

WHAT'S ON

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

150th Birth Anniversary of Tagore
Organiser: Shilpakala Academy
Venues: BSA, TSC, Rabindra Sarobar and two others
Date: June 11-17
Time: 7pm everyday

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

19th National Art Exhibition
Organiser: Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 28-June 17
Time: 11am-8pm

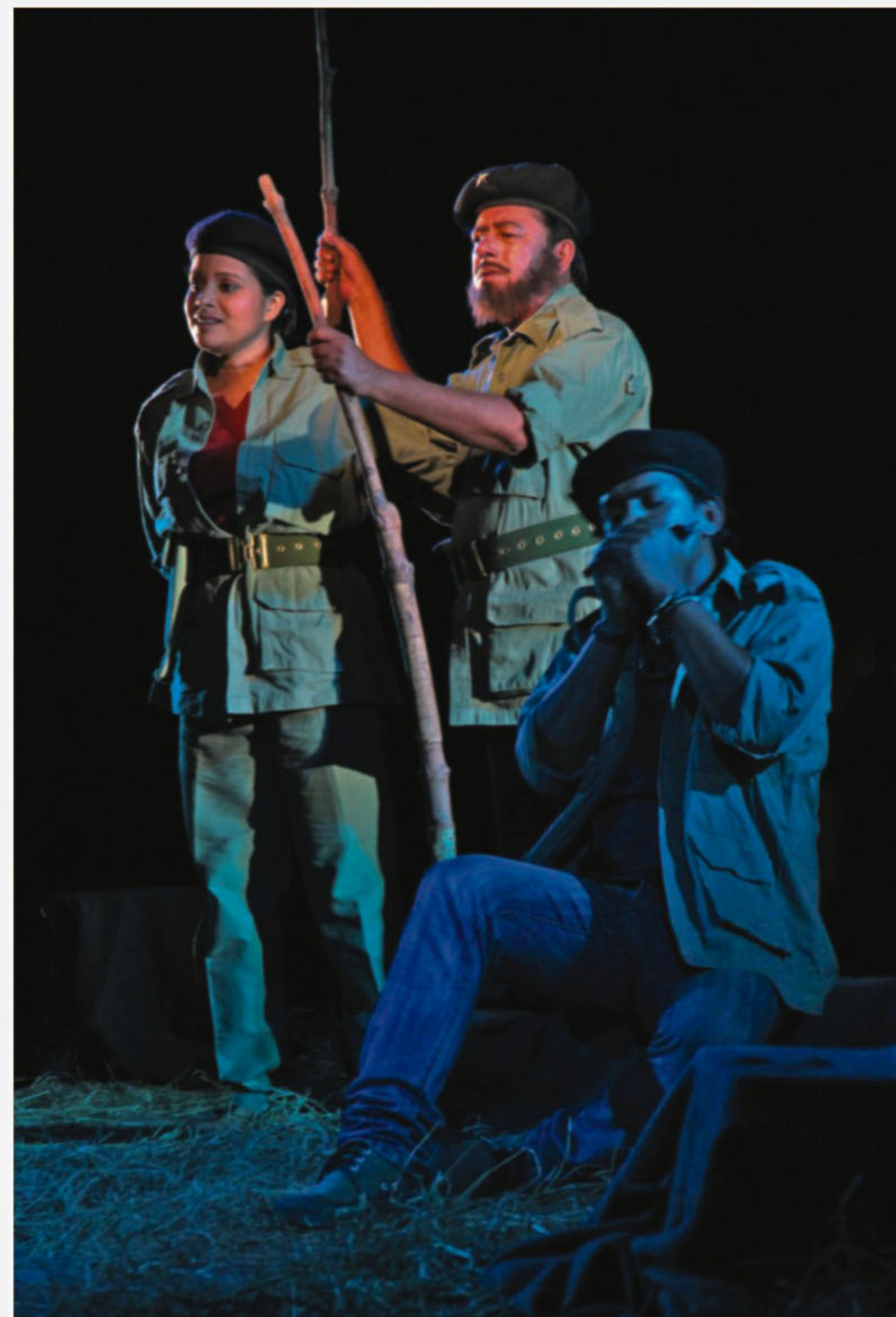
Barsha Utshab 1418
Organiser: Satyen Sen Shilpogosthi
Venue: Hakim Chatter, Dhaka University
Date: June 15
Time: 7:30am onwards

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Mustapha Khalid Falah
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, B-7 A, JH-60, Dhanmondi
Date: June 17-July 1
Time: 11am-8pm

Album Launch
Album: Evening Ragas (Sanskrit Recital)
Artist: Rajnupa Chowdhury
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, H 42, Rd 16 (new), Dhanmondi
Date: June 15; Time: 7pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Essence of Secret
Artist: Tarak Mahdi
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: June 3-16; Time: 3-9pm

Bangla Theatre celebrates Che's 83rd birth anniversary



Mamunur Rashid (centre) as Che Guevara in the play "Che's Cycle". PHOTO: MUMIT M.

JAMIL MAHMUD

Yesterday was the 83rd birth anniversary of the Argentine Marxist revolutionary Ernesto Che Guevara. To celebrate the anniversary, Bangla Theatre arranged a programme at the Studio Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, on June 13. The programme featured discussion, songs, poetry recitation and staging of the Bangla Theatre production "Che's Cycle".

Prior to the show, a brief discussion and cultural programme was held at the lobby of the Studio Theatre Hall. Nurul Kabir, editor of New Age, spoke on the life and accomplishments of Che. Kabir urged people to understand and perceive Che not only as a revolutionary but also as a loving and affectionate individual. Shimul Mustafa and Mahidul Islam recited poems written on Che, while singer Amit Mallick rendered a song, "Havana'r Pothey Pothey", written by Mamunur Rashid.

"Che's Cycle" had two shows, back to back, at the Studio Theatre Hall. Inspired by a docu-drama, titled "Maybe Che", by Asian People's Theatre (Hong Kong), veteran theatre activist Mamunur Rashid wrote the script.

Directed by Faiz Zahir, the play narrates the story of three people -- Ranjan, Soheli and Shubhro -- stranger to each other, who want peace. Their methods of achieving peace are, however, different. The three play eleven different roles that include famed characters from literature and history.

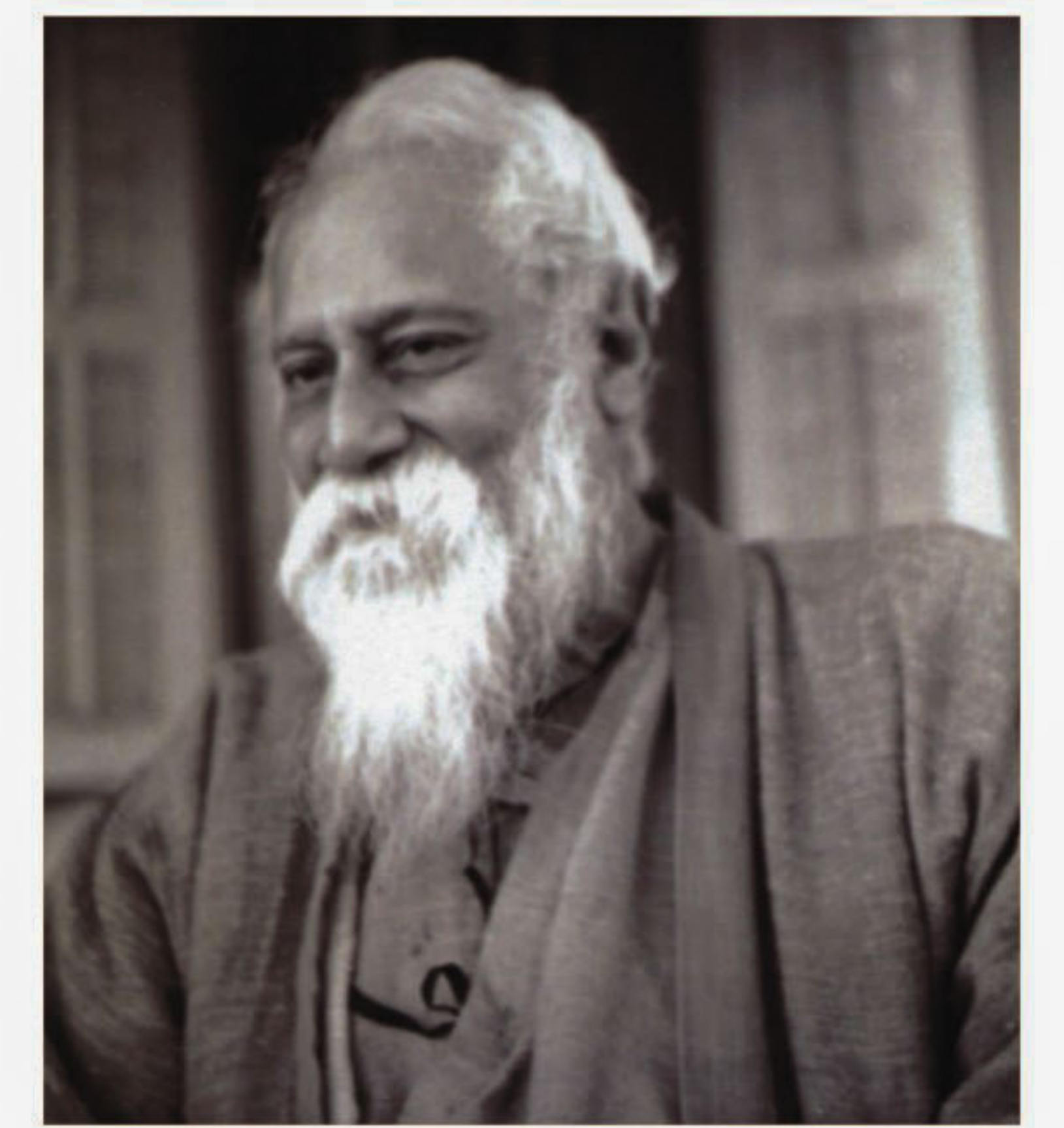
The play zooms in on people who want to discover the spirit of Che within. Che fought for people and inspired them to fight for their rights.

Mamunur Rashid plays Che Guevara and Ranjan (from Tagore's "Raktokarobi"). Rubli Chowdhury plays three characters, including Soheli (a Bengali rebel) and Aleida Guevara, the wife of Che.

Chanchal Chowdhury plays six roles, including Fidel Castro and a peace-loving young boy, Shubhro. Faiz Zahir also designed the set, costumes and light. Parimal Majumder and Habib Ahmed Sanjib directed the background music.

Ernesto Che Guevara, commonly known as El Che or simply Che, was born on June 14, 1928 in Rosario, Argentina. He was the eldest of five children in an Argentine family of Spanish, Basque and Irish descent. Apart from being a revolutionary, he was also a physician, author, intellectual, diplomat and military theorist. A major figure of the Cuban Revolution, Che's stylised visage has become a ubiquitous countercultural symbol of rebellion and global insignia within popular culture. Che was assassinated on October 9, 1967 in Bolivia.

Exhibition featuring rare photographs of Tagore



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD), Alliance Francaise de Chittagong (AFC) and Embassy of France in Bangladesh is arranging a photo exhibition. Titled, "Tagore, the Universal Message", the exhibition will open on June 18 at the La Galerie of AFD at Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

Curated by Dr. Samuel Berthet, director of AFC, the exhibition will feature some rare and previously unseen photos of Tagore and Shantiniketan, collected by Alain Daniélou and Raymond Burnier.

The exhibition initiates a yearlong celebration programme on Tagore by AFC as well.

The exhibition features a selection of 97 photos. The collection was believed to be lost till it came back to light in August 2010, when Samuel Berthet, director of AFC and historian, rediscovered it at the Alain Daniélou Raymond Burnier Photo Collection (DBPC). The photos were taken between 1927 and 1960.

Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith is expected to inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest. Dr. Atiur Rahman, governor of Bangladesh Bank, and Mohamed Mijarul Quayes, secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be present as special guests. Rajeev Mitter, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, and Charley Causseret, Ambassador of France to Bangladesh, will be present as guests of honour.

The exhibition will remain open to the public from June 20 to 25. Visiting hours are from 3pm to 9pm (Monday to Thursday) and 9am to 12pm and 5pm to 8pm (Saturday).

Bengal Foundation to commemorate Nazrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking 112th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Bengal Foundation has arranged a three-day commemorative event, titled "Amar Akash Mayer Koley" at Bengal Gallery in Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

The festival will kick off with an album launch on June 16 (at 7pm). Dr. Sarwar Ali will unveil the Nazrul Sangeet album "Shokal Belar Sur", featuring Sharmin Sathi Islam. Bengal Foundation has produced the album.

A number of Nazrul Sangeet artists will perform in two sessions -- morning (8am) and evening (6pm) -- on the second day (June 17) of the festival. Noted cultural personality and lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor will recite Nazrul's poetry in the evening session.

Among the artistes performing at the festival are: Barkat Hossain, Ferdus Ara, Asit Dey, Anup Barua, Fakir Suman, Bizon Chandra Mistry, Shahid Kabir Palash, Champa Bonik, Farhad Zaman Palash, Subir Nandi, Fatema Tuj Zohra, Yasmin Mughtari, Yaqub Ali Kahn, Suman Chowdhury, Dahlia Nowshin, Anindita Chowdhury and Chhanda Chakrobarty.



The concluding day's (June 18) programme will also feature rendition and recitation, and will start at 6 pm. Khairul Anam Shakil, Shaheen Samad, Sharmin Sathi Islam, Nashid Kamal, Sujit Mustafa, Prodip Nandi and Mafizur Rahman will perform Nazrul's songs, while Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay will recite at the event.

BTV	12:35 Shukhi Paribar	10:10 Trinamool Sanglap	
03:05	Cartoon	Desh TV	
04:05	Ma O Shukur Kotha	04:00	Desh Janopad
06:10	Mati O Manush	04:30	Durgath
07:00	MacGyver	06:30	Dar-er-Janala
09:10	Drama	07:45	Eko Brintey
		10:30	Ranna Ghar
		12:30	Total Sports
ATN BANGLA		Boishakhi TV	
12:15	IT Zone	10:30	Bangla Feature Film
01:25	Band View	04:15	Shorashori Doctor
05:20	Islami Sawal O Jawab	05:15	Boishakhi-CNN Shara
08:00	Destination Unlimited		Bishwa
10:45	Bihanga Kotha	06:20	Star Award Nominasi Adda
10:55	Bibeker Kache Proshno	10:50	Reporters Dairy
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CHANNEL I			Sanskriti Sangbad
11:05	Sports Time (Live)	Diganta TV	
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04:30	Aponar Shushastha	03:05	Jibon Onnesha
06:00	Aaj Shondhay Gaane Gaane Bristir Chhoya Pal	06:30	Public Parliament
09:35	Nabo Gaane Nabo	09:25	Diganta Onushandhan
	Prasane	11:05	Shorol Poth
12:20	Ami Rabindranath-er		

RADIO	
abc radio FM 99.2	10:00 Morning Express
06:00	Bhorer Sanchay
09:00	Mukhorbo Jibonyo
12:00	Daman Dugunoy
03:00	Dumeta Baboy
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07:00	Shaj-er-Maya
09:00	Raat-er-Akashy
11:00	Gopon Shesh Nes
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07:30	Hello Dhaka
	12:00 U Turn
	07:00 Rayer Hat Hat
	09:00 Raat-er-Gaan
	12:00 Hutum Pecha

Aaj Shondhay Gaane Bristir Chhoya Pal
On CHANNEL I at 06:00pm
Musical Programme
Singer: Subir Nandi, Fahmida Nabi

Kill Bill-Vol. 2
On Z Studio at 09:30pm
Genre: Crime/Drama
Cast: Uma Thurman, David Carradine

Shahaj Manush
On Diganta TV at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Nader Chowdhury, Shabed

rtv	11:30 Glamour World	12:30 Probashe Bangladesh
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar	Z Studio
05:30	Aponar Jigasha	10:45 Good Advice
06:10	Shubho Shondhya	03:30 Ice Princess
08:15	Siddika Kabir's Recipe	06:45 Star Ship troopers
09:00	Kichu kotha Kichu Gaan	09:30 Fatal Attraction
		09:30 Kill Bill: Vol. 2
		Star Movies
		10:10 District 13 Ultimatum
		03:30 Bewitched
		05:15 I Love You, Beth Cooper
		08:45 Black Hawk Down
		11:10 Sniper 3
Rtv	12:35 Tawheed-er Marshid	HBO
	Amar	05:00 The Wiz
01:10	Bangla Feature Film	07:45 Along Came Polly
05:00	Protidin-er Gaan	09:30 The Man in the Hat
06:00	Drama Serial: Mohallar Bhai	11:15 The Punisher
12:00	Protidin-er Patrika	StarWorld
BANGLAVISION		08:30 Detroit 187
09:05	Shudhul Gaan	08:30 Two And A Half Men
10:10	Gaan O Fun	09:00 The Simpson's
09:05	Shondhoro Kotha	11:30 How I Met Your Mother
11:30	Ghure Darao Bangladesh	BBC World
		11:00 BBC World News
		11:30 DW Global 3000
		05:50 Sports Plus
		06:30 Ride on the Top
		07:50 Fashion and Tune
		12:00 World News Today

Three decades of Pabna Drama Circle

Four-day cultural programme held



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A four-day programme, marking the 30th anniversary of Pabna Drama Circle, concluded Monday night. The programme featured discussion, live performances and a prize-giving ceremony. A rally was brought out from the Pabna Town Hall premise on Monday morning.

Pabna Drama Circle, the leading theatre troupe of the district, started its journey on June 13, 1981 with an aim to inspire the local youth through



Encouraging creativity in children

Exhibition by Patua Quamrul Hasan Art School at Zainul Gallery

A CORRESPONDENT

Patua Quamrul Hasan Art School recently held its 3rd National Children's Art Competition, titled "Boishakh-e-Chhobi Aanko Joisthey Prodorshoni". Starting from June 9, a weeklong group exhibition featuring artworks by children is on at Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. The exhibition has been dedicated to the recently deceased iconic artists Mohammad Kibria (Bangladesh) and M.F. Husain (India).

Internationally famed Bangladeshi artist Monirul Islam inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Chairman of the school, Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, presided over the opening programme. Managing director of Mercantile Bank, A.K.M. Shahidul Haque, was present as a special guest. Noted artist Biren Shome and director of Patua Quamrul Hasan Art School, Anwar Hasan Babu, also spoke on the occasion.

A total of 83 paintings, from 4155 entries by children from all over Bangladesh, are on display at the exhibition. The aspiring young artists painted on various themes, like the Language Movement, Pehela Boishakh (Bengali New Year), childhood, the Liberation War, landscape, nature, rural life, rivers etc. The exhibition is open from 3 to 8pm everyday, and ends today. Mercantile Bank is the sponsor of the exhibition.

All 83 participants of the nationwide competition whose works are on display at the exhibition are receiving prizes. The jury will select the champion who will receive prize bonds worth Tk 10,000, a golden trophy and a certificate. Each of the four runners-up from four groups will receive prize bonds worth Tk 2,000, a crest and a certificate.

Each of the remaining 78 winners will receive prize bonds worth Tk 300, crest and certificate. The prize giving ceremony will be held at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library on June 22 at 5pm.



Artist Monirul Islam (2nd from left) with other guests at the exhibition.

BOOK LAUNCH

Nazmuddin Hashem's Days in Russia



Dignitaries at the book launch.

AKRAM HOSEN MAMUN

Several intellectuals, particularly left leaning ones, turned up at the launch of "Russia'r Dinilipi" at the Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum on June 13. The book features unpublished travelogue by the late diplomat, minister and author Syed Nazmuddin Hashem. Editors of newspapers, journalists, authors, poets and translators met each other and reminisced on the years that altered the course of international politics in the last century.

The book, published by Shuddhashar, includes Hashem's manuscripts that were previously unpublished.

In her speech, noted writer Selina Hossain expressed her admiration of the "unparalleled descriptive skills" of Hashem. She read out excerpts from the first chapter, "Aparajeyo Leningrad" and pointed out the range of Hashem's knowledge and interest.

Editor of Prothom Alo, Matur Rahman, shared his memories of Russia, from the early '70s, and complimented Hashem's rhetorical skills. Rahman met Hashem in Russia. "Hashem had always been an admirer of the social revolution. He also thought highly of the Spanish Revolution," said Rahman. He went on to highlight how Hashem's narrative shifts its focus from one topic to another and always makes sense as a whole. Talking about the last chapter, which is about Russian food, Rahman shared his experiences regarding Russian drinks in jest.

Mahbubul Alam, editor of The Independent, and poet Belal Chowdhury agreed that the author perceived Russia with the eyes of a traveler, but he also had an eye for its history and politics.

Moderated by poet and journalist Sajjad Sharif, the programme, on the whole, highlighted the genius of an accomplished writer who has been consigned to oblivion.

Mahbubul Alam was of the opinion that Hashem's talent and wisdom are as evident in this book as were in his previous writings.

"Russia'r Dinilipi" consists of five essays and an introduction by noted translator Dijen Sharma. The autobiographical essays talks about the nature, society, lifestyle, livelihood, politics and even the food of Leningrad, Stalingrad, Armenia and Moscow of the then Soviet Union.

On behalf of Hashem's family, his wife Nurunnahar Hashem thanked Shuddhashar for taking the initiative. In his welcome speech, the publisher Rashid Chowdhury said, "Shuddhashar is keen on publishing the works of significant but less discussed authors like Hashem."

Salman Rushdie to make sci-fi TV series

Salman Rushdie, who believes that quality TV drama is now the best way of widely communicating ideas and stories than films or novels, is set to make a sci-fi television series.

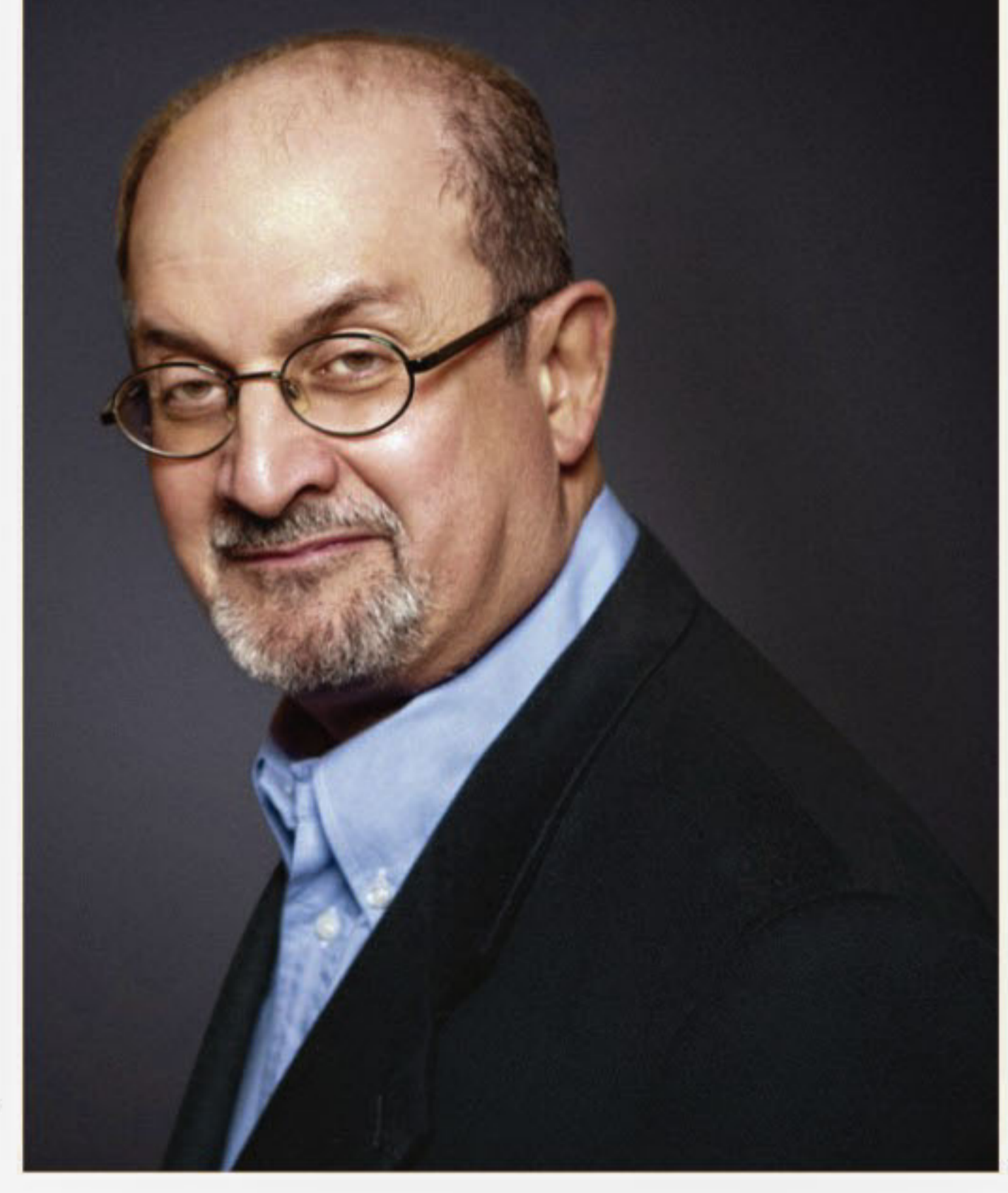
The new work, to be called "The Next People" is being made for Showtime, a US cable TV network.

"It's like the best of both worlds. You can work in movie style productions, but have proper control," the Guardian quoted him as saying.

According to Rushdie, the plot would be based on factual science but would contain elements of the supernatural or extra-terrestrial.

Showtime has announced that the hour-long drama will deal with the fast pace of change in modern life, covering the areas of politics, religion, science, technology and sexuality.

Rushdie has written the first draft of the script and will executive-produce the show, alongside British producers Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner and Shelley McCrory, the former NBC executive who runs the company's TV projects.



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COMING SOON

ATN BANGLA	08:40pm Ogniroth	09:50pm Boya Paribar
09:20pm	Poosh Phagayer Pala	BANGLA (SOUH)
CHANNEL I	05:30pm Shamama (Charyer)	08:15pm No Problem
07:50pm	Hridoy-er-Kache Bishoy	ETV
		09:30pm Ghatok Baki Bhai
		Desh TV
rtv	09:45pm Shobuj Nekkhotro	09:15pm Sit Kalon
11:30pm	Terminal	11:45 Sport Today
		08:00pm Shahaj Manush

NEWS BULLETIN	
BTV	BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	News (Bangla) at 7:30am
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm	1:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:50 pm	News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).	News (English) at 6:00pm
NEWS (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	rtv
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TALK SHOW	
BTV	rtv
10:25pm Ghure Daraner Bangladesh	12:10pm Ei Shomoy
ATN BANGLA	rtv
10:30am Lead News	10:40am Tankalip
11:15am Vision 2020	07:40pm Our Democracy
CHANNEL I	BANGLAVISION
09:45am Trilo Mata	09:25pm Bait Protidin
12:30pm Taroka Kothon	06:30pm Front Line
11:30pm Alley Bhubon Bhora	Desh TV
	11:45pm Shuja Kotha