

WHAT'S ON

Photography Exhibition
Title: 7th Int'l Inter University Photography Exhibition
Venue: Dhaka Gallery, H-58, Rd 15-A, Dhanmondi
Date: July 8-14

Album Launch
Artist: Naxhib Kamal
Venue: Ladies' Community Centre, Rd-83, Gulshan
Date: July 15
Time: 5:30pm

Group Art Exhibition
Artist: Farida, Rajni and Maksud
Venue: H-300, R-198 New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: July 9-19

10th Anniversary of Prachyanat School
Play: Tempest
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shikha Academy
Date: July 15, Time: 3pm

Dance Programme
Title: Nupur Beje Jai
Organiser: Shadhinota
Venue: ICDC, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1
Date: July 14

Solo Musical Soiree
Artist: Himadri Shekhar Talukder
Venue: ICDC, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1
Date: July 15

Bhawaiya Festival 2011
Organiser: Sound Touch Rangpur
Venue: Town Hall, Rangpur
Date: July 13-15
Time: 3pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Pater Gan, Rangpur Bap
Artist: Nasir Hossain
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 42, Rd 16 (new), Dhanmondi
Date: July 5-15
Time: 12-8pm

Recitation programme in Rajshahi



Poets and dignitaries at the programme.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Monthly literary magazine Kali O Kalam recently (June 8) organised a poetry recitation programme titled "Premier Podaboli" at Rajshahi Zilla Parishad Auditorium.

Noted educationist Professor Anisuzzaman and veteran writer Hasan Azizul Haque were present as guests. Abul Hasan, editor of Kali O Kalam and Poet Asad Mannan, District Commissioner of Rajshahi were also present and delivered speeches. Hasan said, "Since its inception, 'Kali O Kalam' has been organising recitation programme as well as upholding varied literary traditions of the country."

Poets Rafique Azad, Asad Chowdhury, Hayat Mahmud, Zulfikar Matin, Rubi Rahman, Muhammad Nurul Huda, Habibullah Shirazi, Rabul Hussain, Makid Haider, Dilara Hafiz and Maruful Islam recited their poems. Some Rajshahi based poets --Ruhul Amin Pramanik, Asad Momen, Sirazuddin Bahar, Ariful Haque, Shamim Hossain and Rubina Anis took part at the programme.

THEATRE

Tirjak Natyadal produces Tagore's Raja



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JAMIL MAHMUD
The initiative by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to finance production of Tagore plays on the occasion of the bard's 150th birth anniversary has not been limited to Dhaka based troupes. Tirjak Natyadal, a well-recognised troupe from Chittagong, received the government grant as well. The troupe from the port city has brought Tagore's much acclaimed play "Raja" to the stage. Ahmed Iqbal Haider, veteran theatre activist and leader of Tirjak, directed the play.

The play premiered last month in Chittagong. So far, four shows have been staged. During a phone conversation with The Daily Star,

Haider said that the response from the audience in Chittagong has been very positive. The troupe will stage the play in Dhaka soon. The fifth show of the play will be held at the auditorium of Theatre Institute, Chittagong (TIC) tomorrow (July 15) evening. "Raja" is a symbolic play. It is not divided into acts and scenes. This play reflects Tagore's philosophy and the relationship between an individual and the universe. In the play, Raja symbolises God and the dark chamber, which means God cannot be found outside, one has to search within.

Talking about the design of the play, Haider said that he has used vibrant piece of fabric to symbolically represent different objects and aspects, for example, to create flames he has used yellow and red fabric. According to the director, the troupe is known for using colours in its productions. Apart from direction, Haider also designed the light. Along with Faiz Zahir, he did the set designing as well. The cast includes Sujit Chakraborty, AKM Ismail, Lucky Amin, Ripon Barua, Nazmun Nahar, Mahbulul Islam, Shyamol Barua and Kanai Lal.

Apart from "Raja", Tirjak also produced Tagore plays "Bisharjan", "Daakghar", "Rath Jatra" and "Rakto Karobi", and staged a total of 464 shows of them. "Bisharjan" will soon have its 200th show. The troupe has also arranged five festivals featuring Tagore plays. Speaking about theatre activities in Chittagong, Haider said it's quite promising. "So far this year, troupes in Chittagong have brought six new plays to the stage, which is quite impressive. We hope that this number will exceed 10 by the end of the year," he said. Haider also pointed out that troupes in the port city lack national exposure and patronage. He added that they are often overlooked by the media. "We need more patronage from both the media and other sectors," said Haider.

Photo display on Liberation War and Bangabandhu

BULBUL AHMED, *Natore*

A photo exhibition, titled "Itihash Kotha Boley, Shongram Theke Shadhinota-Bangabandhu", was held in Natore to introduce youngsters to the history of Bangladesh's birth.

Bangabandhu Smriti Jadughor and Sena Sadar Shikha Paridaptar jointly organised the exhibition at Kadirabad Cantonment Public School on Monday. Around 83 photographs on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and cartoons on the Liberation War were on display at the exhibition. Freedom fighter Sirajul Islam, also public prosecutor of Natore Court, formally inaugurated the photo exhibition as chief guest.

At a discussion held at the Cantonment Auditorium, Sirajul Islam said that the exhibition conveyed a much-needed message to the younger generation about the history of the country.

Ontora Saha, a student of class eight who came to the exhibition, said, "The Liberation War was before our time, but through these photographs we get a clear picture of this important landmark in our history and the atrocities committed by the Pakistan army."

Most of the images at the exhibition are in black and white, and document rare moments of the war.



Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sangstha formed



Khairul Anam Shakil speaks at the conference; Nazrul exponents Sudhin Das (3-L) and Khalid Hossain (4-R) also seen in the photo.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nazrul Sangeet artists from across the country formed an organisation called Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sangstha (BNSS) to uphold and promote the musical legacy of the National Poet. The organisation, led by country's acclaimed artists of the genre, initiated its journey through a press conference held yesterday at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Though the announcement came at the press conference, the organisation formally started its activities from July 2, 2011. At the press conference the organisation declared its six-point aim that includes giving priority to keeping Nazrul's compositions and lyrics intact and to take necessary steps in generating awareness in this regard.

The organisation will also give emphasis on promising emerging artists. BNSS will arrange programmes and seminars to generate local and international interest in Nazrul's works.

Executive members of the organisation are: Nazrul exponent Sudhin Das as the Honourable Adviser; Khalid Hossain, president; Khairul Anam Shakil, general secretary; Joseph Kamol Rodrigues, treasurer and Dr. Leena Taposhi Khan, Khilki Kazi, Salauddin Ahmed and Yakub Ali Khan - executive members.

The organisation also consists of 50 general members.



Visitors at the exhibition.

Prime Bank Asian Kite Exhibition

The Prime Bank Asian Kite Exhibition organised by Dhakabashi was held recently at the Nolonikantha Bhattashali Gallery, National Museum in the city.

Promod Mankin, State Minister for Cultural Affairs, attended the opening of the exhibition as chief guest. Mirza Zainuiddin, Ambassador of Indonesia to Bangladesh; Qian Kaifu, Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of People's Republic of China; M Ahsanul Haque, managing director of Prime Bank Ltd, were present as special guests. Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, chief advisor of Dhakabashi, presided over the opening programme of the exhibition. Sukur Salek, president, Dhakabashi and Bangladesh Kite Federation, spoke on the occasion.



Munna, harmonica player of Renaissance, no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr. Mahub Morshed Munna, harmonica player of the band Renaissance, is no more. He died yesterday morning, at around 6am, at his residence in Dhanmondi, Dhaka due to a massive heart attack. He was only 49.

Munna joined Renaissance almost 20 years back as a harmonica player and played at many concerts, recordings and TV shows. He was a physician by profession and was working at IECDR, Mohakhali.

"Munna was an outstanding harmonica player. He had been with us since 1992 and played with us for our second album 'Tritiyo Bishwa'. His almost two decade long brilliant contribution to Renaissance will always be remembered by us all. It is a great loss for us. He was unwell (diabetes) for a while. We request everyone to pray for his departed soul," said Renaissance frontman Naquib Khan.

Meanwhile, mourning the untimely demise of Munna, president of BAMBBA, Hamin Ahmed (on behalf of the organisation) expressed deep shock and said that he had made a brilliant contribution to Renaissance as well as the advancement of contemporary Bangla music. "We will always miss him," Ahmed added.

Munna's namaz-e-janaaza was held at Eidgaah Maidan, Saat Masjid Road, Dhanmondi after the Asr prayers yesterday. Later he was buried at Banani graveyard.

Moushumi Biswas back from Canada

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

After her eight month long stay in Canada, actress Moushumi Biswas returned to the country on July 4. Since she's been back, Moushumi hasn't wasted any time. She stood before the camera on July 7 for a single-episode TV play, titled "Balika Bou". Directed by Imran Hossen, the play is being shot at TSC (Dhaka University) and Uttara. "Balika Bou" will be aired on BTV.

Moushumi is currently in a village, not far from Savar, where shooting of another single-episode TV play "Bishal Rupali Porda" (directed by Gautam Kerry) is on. Moushumi will be seen as a fan of film actress Bobita in the play. Shatabdi Wadud is also acting in the play. "I felt a thrill when I stood before the camera after eight long months," said Moushumi. When asked whether she will stay in the country or move to Canada, Moushumi said, "I intend to stay in the country and continue acting. I'll start working on a TV serial, titled 'Fourth Class Society' soon. At this moment I'm also pretty busy with several Eid-special plays."

Among the Eid-special plays Moushumi is doing are: "Mora Jonsa" (directed by Tauquir Ahmed); "Haat-e Shomoy Matro Panch Din" (directed by Zobayer) and adaptations of two Tagore stories "Daan Protidan", "Khudhito Pashan" (both directed by Nurul Alam Atik). She will act in another Nurul Alam Atik play "Kachchhap Buri" marking the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr.

Prior to her return from Canada, Moushumi also acted in a 104-episode serial "Chhayabritto" directed by Tauquir Ahmed. In the serial, she played the role of an ultra-liberal young woman raised in North America. The serial will go on air soon. Moushumi also acted in a single-episode TV play there. Tony Dias was her co-artist in that play.

While she was in Canada, several ongoing TV serials like "Chaita Pagol", "Nandini" and "Madhobi Villa" which featured her, were on air. Since she left abruptly, her roles needed to be recast. "I'm really sorry for the incident. I would like to concentrate on work as before. And I hope, I can do so with sincerity," said Moushumi.



Dame Judi Dench given Japanese arts award

Veteran actress Dame Judi Dench said she felt "overwhelmed" to accept one of the art world's most valuable awards.

The Oscar-winning-star was named one of five new Praemium Imperiale Laureates, along with British sculptor Anish Kapoor.

The announcement was made during a Japanese-sponsored arts ceremony in London.

The award, worth 15 million yen (£115,000), will be formally presented at a ceremony in Tokyo in October. "I feel overwhelmed. I've been to Japan twice with the RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company) and I made a lot of really good friends," Dame Judi said.

The star, who has had a successful and varied career in film and on stage, said: "I call myself a theatre actor. The greatest body of my work is in the theatre and the theatre is the thing I really love the best."

She also plays spy boss M in the James Bond films.

BBC Trust chairman Lord Patten, who is the UK adviser for the prize, said Dame Judi is "one of Britain's greatest actors."



The Queen hosted a reception at Buckingham Palace in honour of the award recipients.

UK in cultural terms," he added. US artist Bill Viola, Mexican architect Ricardo Legoretta and Japanese conductor Seiji Ozawa were also named as laureates. The Queen later congratulated the

recipients of the award at a reception at Buckingham Palace. Kapoor, 57, said he had talked to the Queen "about making things and sculpture and the Olympic project that I'm

involved in." Previous winners include David Hockney and Richard Attenborough. Source: BBC

ATN BANGLA	04:15	Shorashori Doctor	
09:20	Nachi Ta Dhin Dhin	06:20	Music Train
11:50	Bangla Feature Film: Jibon Shongshar	09:20	Drama
03:50	Urtrshaber Gaan	12:30	Tara O Jyotsnar Galpo
08:00	Drama: Ekti Report O	04:30	ETV
09:10	Beche Otar Galpo	04:30	The Aim
10:50	Ek Dosh Pach Ponoro	05:20	Shantini Ghoshchakr
CHANNEL i	07:50	07:50	Musical Programme
01:05	Ebong Cinemar Gaan	09:30	Eshay-er Chokh
03:05	Hridoye Mati O	10:10	Drama: Nimochap
04:30	Manusher Daak	10:30	Z Studio
05:15	Krohi Shangbad	10:30	Abandon
07:50	Khude Gaanraj	01:30	Center Stage
11:05	Shokal Belar Roddur	04:15	The Recruit
02:20	Cinebit Shadkalo	07:30	George of the Jungle
03:05	Swapnochura	09:30	Ghost Machine
		11:30	Seabiscuit
		10:10	Year of the Dragon
		02:20	Rebound
		03:55	When in Rome
		05:30	Fantastic Mr. Fox

abc radio FM 89.2	10:00	Morning Express	
06:00	Bhaver Jenday	12:00	My Time
09:00	Mukhonto Jibonyo	01:00	No Tension
12:00	Darun Dupurye	04:00	Dhaka Calling
03:00	Duranta Biley	09:00	Night Rider
05:00	Shobhobhara	01:00	Back to Back music
09:00	Shajir Maja	08:00 TODAY FM 89.2	
09:00	Raat-er Akashey	08:00	Good Morning Dhaka
11:00	Golper Shesh Nei	12:00	Today's Adda
Radio Footi!	04:00	U Turn	

Shawpno Urar Din
On CHANNEL i at 11:30pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Guest: Moushumi

Seabiscuit
On Z Studio at 11:30pm
Genre: Drama/Sport
Cast: Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges

Ekti Report O
Beche Ural Galpo
On ATN BANGLA at 08:00pm; Single Episode TV Play
Cast: Shahiduzzaman

06:05	Shyamol Bangla	07:00	Surrogates
09:05	Media Dhobon	08:35	Daybreakers
Rtv		10:15	Deadly Impact
12:35	Tawheed-en Marshid	HBO	
01:10	Bangla Feature Film: E Chokh Shudhu Tumi	10:35	Escape from Alcatraz
05:30	Ananda Dhara	12:55	Invisible Target
08:20	Cookery Show	09:15	Flash Point
11:30	Tomar Jonno Amar e Gaan	05:00	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
ntv		07:00	17 Again
10:05	Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan	09:30	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
01:05	Shastha Protidin	11:30	India's Most Desirable
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	03:30	Mad Love
09:00	Amaro Gaitee Iche Holo	08:30	Two And A Half Men
11:30	Shur Bhora Nilima	10:30	White Collar
Desh TV		11:30	Modern Family
04:30	Durpath	National Geographic Channel	
06:30	Sanskriti- Sharadesh	02:30	Extraordinary Dogs
09:45	Style and Fashion	07:30	Nat Geo Amazing
10:30	Desh E Galpo	10:30	Against All Odds
11:55	Drama: 22 Ghanta 52 Minute	11:30	Nat Geo Investigates
Boishakhi TV		Discovery Channel	
10:30	Bangla Feature Film: Mohanyak	12:00	Destroyed in Seconds
		10:30	Machines of Malice
		08:30	Man vs. Wild
		11:30	Dual Survival
		11:30	Factory Made

DRAMA SERIAL

CHANNEL i	09:05pm	Oloshpur	
05:30pm	Shamana Chharye	09:50pm	Neel Jyotsna Kalo Saap
09:35pm	Jogajog	08:15pm	Rajshahi
BANGLAVISION	All Rounder	09:45pm	Shubuj Nokhokoro
08:15pm	Mitha Tumi Dosh Pipa	Desh TV	
09:45pm	Gulshan Avenue	07:45pm	Gohney
Rtv	06:00pm	08:15pm	Sat Kahon
	Mohallar Bhai	Boishakhi TV	

NEWS BULLETIN

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

TALK SHOW

CHANNEL i	11:25pm	Talk of the Week	
09:55am	Tritis Matra	Rtv	
12:30pm	Tarika Kothon	10:40am	Tarikajal
04:05pm	Kothay Kothay	07:40pm	Our Democracy
06:20pm	Bolobhallo	ntv	
11:30pm	Shawpno	12:10am	Ei Shomoy
	Orar Din	Boishakhi TV	
		12:00am	Zero Hour
BANGLAVISION	10:10am	Front Line	ETV