

WHAT'S ON



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Monirul Islam
Venue: Gallery Chitrak,
Dhannondi
Date: May 27-June 15
Time: 10am-8pm



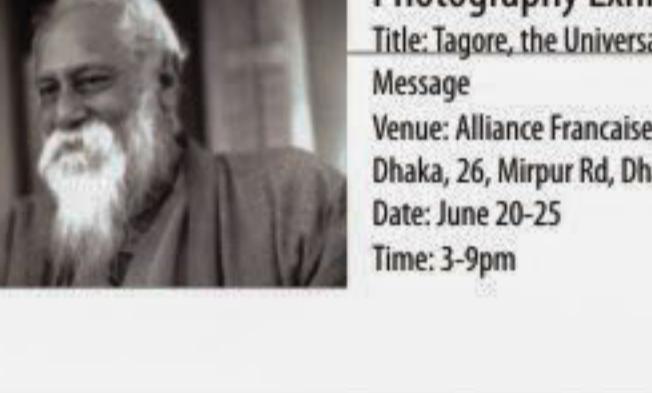
150th Birth Anniversary
of Tagore
Organiser: Shilpkala Academy
Venue: BSA, TSC, Rabindra
Sarobar and two others
Date: June 1-17



Theatre Festival
Organiser: Bangladesh Group
Theatre Federation
Venue: Shilpkala Academy
Date: June 3-17
Time: 7pm everyday



19th National Art
Exhibition
Organiser: Shilpkala Academy
Venue: National Art Gallery,
Shilpkala Academy
Date: May 28-June 17



Photography Exhibition
Title: Tagore, the Universal
Message
Venue: Alliance Francaise de
Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhannondi
Date: June 20-25
Time: 5pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Mustapha Khalid Palash
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, R-7 A
H-60, Dhannondi
Date: June 17-July 1
Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Photography
Exhibition
Title: In Search 2
Photographer: Naymuzzaman Prince
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts,
Dhannondi
Date: June 3-14; Time: 12-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Essence of Secret
Artist: Tarak Mahadi
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance
Francaise de Dhaka,
Dhannondi

Catching Up with Ritchie Solaiman



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Ritchie Solaiman has established herself as a popular actress. She has also done some modelling and she is a dancer. As recognition to her skills, Ritchie has received a Meril-Prothom Alo award. The Daily Star (TDS) recently caught up with the actress.

TDS: What is keeping you busy these days?

Ritchie: My child Raiyan keeps me busy mostly.

TDS: What plays are now on your work schedule?

Ritchie: A single-episode play "Noho Balika", directed by Chayanika Chowdhury, was recently aired on ntv. I've done a play directed by Shokal Ahmed, and I'm also working on S.A. Haq Alik's "Ladies First". There are other projects as well.

TDS: You have portrayed diverse characters. Have you had trouble living up to the task?

Ritchie: Adapting the role of Dipali in Taguir Ahmed's "Jyotsnakal" was a challenge, psychologically. I had to play a girl who slowly loses her mind and tries to commit suicide over and over again. The madness, screams and hysterical laughs put me in a trance that was hard to come out of when the camera went off.

TDS: You've been an actress since childhood. Any regret?

Ritchie: There is no major regret. But acting has cost me some of the most important moments. At a stage when a girl is busy with studies or hanging out with friends, I was busy with acting. As soon as my classes were over, I had to rush to the shooting spot.

TDS: You've appeared in many TV plays. Looking back, which of them stood out the most?

Ritchie: The serial "Nir" showed an interesting relationship between a woman and her mother-in-law. Anwara played my mother-in-law in the serial. That serial received positive reaction from many. I was highly appreciated by people from all walks of life for my role in the serial "Nabila Chorito". It was told that no one else could've pulled off that character. I also received praise for my performances in the serials "Nil Nirjone" and "Moyer Bahon". I won a Meril-Prothom Alo award for my performance in "Tyag".

TDS: Which directors are your favourites to work with?

Ritchie: I like the works of Sumon Anwar, Tauqir Ahmed, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Akram Khan, Mezbaur Rahman Sumon, Mahfuz Ahmed, Animesh Aich, Chayanika Chowdhury, Rulin Rahman and Taher Shironi. I maintain a good rapport with them.

TDS: Which were your turning points?

Ritchie: "Ondhokarer Phool" was definitely one of the defining works of my career. "Nir" was also a turning point for me. Meril-Prothom Alo award was also a great career booster.

TDS: Are you going back to the US again?

Ritchie: I haven't decided when. But I must return, as my husband lives there.

TDS: Your son has already acted in a TV play?

Ritchie: I won't call that acting. He was just three months old then. It was something we did on request.

Kanthoshilan Presents "Nishkriti" and "Gandharir Abedan"



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"Nishkriti" (from "Polatoka") is a lengthy poem that tries to reveal self-centredness. The poem also narrates the bliss of universal love. Roisul Islam, Nadimul Islam and Narottom Haldar, among others, read out the poem. Zahirul Haque Khan directed the production.

"Gandharir Abedan" is a collection of verses that Tagore wrote, based on the epic "Mahabharat", at the age of 40. The poems highlight justice and truthfulness. Golam Sarwar was the director of the production. The cast included Zahirul Haque Khan, Enayet Kajal, Ila Rahman, Razia Sultan and Omar Faruk. Golam Sarwar also directed the background music.

Prior to the dramatised readings, Tagore enthusiast Professor A.B.M. Nurul Anwar spoke on the life and works of the Nobel laureate poet.

Dhaka Fashion Week 2011 Begins tomorrow



The four-day-long Dhaka Fashion Week 2011 is set to start tomorrow (June 15) with a photography exhibition on fashion at Izumi, in Gulshan, Dhaka, according to a press release. There will also be an exhibition at University of South Asia, Banani.

Fashion Week 2011 will also have a roundtable discussion on June 16 at the Westin Dhaka. The highlight of the event will be fashion shows at The Westin Dhaka where 50 designers and brands will show-

case their summer 2011 collection at 50 shows, between June 16 and 18.

This year's Dhaka Fashion Week is promoting the cause of child blindness prevention and cure, in partnership with Child Sight Foundation. Alongside Bangladeshi, eight designers from India, France and Spain will also be displaying their creations at the event.

Details of the event can be found at www.dhakafashionweek.net.

Khulna Regional Poetry Recitation Festival in Magura

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

The three-day Khulna Regional Poetry Recitation Festival ended at Asaduzzaman Auditorium here on Sunday evening.

The festival was arranged by Bangladesh Abriti Sammanay Parishad (BASP), in association with Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy (BSA). Magura-based organisation of reciters, Kanthabithi, undertook the management of the event.

More than 200 reciters belonging to 22 organisa-

tions (from 14 districts of the region) participated at the festival.

Susanta Kumar Saha, deputy commissioner of Magura, attended the concluding ceremony as the chief guest. Alam Ara Jui, member of BASP's central executive committee, and other officials of the district administration were present as special guests. Khan Mazharul Haque moderated the events during the three-day festival.

Language Movement veteran Khan Ziaul Haque formally inaugurated the festival on Thursday.

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"Neel Payerar Gaan" on Ekushey TV tonight



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Musical programme "Neel Payerar Gaan", featuring Nazrul Sangeet, will be aired tonight on Ekushey TV at 7:50pm. On the show, two artistes take part in a discussion on the diverse themes like love, rebellion, nature and genres including Bhajan, Shyama Sangeet, Kirtan, and Islamic - of Nazrul Sangeet.

The artistes also perform songs based on the themes they discuss. Noted Nazrul Sangeet singer Fatema Tuja Zahra hosts the show. Produced by Rafiqul Islam, the programme is aired every Tuesday.



Students (KG-2 to grade-5) of the Aga Khan School, Dhaka, staged "Gupi Gain Bagha Bain", written by Upendrakishore Roy Chowdhury, at National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy on June 10. Neshilhan played Gupi (left), and Mugdha donned the role of Bagha. Lucy Tripti Gomez adapted and directed the play. Sufia Ferdous directed music for the production.



ATN BANGLA	12:15 Off Time	Bishwa
	01:25 ATN Music	Reporter's Dairy
	06:15 Katha Mala	Boishakhi Bonobor O
	08:00 Mokbul	Samskruti Saman
	10:45 Bihanga Kotha	Diganta TV
	10:55 Nandini	
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	01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	Score Cards
	01:30 Khudoyer Gaan	Carrier Line
	04:05 Arshinagar	05:30 Dosh Diganta
	07:50 Khuday Garaj	Shahab Mansh
	12:00 Ajker Shangbadpatro	Ranna Banna
ntv	10:50 The Battle of Shaker	
	01:30 Height	Heights
	04:40 Enemy of the State	Ice Princess
	09:30 Good Advice	Star Movies
	11:35 Over the Top	Over the Top
ETV	08:15 There's Something	There's Something

RADIO	07:30 Hello Dhaka	07:00 Morning Express
	09:00 No Tension	12:00 Dhaka Calling
	04:00 Knight Riders	09:00 Good Advice
	10:30 Star Movies	11:35 Over the Top
RTV	08:00 Radio Forti	05:00 There's Something

Raat Biratey	07:30 Raat Biratey	07:00 Bad Boys
On BANGLAVISION	at 11:25pm	Street Show
	Guest: Masum	Reza
BAD BOYS	07:30 Bad Boys	07:15 On Star Movies at
On BANGLAVISION	at 10:5pm	07:15 Gropic
		Action/Comedy
		Cast: Will Smith, Martin Lawrence
Abiram	07:30 Abiram	07:15 About Mary
Bangladesh	On ATN BANGLA at	From Paris with Love
	05:20pm	09:30 Bad Boys
	Documentary	Commandments
	Director: Zillur Rahman	Dennis the Menace
		Strikes Again
		Revenge of the Ninja
		about Mary

11:30 Ekushey-er Business	08:45	about Mary
Eating Belating	10:15	From Paris with Love
Spots Plus	01:30	Bad Boys
Desh Jorey Sanglap	02:30	Commandments
03:30	03:45	Dennis the Menace
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05:30	05:45	Revenge of the Ninja
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15:30	15:45	Bad Boys
16:30	16:45	Commandments
17:30	17:45	Dennis the Menace
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19:30	19:45	Revenge of the Ninja
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