

WHAT'S ON

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Artist: Monirul Islam  
Venue: Gallery Chitra, Dhanmondi  
Date: May 27-June 20  
Time: 10am-9pm

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

**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

**Sufia Kamal Birth Anniversary**  
Venue: Chhayanaut Auditorium  
Date: June 17-18  
Time: 6:30pm

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

**Dance Performance**  
Organiser: Nriyanchal  
Venue: Bangladesh Shiksha Academy Auditorium  
Date: June 16  
Time: 7pm

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
Title: Essence of Secret  
Artist: Tara Mahadi  
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise of Dhaka, Dhanmondi

# Dhaka ushers in Monsoon

Cultural organisations celebrate first day of rainy season



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**ZAHANGIR ALOM**  
Of the Bengali seasons, monsoon has a special appeal. Yesterday was *Pahela Ashadh* (first day of the rainy season on the Bengali calendar). Though city dwellers have been experiencing occasional heavy shower over the last couple of weeks, with the official arrival of monsoon, summer was over.  
Through cultural programmes -- featuring recitation, dances and songs -- Dhakaites welcomed monsoon yesterday in a fitting manner. Throughout the city, cultural organisations held special programmes to mark the day.

Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, Dhaka metro branch welcomed the season with a colourful programme at the Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Dhaka University.  
This was the sixth 'Borsha Utshab' (monsoon festival) by Udichi in the city. The organisation has been holding the celebration since 2006.  
People thronged the FFA premises, starting early in the day. The serenity of nature was broken with a sitar recital by Ebadul Haque Saikat, as 'Borsha Utshab 1418' kicked off. Saikat played *alop, vilambit* and *druat gauri*, as well as *Jhala of Raga Desh* in the morning. Artists of Udichi performed several choruses -- "Esho

Nipoboney", "Guru Guru Badal Diney", "Esho Desh Gaur" and "Kokolo Chholochholo". Shilpi Akhtar performed a Nazrul Sangeet, "Aaj Sraboner Loghu Megh-er Shathey".  
The event mainly featured songs on rain written and composed by Tagore, Nazrul and DL Roy, modern and folk numbers, recitation and several dance performances.  
Solo renditions were staged by Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Anup Barua, Lina Taposhi, Azizur Rahman Tuhin, Sharmisathi Islam, Laisha Ahmed Lisa, Bulbul Islam, Bishwajit Roy, Saidur Rahman Boyati and others.  
Artists of Samogee and Panchobhaskar performed "Gur

Guragur Daklo Dewa" and "Bajro Manik Diye Gantha" respectively at the programme.  
Laila Afroz, Belayet Hossain, Jharna Sharkar and Kazi Rosy recited poems at the event.  
With the songs "Sawana Gaganey", "Sraboner Gagoner" and "Brishti Porey Rey", artistes of Bhabna, Nandan Kala Kendra and Nriyam respectively presented dance performances that added further shades of jubilation to the programme. Samina Hossein Prema, N.R. Wasek and Tamanna Rahman choreographed the pieces.  
The event concluded with a rendition of the national anthem. 'Borsha Utshab 1418' was aired live on Desh TV.  
Another programme, celebrating the day, also titled 'Borsha Utshab 1418', was held at Hakim Chattar, adjacent to Central Library of Dhaka University. The event was organised by Satyen Sen Shilpi Goshti (SSSG).  
The event featured musical performances (Rabindra and Nazrul Sangeet) by artistes Ferdous Ara, Lily Islam, Salahuddin Ahmed, Sajed Akbar, Salma Akbar, Anima Roy, Nasima Shaheen, Biman Chandra Biswas and others.  
Group performances were presented by Satyen Sen Shilpi Goshti, Kendriyo Khelaghar Ashor, Dhrubotan, Bonhishikka and Surshaptak.  
Choreographed by Tamanna Rahman and Anik Basu, artistes of Nriyam and Spondon presented two dances. Achik Cultural Academy (representing the Garo Community) also presented a group dance at the event.  
The event also included a short discussion. A.A.M.S Arefin Siddique, vice-chancellor, DU was the chief guest. President of SSSG, Dr. Hayat Mamud, presided over the session. Manzarul Islam Chowdhury, general secretary of SSSG, read out the declaration for the year.  
Sponsored by Banglalink, the event was aired live on Channel i.  
The second session of the programme also included recitation, songs and dances. Secretary general of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Jhuna Chowdhury, spoke on the occasion.



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## Oscars throw question mark into 10-movie best picture race

Two years ago, the best picture Oscar race doubled from five nominees to 10. But this time? The Academy isn't so sure.  
It could be anywhere from five to 10 contenders.  
Ever since the 2009 change, Hollywood has debated whether 10 is too many, expanding the field to include movies that don't deserve the honour of a nomination just to fill the extra spaces. Tuesday night, the ruling governors board of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences seemed to concur with the criticism.  
Among other rules adjustments to the awards, the governors voted to change the way nominating ballots are counted, and said in an announcement late Tuesday that if these changes had been in place over the past decade there would have been years when there were five, six, seven, eight, and nine nominees. (The details came from the Academy, which maintains voting figures each year but never releases them to the public.)  
Missing from that analysis -- the number "10."

Voters rank their picks in order from 1 to 10, with 1 indicating a first choice for best picture. From now on, a movie can only get a nomination if it secured a minimum 5 percent of first-place votes, according to AMPAS.  
Outgoing Academy executive director Bruce Davis was credited for recommending the change, and said in a statement that analysis of the data showed voters regularly would have preferred more than five nominated films. But that doesn't mean 10 is always merited. "If there are only eight pictures that truly earn that honour in a given year, we shouldn't feel an obligation to round out the number," Davis said.  
The final voting procedures that select the winner from the nominees will remain the same.  
Nominees will be announced January 24, and the ceremony is set for February 26.  
Source: Internet



## Jennifer Lopez on the fence about 'Idol' return

First-year "American Idol" judge Jennifer Lopez says she's "on the fence" about returning to the globally popular competition series for a second season.  
The singer said in an interview on BBC Radio 1, "I don't know. I haven't been forced to make a decision, and I'm glad about that because honestly I'm very on the fence about it."  
Lopez signed a one-year deal with the show in October for a reported \$12 million. She offered mostly positive critiques of the contestants and got emotional when some were eliminated.  
"I had an amazing time doing it and I loved it, but I have a lot of other things happening, and it's going to come down to making a choice of really what I want to do for the next year," she said. "We're not really at the breaking point of 'You have to make a decision right now!' So I'm not. I'm really enjoying the time of just waiting -- and seeing."  
Lopez and husband Marc Anthony are currently working on the Latin competition show "Q'Viva! The Chosen." The project features the duo travelling around the world with director-choreographer Jamie King in search of undiscovered Latino talent, starting in July. It will be filmed in English, Spanish and Portuguese and broadcast simultaneously on TV networks across the Americas.  
Source: Internet

## Karisma Kapoor returning to the big screen

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi  
After a five-year hiatus, Bollywood actress Karisma Kapoor is returning to the big screen with Vikram Bhatt's next 3D project "Dangerous Ishq", a supernatural thriller.  
"When I first gave Karisma a narration, she loved the story and the script. It's a woman-centric film and she plays the main character. 'Dangerous Ishq' is a supernatural thriller based on past-life regression. We start shooting in September in Rajasthan," Vikram said.  
"It's a role I haven't done before. The script is very interesting and working in the 3D format will be a new experience for me," said Karisma, 36, whose previous film "Mere Jeevan Saathi" was released in 2006. The actress had stopped working in movies after

her marriage to Delhi-based industrialist Sanjay Kapur in 2003. She also has a daughter and a son.  
Karisma, the granddaughter of Hindi cinema legend Raj Kapoor, started her film journey with the 1991 film "Prem Qaidi" and went on to deliver hits like "Raja Babu", "Andaz Apna Apna" and "Saajan Chale Sasural".  
She won a national award for best supporting actress for her role in "Dil To Pagal Hai" and earned critical acclaim for movies like "Fiza" and "Zubeidaa" directed by Shyam Benegal.  
At point post-marriage, Bollywood had been abuzz with speculation that Karisma would not return to films but she proved it all wrong as for Hindi cinema's first family -- the Kapoors -- celluloid is what water is to human life.  
She not only staged a comeback with "Baaz" and "Mere Jeevan Saathi" but is now daring to do it once again.



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10 am - 8 pm on 17, 18, 19 June 2011  
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BTV	07:45	Style and Fashion
10:05	10:30	Desh E Galpo
12:35	11:55	Drama: Aaj Amader Ashber Din
03:05		Bangla Feature Film
07:00		Rupali Ponda
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09:00		Drama
ATN BANGLA		
10:40		Bangla Feature Film
03:45		Shundor Jhon-er Janno
04:25		Location
05:15		Islami Sawal O Jawab
10:45		Bihango Kotha
11:00		Drama: Iku Shaku
CHANNEL i		
01:05		Ebong Cinemar Gaan
03:10		Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
04:30		Shantir Pothe
06:00		Chayahongkar
10:30		Boishakhi TV
10:30		Bangla Feature Film
04:15		Sharashor Doctor
05:15		Boishakhi-CNN
10:50		Reporters Dairy
11:30		Boishakhi Bindon O Tara O Joysnar Galpo
12:30		ETV
11:30		Ekushey-er Business The Aim
04:30		Shanskriti Shomakar
05:25		Qube Junction
07:50		Ekushey-er Chokh
09:30		Drama: Tomar Jonno
10:10		Diganta TV

RADIO		
abc radio FM 99.2	10:00	Morning Express
06:00	12:00	My Time
09:00	04:00	Dhaka Calling
12:00	09:00	Night Rider
03:00	01:00	Back to Back music
05:00	08:00	Good Morning Dhaka
07:00	12:00	Today's Adda
09:00	04:00	U Turn
11:00	07:00	Tobey Talk Hok

**Haat-er Rekha Kotha Boley**  
On ATN BANGLA at 09:20pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Humayun Faridee, Hasan Ferdous Jewel

**The Incredibles**  
On Star Movies at 11:00pm  
Genre: Animation/Action  
Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Samuel L. Jackson

**Prottaborton**  
On Diganta TV at 08:00pm  
Single Episode TV Play  
Cast: Mir Sabbir, Srabonti

07:50	Khude Gaanraj	09:05	Shorol Poth
09:35	Shera-der Mahajuddha	08:30	Jibon Japon
10:05	Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan	08:00	Drama: Prottaborton
01:05	Shashta Protidin	09:25	Diganta Music Hour (Live)
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar	11:05	Z Studio
06:10	Shubho Shundhya	01:30	Kill Bill Vol. 2
09:00	Amaro Galte Kche Holo	06:30	Transformers
11:30	Shur Bhora Nilima	09:30	Almost Famous
Rtv		12:15	Harsh Times
01:10	Bangla Feature Film	04:00	The Marc Pease Experience
05:00	Protidiner Gaan	07:30	Death Becomes Her
05:30	Ananda Dhara	09:30	It's Complicated
08:20	Cookery Show	12:00	The River Wild
11:30	Tomar Jonno Amar E Gaan	Star World	
01:10	Bangla Feature Film	12:00	Friends
05:00	Protidiner Gaan	08:30	Two And A Half M Castle
05:30	Ananda Dhara	12:00	Family Guy
08:20	Cookery Show		
11:30	Tomar Jonno Amar E Gaan		

DRAMA SERIAL	
ATN Bangla	Nakkhoro
08:40pm	Ogniroh
09:20pm	Haat-er Rekha Kotha Boley
CHANNEL i	
05:30pm	Shamana Chharye
ntv	
08:15pm	Rupkotha
09:45pm	Shobuj
Rtv	
06:00pm	Mubalhar Bole
09:00pm	Ochopur
BANGLAVISION	
08:15pm	Metha Tumi Dosh Pipra
Desh TV	
08:15pm	Gobhinye
09:45pm	Sat Kathon

NEWS BULLETIN	
BTV	BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.	News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.	News (English) at 6:00pm
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).	News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
CHANNEL-i	News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ATN BANGLA	News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:30 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm.
NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am	
NEWS (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.	

TALK SHOW		
ATN BANGLA	12:10am	Ei Shomoy
12:30am	12:30am	Lead News
01:00am	10:40am	Tarkhalap
CHANNEL i	07:40pm	Our Democracy
09:45am	10:10am	Front Line
12:30pm	05:20pm	Bajet Protidin
Kothon	06:20pm	Bolobahullo
ntv	12:00am	Zero Hour