
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	12:45 Sucker Punch
05:15 Krishi Shangbad	02:55 The Santa Clause 2
09:35 Veet Channel i Top Model'11	04:05 A Knight's Tale
	07:00 The Proposal
	08:55 Black Death
	10:40 Road House
11:30 Travel On	HBO
12:00 Ajker Shangbadpotre	10:45 Missing in Action 2
	12:45 Monsters vs. Aliens
ETV	02:45 Species
11:30 Ekushey-er Business	07:30 Barb Wire
05:50 Sports Plus	09:30 Kill Speed
06:30 Desh Jurey	11:45 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
07:50 Star Night	

RADIO		
abc radio FM 89.2	12:00 My Time	
06:00 Bhorer Janala	01:00 No Tension	
09:30 Adik Odik	04:00 Dhaka Calling	
02:05 Oporazita	09:00 Night Rider	
03:00 Duranto Bikeley	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6	
03:30 Adik Odik	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka	
04:30 Bhalo Theko Sange Theko	12:00 Today's Adda	
	04:00 U Turn	
05:30 Kachalonka	07:00 Tobey Tai Hok	
Radio Foorti	10:00 Raat Bhor Gaan	
10:00 Morning Express	12:00 Hutum Pecha	


Olitaliya Nachiketa-r Gaan
On BANGLAVISION at 11:20pm
Musical Soiree
Singer: Nachiketa



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
On HBO at 11:45pm
Genre: Adventure/
Fantasy
Cast: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson



Boyra Paribar
On Rtv at 09:05pm
Drama Serial
Cast: ATM
Shamsuzzaman, Shirin Bokul



10:10 Drama: Tumi Ami Tinjone	10:30 Community	Star World
12:05 Ekushey-er Raat	10:30 Las Vegas	
Rtv	02:30 Coffee With Karen	
01:10 Bangla Feature Film	08:30 How I Met Your Mother	
05:00 Protidin-er Gaan	10:30 Dexter	
06:00 Are You Ready		National Geographic Channel
09:50 Bridal Show	10:30 Creative Vision	
12:00 Protidin-er Patrika	11:30 Big Cats Week	
BANGLAVISION	02:30 Mission Army	
09:05 Shudhui Gaan	07:30 I Didn't Know That	
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	09:30 Engineering Connections	
09:05 Moner Kotha	11:30 True Stories	
11:20 Olitaliya Nachiketa-r Gaan		Discovery Channel
Desh TV	10:30 Blue Planet	
04:00 Desh Janopad	11:30 Tyrannosaurus Sex	
04:30 Durpath	02:30 The Four-Winged Dinosaur	
06:30 Bajarey Notun	06:30 Bear Feeding Frenzy	
07:45 Hothat Ekdin	08:30 Feast India	
12:30 Total Sports	09:30 How Stuff Works	
Boishakhi TV		BBC World
07:30 Bhor Holo Bibhabori	11:00 BBC World News	
10:30 Bangla Feature Film	11:30 World Business Report	
04:15 Shorashori Doctor	01:45 Sport Today	
05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaam	07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain	
11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon Sangbad	09:30 Hardtack	
	10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing	
		Z Studio

DRAMA SERIAL		
ATN BANGLA	09:45pm All Rounder	
09:20pm Parapar	ETV	
CHANNEL i	09:30pm Lolita	
05:30pm Joto Dure Jai	Desh TV	
07:50pm Shopno Bazar	09:45pm Sat Kahon	
	10:30pm Phirey Phirey Ashi	
08:20pm Bagh Putul	Boishakhi TV	
09:05pm Boyra Paribar	08:15pm Babar Bari	
BANGLAVISION	08:45pm Nisarga	
08:15pm Mad Bhai	09:15pm Shamparko	

NEWS BULLETIN		
BTV	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	BANGLAVISION
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.	News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.	News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).	CHANNEL-i	News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
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NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am	01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm	ETV
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.		News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

TALK SHOW		
ATN BANGLA	Rtv	
11:05am Vision 2020	10:40am Tarokalap	
11:30pm Je Kotha Keu Boleni	07:40pm Our Democracy	
12:30am Lead News	BANGLAVISION	
CHANNEL i	06:10pm Front Line	
09:45am Tritiomatra	Desh TV	
12:30pm Taroka Kothon	11:45pm Shoja Kotha	
ntv	Boishakhi TV	
12:10pm Ei Shomoy	12:00am Zero Hour	