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Judges: Rezwana

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06:00pm Chhoy Jubok-6

Janar Achhey Bola

Breakfast at Tiffany's

10:00 Raat Bhor Gaan

National Lampoon's

Clear and Present Dang

Spiders II: Breeding

Coffee With Karen

The Simpson's

Channel

Seconds from Disaste

I Didn't Know That

Lion Ranger

BBC World

09:30pm Ghatak Baki Bha

National Geographic

How I Met Your Mother

09:30 The Messenger

Star World

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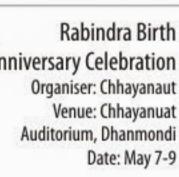
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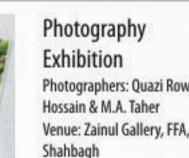


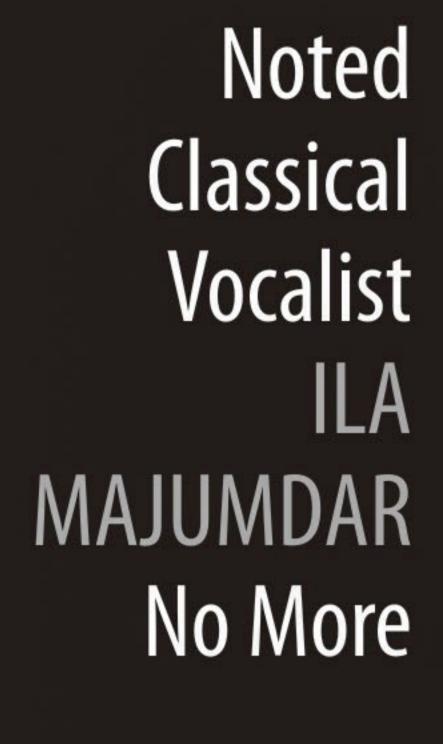












STAFF CORRESPONDENT Ila Majumdar, classical singer, writer

at her residence in Maghbazar. She was the mother of popular contemporary singer Bappa Majumdar and wife of the late classical music guru Barin Majumdar.

and teacher of logic, philosophy and

music, died yesterday (at around 2am)

She died of stroke.

Born to a culturally oriented family in Pabna, Ila met the charismatic Pandit Barin Majumdar and started training under him in 1954. After getting married to Barin Majumdar in 1960, Ila did an MA in Philosophy in 1961 and taught the subject for many years. She excelled in teaching classical music and kept on grooming young, aspiring singers for many years after her formal retirement.

With Ila by his side, Barin Majumdar realised his dream of setting up a music college in the country in 1963. Monihar Sangeet Academy was the first of its kind in the country. Reminiscing that period, she once said to The Daily Star, "At the time, everyone thought com-

to door to gain support for his idea.'

In her memoir, titled "Dinguli Mor", the stories of her family, relatives, neighbours, and the people she came

"Before 1913 the name Rabindranath Tagore was "The classical music scene in of 'Gitanjali' appeared in Russian journals." Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman, Assistant Professor,

Department of International Relations, University of Chittagong, read out a paper under the title "State, Nation and Tagore".

larly in Bangladesh, have labelled Tagore as a nationalist poet; ironically some also consider him as a pro-western celebrity who didn't exactly agree with the nationalist movements." Rahman's paper rejects both positions.

University of Dhaka, spoke about the female protagonists in Tagore's short stories. Amin said, "As a master storyteller, Tagore left behind for posterity a legacy of 94 short stories in the collection 'Galpa Gucchha'; readers



On the second day (April 30) of the international conference on "Contemporarising Tagore and The World", four sessions were held. Imtiaz Ahmed, Professor of International Relations, Dhaka University, chaired the first session on "Nationalism, Internationalism, and Cosmopolitanism"; Dr. Sanjida Khatun chaired the second session on "Engendering Tagore"; Professor Anisuzzaman chaired the third session on "Education and Society (Part A)" while Swapan Majumdar chaired

the fourth session on "Education and Society (Part B)". The conference was jointly organised by the Department of International Relations, Dhaka University; Visva Bharati of Santiniketan and Jamia Millia Islamia (Academy of Third World Studies) of India at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building of Dhaka University. The seminar was inaugurated on April 29 and ended on May 1.

On the second day, Amrit Sen, faculty member, Department of English & Other Modern European Languages, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan; Sergei Serebriany, Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow; Professor Sonia Nishat Amin of the Department of History, Dhaka University; Argentine writer Axel Eduardo Diaz Maimon; Nilanjana Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor of Visva Bharati; Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Chittagong and other discussants took part in the seminar.

Sergei Serebriany, Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, read out a paper under the title "Tagore's Reception in Russia":

hardly known to anybody in Russia. It is on record that noted Russian writer Leo Tolstoy, who died in 1910, never heard about the great bard. But when the Bengali poet got the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913, the situation changed radically and afterwards Tagore became popular. By 1913 translations from the English version

Rahman said, "Many contemporary critics, particu-

Sonia Nishat Amin, Professor, Department of History,



of Villa Ocampo, north of Buenos Aires.

protagonists in this collection are female. Women dominate the scenes from beginning to end, with men weaving in and out in somewhat subsidiary roles."

on the relationship between Rabindranath Tagore and Argentina once, in 1924. He originally wanted to go to Peru but his health prevented him. He stopped over at Buenos Aires, where he met Victoria Ocampo, a beautiful writer and critic who had published several articles in the newspaper La Nacion and a book titled 'De Francesca à Beatrice'. She hosted him (Tagore) on San Isidro, where the poet spent two months at a countryhouse in front of the Rio de la Plata."

Recitation programme to mark **TAGORE** Birth Anniversary

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Alongside other cultural organisations, recitation groups have also taken initiatives to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. In this regard, Swarachitra Abriti Charcha Kendra arranged a programme at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, on May 2. Members of the organisation, along with invited artistes, recited selected poems of Rabindranath Tagore at the programme. The programme was titled "Tomar Onno Juger Shokha".

Mahidul Islam compiled and directed the programme. Members of Swarachitra recited 22 poems, while the invited

reciters read out some more. The performers recited some of the familiar poems from Tagore's collection such as "Ichchhamoti", "Ek Gaye", "Brishti Porey Tapur Tupur", "Dui Pakhi", "Protigga", "Meghla Diney", "Bodhu", "Tomar Onno Juger Shokha" and "Porichoy".

The soft background score provided by banshi (bamboo flute) and keyboard along with dimmed light on the stage created an apt ambiance for the sublime, timeless verses of the Nobel laureate poet.

Among members of the organisation, Nazifa Tamanna, Najmunnahar, Farzana Akhtar, Mahidul Islam, Kamruzzaman Babu, Priyanka Acharya, Aniket Rajesh, Kafi Billah and Habib Ahmed recited poems at the programme.

As guest artistes, the programme featured some of the noted reciters of the country, including Shimul Mustafa, Ahkamullah, Ashraful Alam, Rezina Wali, Rafigul Islam and Kanti Kaniza.



Habib's Latest Album "Ahoban" on Banglalink Music Station



Singer-composer Habib Wahid's latest album "Ahoban" was exclusively released on Banglalink Music Station

privilege of listening to Habib's new

Alam, Head of Banglalink PR & Communication, and Tanveer Chowdhury, CEO of Deadline Music, was present at the album launch.

Darren Aronofsky to head Venice film festival jury



In a statement, organisers described the powerful work of Alejandro director as "a key figure of contemporary cin-Chaskielberg's series 'High Tide'," said Francis Hodgson, chairman of the hon-

orary judging committee. "These carefully directed pictures tell solid truths -- about toil and

photographer of the year, it has been

his photos of a community of islanders

Chaskielberg lived with the residents

for two years to document their lives for

a \$25,000 (£15,100) cash prize at a Lon-

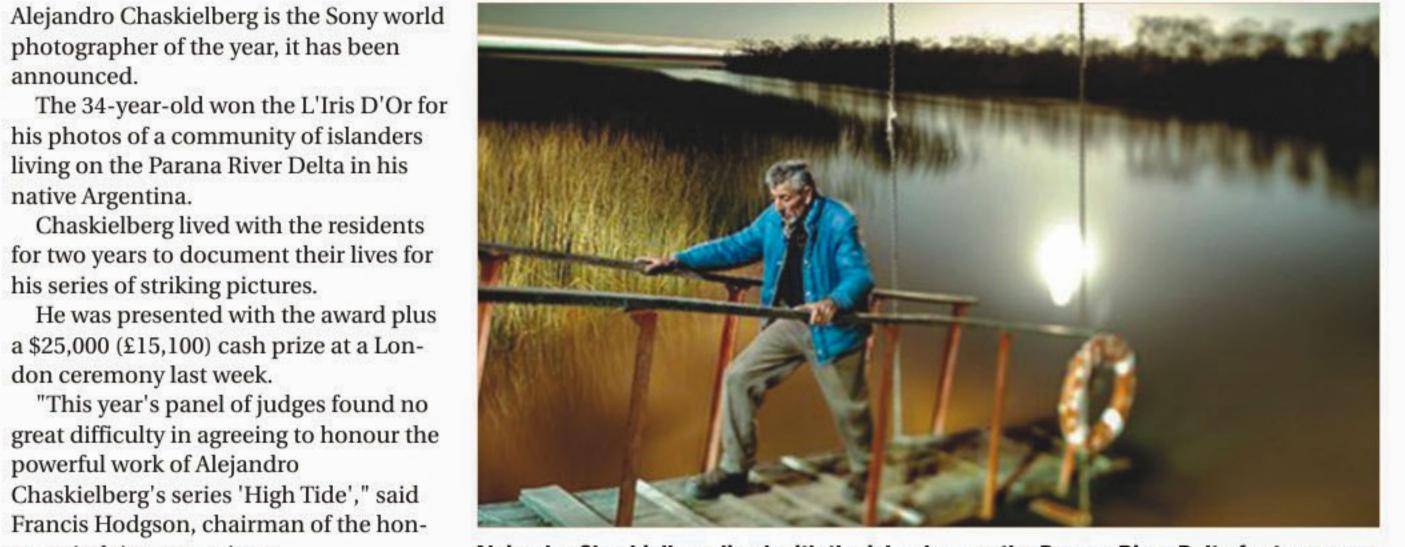
"This year's panel of judges found no

his series of striking pictures.

don ceremony last week.

living on the Parana River Delta in his

native Argentina.



Alejandro Chaskielberg lived with the islanders on the Parana River Delta for two years.

communality and marginal economic survival -- in a splendidly allusive way.

The Open photographer of the year title was awarded to Chan Kwok Hung for his dramatic image, "Buffalo Race". The 37-year-old jewellery manufac-

turer from Hong Kong purchased his first SLR camera in 2006 and taught himself basic photography skills using books and

American photographer Bruce Davidson also collected the award for outstanding contribution to photogra-The 77-year-old's past work has

included following a Brooklyn gang in the 1950s and chronicling the civil rights movement in the early 1960s. Other awards presented at the ceremony included the professional category

winners covering current affairs, to travel and fine art portraiture. Over 105,000 images were entered into

the 2011 competition from 162 countries.

Catherine Zeta-Jones may play Liz Taylor in biopic

Catherine Zeta-Jones rumoured to be in the running to play Dame Elizabeth Taylor in a late actress' tumultuous love life.

business sources in Los Angeles, the Welsh beauty who recently underwent treatment for bipolar disorder, is on the shortlist along with Angelina Jolie.

Catherine, an Oscar winner herself, is said to have expressed a strong interest in the part because of Taylor's long association with Wales through Richard Burton, Dame Elizabeth's great love and husband.

would be a dream come true for Catherine. It would certainly be one of the most testing roles of her career," the Daily Express quoted a Hollywood source as

Source: Internet



As the whole world is buzzing about the news that Osama Bin Laden has been killed in Pakistan, stars from across the world have shown they are no different when it comes to voicing their shock and celebrating the death of America's public enemy number one.

"I'm proud of our men and women in uniform. Wherever you are, take a minute to say thank you to one of the brave heroes who serve our country," Contactmusic quoted Hollywood action man and former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as writing on his blog on

Actress Christina Applegate wrote, "Let me try this one more time...my heart raced when I heard the news. The terror he caused us was epic. The lives lost, too many."

Spice Girl Melanie Brown writes, "We need to take a moment to give thanks to the soldiers who risked there lives." Bollywood stars tweeted furiously about it too.

Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur wrote, "Osama became the mythical dark force that the US rallied against. It no longer matters that he is/was dead or alive. Surely US would have wanted Osama alive not dead. Something wrong. Hope Indian Govt gets Dawood alive. If they have nothing 2 hide."

Rahul Bose tweeted: "Am hoping a sense of balance is maintained in the US at the Osama news. Closure is good, revenge isn't." Ameesha Patel couldn't believe the news. "Hope the news is true

about Osama being dead. and it isn't an impostor," she wrote. Dino Morea felt Osama is still alive. "Hello Tweeps, strange feeling Osama still lurking somewhere, and planning something bigger," he

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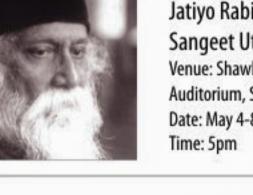
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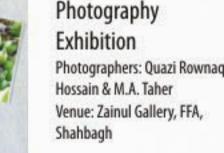
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Oscar-nominated director Darren Aronofsky will head the jury for this year's Venice film festival, it has been announced.

Aronofsky won the Golden Lion at the festival in 2008 for "The Wrestler", while "Black Swan" opened last year's festival. This year's gala runs from August 31 to Sep-

Sofia Coppola's "Somewhere" took last year's top award when the jury was headed by "Pulp Fiction" director, Quentin Tarantino. Aronofsky was Oscar-nominated this year for "Black Swan", which received five nomina

tions in total but only picked up one for Natalie Portman's performance as a leading actress. The director made his feature film debut in 1998 with "Pi", earning the prize of best director at the Sundance Film Festival and best

screenplay at the Independent Spirit Awards. His second film, "Requiem for a Dream", was presented at Cannes in 2000 and later won an Oscar nomination for Ellen Burstyn as best

Aronofsky had signed on to direct an "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" sequel, but dropped out last month as he said he could not commit to being away from his family for the length of time required for production.

Source: Internet

Chan Kwok Hung won the Open Photographer of the Year title for his image, "Buffalo Race". Source: BBC

bining music with education was madness. However, Barin was determined to make it happen and went from door And in those difficult times, Ila was the major source of encouragement for

in stead of talking about herself, Ila told

Bangladesh is still far from ideal and this couple (Pandit Barin Majumder and Ila Majumder) had dared to dream of a national culture that appreciates and understands classical music. They took major initiatives in this regard. The music college (founded by Barin) is now well recognised in the country. This couple's contribution to our music and sacrifices for setting up that college have been outstanding. With her (Ila's) demise, an irreparable void has been created in our music scenario," said noted journalist and cultural personal-

ity Kamal Lohani.

Sony World Photographer

Alejandro Chaskielberg named

Rabindranath Tagore and Victoria Ocampo on the grounds

may well be startled by the fact that the majority of

Argentine writer Axel Eduardo Diaz Maimon focused Victoria Ocampo at the seminar. He said, "Tagore visited

Nilanjana Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor of Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, spoke on Tagore and comparative literary studies. She said, "The definition of literature might be different from country to country but we should understand other literature so that we can compare the resemblances and dissimilarities to realise the meaning of humanity. Literature is not isolated from the society. Literature is the root of all learning. Literature helps link one nation with another, as well as one conti-

on April 29. The album will be released in the market later this month, according to a press release. Banglalink subscribers have the

> songs a month before its commercial The artiste along with Solaiman

Deadline Music will release the album in the audio market.

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