

WHAT'S ON

Film Screening
Tribute to French Women Filmmakers
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dharamondi
Date: July 15-22

Art Exhibition
Title: Tribute to Mohammad Kibria
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dharamondi
Date: July 22-31
Time: 12pm-8pm

Album Launch
Title: Bangladesher Hridaya Holey
Artist: Poet Safia Kamal
Venue: Auditorium, National Museum
Date: July 24
Time: 6:30pm

Tapestry Exhibition
Artist: Tajul Islam
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, Malibagh
Date: July 22-Aug 5
Time: 1am-7pm

Nazrul Sangeet Evening
Artist: Khairul Anam Shakil
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan 1
Date: July 22
Time: 6:30pm

Musical Soiree
Organiser: Handan
Artist: Emon Badolay Tumi
Venue: Chhayachant Auditorium, H-72, Rd-15/A, Dharamondi
Date: July 21, Time: 7pm

Exhibition on Heritage Architecture
Organiser: IAS and Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Venue: National Museum
Date: July 17-22, Time: 10-7pm

Album Launch
Title: Shikha Tonary Paley
Artist: Auditi Mohsin
Venue: Bengal Shipilaya, H-42, Rd-16 (New), Dharamondi
Date: July 21
Time: 7pm

Music and Meditation

In conversation with Tapan Kanti Baidya



The artiste has established a distinctive style of rendition which he feels free to term "Dada gharana".

ZAHANGIR ALAM

"Dada" Tapan Kanti Baidya is a renowned classical music vocalist and an adept teacher -- well recognised both at home and abroad. He is the only artist from Bangladesh who performed at United Nations' ECOSOC Hall, New York in 1998. The then UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, together with a number of diplomats and Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, enjoyed that performance. Baidya is also the lone invited artist from Bangladesh to perform at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India in 2002. He is the initiator of dhrupad-dhamar in Bangladesh.

"Dhrupad-dhamar is at the peak of north Indian classical music. Khayal stands in the middle, while thumri and dadra are considered semi classical. The mood of dhrupad can best be defined by meditation. Dhrupad

is to sing for Divinity; to sing for the ultimate, while the ultimate destination of khayal is to reach the senses," explains the artist. "Pakhawaj, and not tabla, accompanies a dhrupad-dhamar performance. Unusual taal like chautal (12 beats), dhamar (14 beats) and surpakh (10 beats) are usually played in a dhrupad performance. The first part of dhrupad is called dhrupad alap for that leads to a deep-rooted and very abstract form of classical music, while second and final part of it is called dhrupad bandish that focuses on the variation of speed of taal or laykari with lyrics," adds Baidya.

Born in 1954 in Chittagong, Dada Tapan Kanti Baidya received music lessons from his father, Dr. Motilal Baidya. His other gurus in Bangladesh were Pandit Priyoda Ranjan Sengupta, Pandit Jagadananda Barua and Ustad Abdul Halim Chowdhury.

Baidya studied Indian classical music under the tutelage of renowned Indian gurus Pandit VB Wajal War and Pandit Nimai Chand Boral of Dagar gharana (dhrupad-dhamar); Pandit Alok Chattopadhyay of Kirana gharana (khayal); Pandit Prashun Bandyopadhyay of Patiala gharana (khayal and thumri), Ustad Yunus Hossain Khan of Agra and Atroli gharana (khayal and thumri), Pandit Ajoy Chakrobarty of Patiala gharana (special training) and Pandi Tripathi Khangura of Panjabi gharana (khayal and thumri).

Baidya also learned Rabindra Sangeet from legendary singers like Konika Bandyopadhyay, Nilima Sen and Gora Sarbadnikari. The artist bagged Ashraf Smriti Swarno Padok, participating in the first National Nazrul Sangeet Competition, in Bangladesh in 1975. Students United for Research

in Musical Activities (SURMA) arranged a record-breaking solo Indian classical music (vocal) performance at TSC Auditorium, Dhaka University on January 26 this year. The featured artiste was none other than Dada Tapan Kanti Baidya who performed non-stop for five hours, a feat that vies for a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

As part of the audience, this writer accompanied "Dada" on his musical voyage that night. His performances featured dhrupad, dhamar, khayal, tarana and ragas set on various themes like articulating the mood during the time between afternoon and dusk; ragas suitable for the evening, night, winter and advent of spring.

The soiree also witnessed the launch of a VCD series, titled "Sangeet Guru Ananda" that offers tips on the quickest way to learn Indian classical music in only two months. Raga Yaman and Bhupali (first and second part) were presented in two separate discs. At least 50 ragas will be included in the series in the days to come. "Ananda" is the pseudonym of the artiste. Sadarang World Wide Music Centre is producing the VCD series.

"Despite having enthusiasts, eager learners and arrangements, Bangladesh cannot produce classical music performers on a large scale, because the source of it is very weak. We start learning only with tanpura, sideling harmonium as it lessens creativity. We should receive lessons from able gurus and perform regularly. Then the style of gharana will be created," the artiste asserts.

The artiste has established a distinctive style of rendition which he feels free to term "Dada gharana". He has taken "Dada" as his title, rather than the traditional Pandit or Ustad, as he believes that these have religious connotations.

Sri Lanka-Bangladesh musical collaboration in the cards



Bappa (left) and Kona (centre) with other members of the team.

A CORRESPONDENT

A press conference to announce a Sri Lanka-Bangladesh musical collaboration was held at Thirty3 Restaurant on New Baily Road, Dhaka on July 18, 2011.

The joint venture has been initiated by Maharaja Entertainments (Private) Limited (MEPL), a noted Sri Lankan record label.

MEPL has produced and released albums, collaborating with Maldivian and Malaysian artistes previously. It has also produced the ICC World Cup song, which was selected for the opening ceremony in Dhaka. MEPL has collaborated with world's major music and movie companies: Sony Music, Universal Music Group, HMV-Sa Re Ga Ma, Virgin-EMI, Music Bank Records UK, T-series, Walt Disney Excel Home Videos and Music Today to name a few.

The objective of the Sri Lanka-

Bangladesh project is to provide an opportunity to work together and create a sustainable cultural bond within the two countries and also to take the artistes to international levels. Popular Bangladesh singers Bappa Majumdar and Dilshad Nahar Kona have been invited as vocal artistes along with lyricist Shahan Kabondho who wrote all the songs, while Sri Lankan musical genius Iraj Weeraratne worked as music composer and music video producer. Other Sri Lankan music composers Roshan Fernando, Sampath Fernando, Ranga Dasanayake, Prihan Madappuli and vocal artiste Asela Fernando also joined the project.

Along with Bappa Majumdar and Kona, Dr. Silverine De Silva (coordinator/consultant), Khunder Hafizur Rahim Shahed (Bangladeshi artistes' manager) and lyricist Shahan were present at the press meeting.

Romana's winning streak

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Modelling or acting -- whatever the medium, Romana has struck home runs on all fields. Her winning streak surfaced when she entered the celluloid world with Tauquir Ahmed's "Jajitra"; although her mainstream film debut was much later in PA. Kajal's "Ek Takar Bou". Romana's confidence received a major boost with her mainstream inauguration -- encouraging her to try her hand in several other ventures, the latest being Mostafizur Rahman Manik's "Ma Amar Chokher Moni".

Other films that await release are Bodul Alam's "Buk Phate Toh Mukh Photo Na" and "El Desh Tomar Amar" under the direction of FI. Manik. Another movie that figures in her current schedule is A. Awal's "Kachher Shotru", where she plays opposite Shamrat. Romana terms the storyline of the film as appealing as it surrounds a college romance.

Romana is also ready to add a bright feather to her cap by acting in the title role of PA. Kajal's next venture, based on the life of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Romana informs that she urged the director to let her take on the challenging role as she is determined to prove her acting skills. The story has been written by Abdullah Zahir Babu and shooting will begin from July end at locations in Pubail, Sylhet and Dhaka.

Romana says PA. Kajal took the initiative to make the movie on Mamata's life. Romana will be portrayed as an idealistic grassroots level woman who finds her voice after coming to the city and eventually secures a seat in the Indian Parliament after much struggle. Preparation for the movie is adequate, Romana adds.

The actress says that while the silver screen is her main target she does sporadic TV appearances if



approached to do so. Banglavision is currently airing a serial featuring Romana where she acts opposite Mahfuz Ahmed. She recently refused remuneration for her performance in a recent Chayanika Chowdhury TV play, as she had earlier promised the director her services free of cost for her first work with her. The audience will also get a glimpse into a different facet of Romana in a new Shokal

Ahmed serial, titled "Terminal". Other popular plays featuring Romana include "Maachh Konya", "Dohone Dorod", "Kachher Manush", "Shompurno Rangin", "Hortone Bibi", "Shukher Lagiya", "Daar Kak" and "Kanone Kushum Koli". An interesting, yet unknown angle of Romana is that she has released a music album that showcases her talent as a singer.

Moner Manush to be screened at Canadian festival



Directed by Gautam Ghosh and produced by Impress Telefilm Ltd, the much acclaimed film "Moner Manush" will be screened at the Richmond International Film & Media Arts Festival in BC, Canada, according to a press release. The festival will be held from July 21 to 24.

The film, an adaptation of a Sunil Gangopadhyay novel, has been jointly produced by Impress Telefilm Ltd and Aashirbad Chalanchitra of Bangladesh, and Rosevalley Films Network of India. The film has been scripted and edited by Gautam Ghosh. Ghosh directed the film's music as well. The cast includes

actors from both India and Bangladesh: Prasenjit, Paoli Dham, Chanchal Chowdhury, Raisul Islam Asad, Champa, Rokeya Prachi, Priyanshu Chattopadhyay and others. The festival in Richmond, British Columbia, organised by Cine-Evolution Art Society, aims to connect with filmmakers and artistes from across the globe and exchange views.

"Moner Manush", based on the life of mystic bard Fakir Lalon Shahi, was adjudged the "best feature film on national integration" at the 58th Indian National Film Awards.

Beyonce records message for space shuttle



Beyonce has recorded a message for the four astronauts on the Atlantis Nasa space shuttle. The 29-year-old R&B singer sent the shuttle's crew a greeting backed by her "Run The World (Girls)" track. "Good morning Atlantis, this is Beyonce -- you inspire all of us to dare to live our dreams, to know that we're strong enough and smart enough to achieve them," it began.

She gave a special mention to female crew member Sandy Magnus. "This song is especially for my girl Sandy," Beyonce said. "And all the women who've taken us to space with

them and the girls who are our future explorers." The Atlantis, the 135th and final space shuttle mission, successfully launched on July 8 in Cape Canaveral, Florida. It's on a 12-day mission to bring 3.5 tonnes of supplies to the International Space Station. When it gets back Nasa's 30-year space shuttle programme will come to a close, with Atlantis and the other two shuttles retired to museums.

SOURCE: INTERNET

A milestone for Amar Chhobi



A CORRESPONDENT

"Amar Chhobi" is a weekly show on Channel i that focuses on the Bangladeshi film industry. The show will air its 550th episode today (July 20) at 4pm. The programme features discussions on the lives, works and careers of noted film personalities of the country. The show began its journey on 2nd January, 2000.

The guest of the 550th episode is actress Sultana Zaman. The 551st episode of the show will also outline the life and works of Sultana Zaman. "Amar Chhobi" is aired every Wednesday at 4 pm.

Several celebrities have been invited to the programme such as Obayedul Haque, Ehtesham, Shibli Sadik, Dilip Biswas, Abdullah Al Mamun, Ajmal Huda Mithu, Sumita Debi and Sheikh Niyamat Ali.

Shafiquzzaman Khan Lodi and Shamim Alam Dipen jointly plan, compile and direct the show while the former hosts the show.

Fahmida Nabi and Subir Nandi to release their first duet album

A CORRESPONDENT

Seasoned artistes Subir Nandi and Fahmida Nabi are releasing a duet album for the first time. Fahmida sang a duet "Ami Kantar Bhubone" with Subir for a feature film, "Ferari Bashanta", 28 years ago. Although Fahmida had occasionally performed with Subir, this is the first time they are working on a duet album.

Eight songs to be featured on the album have been written by Siddik Abu Bakar. Subir's songs have been composed by National Award winning music director Maksud Jamil Mintu, while Partha Majumder has composed Fahmida's songs. "Working with someone who is as gifted as Subir Nandi is quite an experience for me. I hope the audience would appreciate the songs," said Fahmida.



Children's drama festival in Jhenidah

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A day long children's drama festival was held at Jhenidah Shilpakala Academy on Monday. Bangladesh Shishu Academy arranged the festival as a part of Children's Drama Festival 2011.

Six teams from the district participated in the festival: Durjoy Shishu Kishore Sanskritik Academy and Bihanga Shishu Natya Dal in Jhenidah, Kapatakha Mukto Scout Group in Kotchandpur, Dhruvatar Natya Gosthi in Kaliganj, Banalata Shishu Theatre in Moheshpur and

Sailkupa Pilot High school in Sailkupa.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Seikh Rafiqul Islam presided over the programme while, Deputy Commissioner Rama Rani Roy attended the event as chief guest.

Ayub Hossain Rana, District Children's Affairs Officer among others participated in the discussion.

Rama Rani Roy emphasised the need for promoting children's cultural activities alongside academics. Culture, she added, will help give children grow in a healthy environment.



Kal Penn joins the cast of How I Met Your Mother

American actor of Indian origin, Kal Penn, may have landed one of the most important roles of his career. The "Harold & Kumar" actor is apparently set to join the cast of hit sitcom "How I Met Your Mother" in season seven.

The actor will play Kevin, Robin's (Cobie Smulders) potential love interest.

Penn has had an interesting acting stint so far -- he first gained recognition with his stoner films "Harold & Kumar" and was a cast

member on the popular medical drama "House".

He also worked in Mira Nair's critically acclaimed adaptation of "Thumpa Lahiri's" "The Namesake". Apart from acting roles, Penn has also served as an Associate Director in the White House Office of Public Engagement for which his role on "House" had to be cut short.

He's reportedly taking a break from his White House job for now.

SOURCE: INTERNET

ATN BANGLA	10:30	Bangla Feature Film	
01:25	Band View	Shorashi Doctor	
04:25	Showbiz World	Boishakhi Sharadeh	
05:20	Islami Sawal O Jawab	Boishakhi CIN	
08:00	Destination Unlimited	Sharabhinna	
10:55	Bibeker Kache Proshno	Reporter's Diary	
11:30	Nithua Pathare	Boishakhi Bindon O Sankranti Sangad	
CHANNEL i	Z Studio		
11:05	Sports Time (Live)	01:00	Hollywood Dailies
01:05	Ebong (Cinemar Gaan)	01:30	The Royal Tenenbaums
04:05	Amar Chobi	04:00	Harsh Times
06:00	Chhey Jubok-er Shonghar	06:30	Hollywood Dailies
06:20	Mayer Hater Rama	07:00	The Terminal
Rtv		09:30	The Marrying Man
12:35	Tawheed-er Marshid Ameer	12:00	New Shalin Bover
Star Movies		11:40	John Grisham's The Rainmaker
01:10	Bangla Feature Film	01:30	Toy Story 3
05:00	President-er Gaan	02:00	Serious Moonlight
06:00	Mohallar Bhai	03:45	Jennifer's Body
09:50	Lodging Master	07:00	

abc radio FM 99.2	10:00	Money Express	
06:00	Brown Janaly	12:00	No Tension
09:00	Makshoto Shoney	04:00	Dhaka Calling
12:00	Darun Duprey	09:00	Knight Rides
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05:00	Shorshi Tara	08:00	Good Morning Dhaka
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Ke Hote Chae Kotipoti
On Desh TV at 09:45pm
Reality Show
Host: Asaduzzaman Noor

American History X
On HBO at 12:05am
Genre: Crime/Drama
Cast: Edward Norton, Beverly D'Angelo

O Chand
On Boishakhi TV at 08:45pm
Drama serial
Cast: Moutushi Biswas, Pijush Bandyopadhyay

BANGLAVISION	08:45	The Devil's Own	
10:10	Gaan O Fun	10:40	Mighty Joe Young
01:05	Bangla Feature Film	HBO	
04:30	Amader Rannaghar	12:30	Invictus
05:20	All Rounder	03:15	He's Just Not That Into You
09:05	Shoundoroy Kotha	05:40	The Ugly Truth
11:25	Music Club	07:10	Repo Men
nTv		09:30	The Girl Who Played with Fire
11:30	Glamour World	12:05	American History X
04:10	Jamar Achhey Bolar Achhey	StarWorld	
05:30	Aponar Jiggacha	12:30	White Collar
06:45	Bajo Ebong Bajao	01:30	The Bold and the Beautiful
08:15	Siddika Kabir's Recipe	03:30	Lights Out
09:00	Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan	05:00	Family Guy
ETV		08:30	Two And A Half Men
11:30	Ekshey-er Business (Live)	09:00	The Simpsons
05:50	Sports Plus	09:30	Las Vegas
06:30	Ride on the Top	11:30	Modern Family
07:50	Fashion and Tune	National Geographic Channel	
08:20	Daily Soap: Ohongkar Trinamol Sanglap	12:00	Extraordinary Dogs
10:10		12:30	Ghost Boy
Desh TV		01:30	Kobe Earthquake
04:30	Durpath	07:30	Nat Ges Amazing!
06:30	Dur-er Janala	10:30	Cameras Who Dare
09:45	Ke Hote Chae Kotipoti	12:00	Eoricism
12:30	Total Sports	BBC World	
Boishakhi TV			

ATN BANGLA	08:20pm	Shaaf Purshor Dhaka	
09:20pm	Poosh Paaganer Pala	BANGLAVISION	
CHANNEL i	08:15pm	No Problem	
07:50pm	Hidy-er Kacher Bohoy	ETV	
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nTv		07:45pm	Gobinye
09:45pm	Shobhy Nokhote	08:15pm	Sat Kahon
11:30pm	Terminal	12:30	Boishakhi TV

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