

WHAT'S ON
Duet Art Exhibition
Artists: Haren Das and Chandan Das
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dharmondi
Date: Oct 14-22

Film Screening
Film: 3 Idiots
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 18
Time: 7pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: AH Akbar
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, Dharmondi
Date: Oct 11-19
Time: 3pm-8pm

Musical Programme
Organiser: Robi Rosmi
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shabbagh
Date: October 14-15

Theatre
Play: Mahajoner Nao
Troupe: Subachan
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 15

Film Screening
Title: Sputnik Fest
Venue: Exhibition Hall, Russian Cultural Centre, Dharmondi
Date: October 20
Time: 6pm

Classical Music Soiree
Artist: Pandit Sarathi Chatterjee
Venue: Natyashala, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka
Date: October 15

Theatre
Play: Rokto Karobi
Troupe: Nagarik Natya Sampraday
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy

NEW RELEASES

AI Badar DVD of the documentary "AI Badar"
Source: Laser Vision

Pancho Ratno Songs of five poets by Lina Taposhi Khan
Source: Laser Vision
Agniवेना

Tomae Notun Kore Pabo Boley Solo album of Rabindra Sangeet by Baby Rani Karmakar
Source: Laser Vision

Ami Taar Preme Kator Solo album by Rahman Biplob
Source: Sangeta

Riveting performances by Subir Nandi, Shubhomita and Usha Uthup



SHAH ALAM SHAZU
A musical soiree featuring seasoned Bangladeshi singer Subir Nandi and noted Indian singers -- Shubhomita, Usha Uthup -- was held at Winter Garden, Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital on October 13. FG



KALON and Desh TV jointly organised the programme. The event also marked the fourth anniversary of FG KALON Electronics Ltd. Managing director of Desh TV, lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor delivered the welcome speech. Speeches by GM Khokon and



Clockwise (from top): Shubhomita, Subir Nandi and Usha Uthup perform at the programme.

Sharmin Jahan, chairman and vice chairman of FG KALON Electronics Ltd, respectively, followed. Desh TV and FG KALON also jointly announced their plan to honour film and TV artists, musicians and other cultural personalities. Subir Nandi was first to take the stage. He started off with the song "Bhalobashi Shokal Bhalobashi Bikel". Nandi performed eight songs at a stretch including "Din Jaye Kotha Thakey", "Amar E Du ti Chokh Pathor Tho Noy", "Ami Brishti Kachh Thekey Kandte Shikechhi" and "Ekta Chhilo Shonar Konya". After Subir Nandi's performance, Shubhomita captivated the audience with her classical inspired modern melodies. She started with a Rabindra Sangeet, "Amar Moner Kon-er Bairey". A bhajan was next. The artiste also rendered "Bol Mon Shudhu Bol", "Tumi Abar Ashbey Boley", "Dekhechho Ki Takey" and "Jodi Bondhu Haw" from her albums -- "Phirey Dekha", "Meghey Ura Chithhi", "Brishti Paye Paye" and "Jodi Bondhu Haw". She wrapped up her perfor-

mance with the song "Ami Ashbo Phirey Ashbo". Usha Uthup was the last performer of the night. She said, "I've been singing since 1967. In my 42-year long musical career, I have performed songs in 7 foreign and 17 Indian languages. I know that people of this country are very passionate about music. I'm feeling quite at home; glad to have this opportunity to perform here." Like Shubhomita, Uthup also started with a Tagore song, "Boro Asha Korey Eshchhi". She performed several Bangla, English and Hindi songs, including "Dum Maar Dum", "O Didi Boro Khushi Hoi", "Tumi Koto Je Durey" and "Shilpi". The audience swayed and rocked to several of her covers. Actress-model Munmun emceed the event. Bangladeshi TV and film stars -- Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Sara Zaker, Suborna Mustafa, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Afroza Banu, Aupee Karim, Shams Suman, Deepa Khandakar and others -- were in the audience. Desh TV aired the programme live.

Reviving a craft on the verge of extinction

RAISAA TASHNOVA

Pottery is one of the most widely recognised and popular forms of art -- passed down through the ages -- in Bangladesh. Our grandparents' stories are laden with mentions of "matir kolshi" or "matir hari". Sadly, however, the people involved in this mainly folk art form are moving away from their ancestral profession due to lack of demand for and meagre or no profit from their products. There once was a time when pottery items were an integral part of daily life here but now they are being replaced by plastic and aluminium wares. The survival of this heritage calls for immediate steps, to be taken by us all. A five member team of deputy secretaries and senior assistant secretaries to the government -- known as "Team-F, Batch-32" -- undertook a project, "Retaining potters into their ancestral occupation through increasing income by introducing aesthetic design on earthenware", under the MATT-2 programme of the Ministry of Public Administration. Under this project, "Team-F, Batch-32" trained 15 potters, mostly women, from Nalaim village of Savar, for 6 weeks. The training focused on artistic designs and exquisite finishing. The result is the production of beautiful



earthenware currently on display at an exhibition at Alliance Française de Dhaka in Dhanmondi. Mostafa Gausul Hoque, project leader said, "As a requirement of the MATT course we needed to do something which has a reform value. We chose this area since we felt that with proper marketing this craft could be revived." Shafiqul Ahmed, another Team-F member, informed how they have already associated with Aarong to help create a market for the products and are looking into creating an overseas market as well. The team also includes Mahbuba Farzana,



infrastructure in those areas so that the potters can have easier market access. He said that no matter how urbanised we become, at the end of the day we would want to go back to our roots and hence we should strive to keep those roots alive. The exhibition is currently displaying about 30 types of earthenware, ranging from vases to fruit bowls to complete tea sets. The collection is exquisite and boasts fine finishing with intricate designs. Alliance Française de Dhaka is holding the exhibition at its Gallery Zoom and courtyard. The exhibition ends today.

TV WATCH Phirey Chol Matir Taney on Channel i

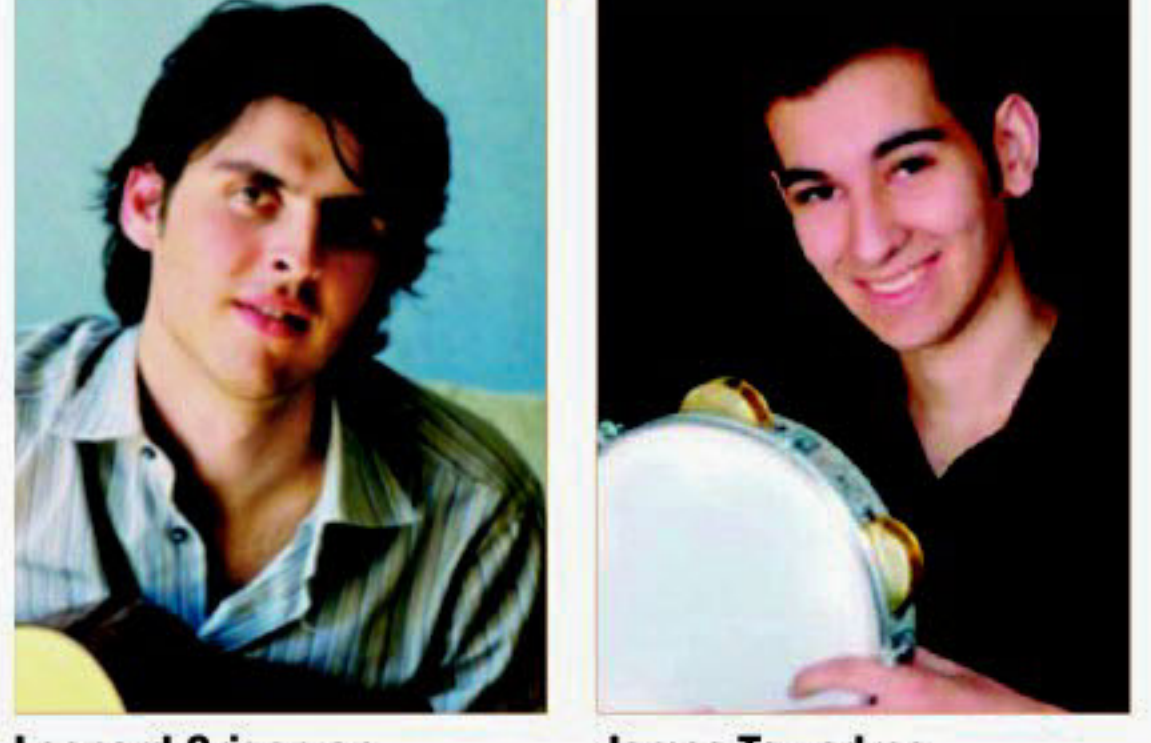


A CORRESPONDENT
BRAC University are taking part in the programme. The students are joining Abul Hossain, a farmer from Utholi, Manikganj. They are working together for a substantial time to produce Aman rice on Hossain's land. The students are working as labourers to help Hossain produce Aman rice -- from seeding till harvesting. The second and final episode of the segment will be aired at the same time on October 22. "Phirey Chol Matir Taney" has been planned, directed and hosted by Shykh Seraj.

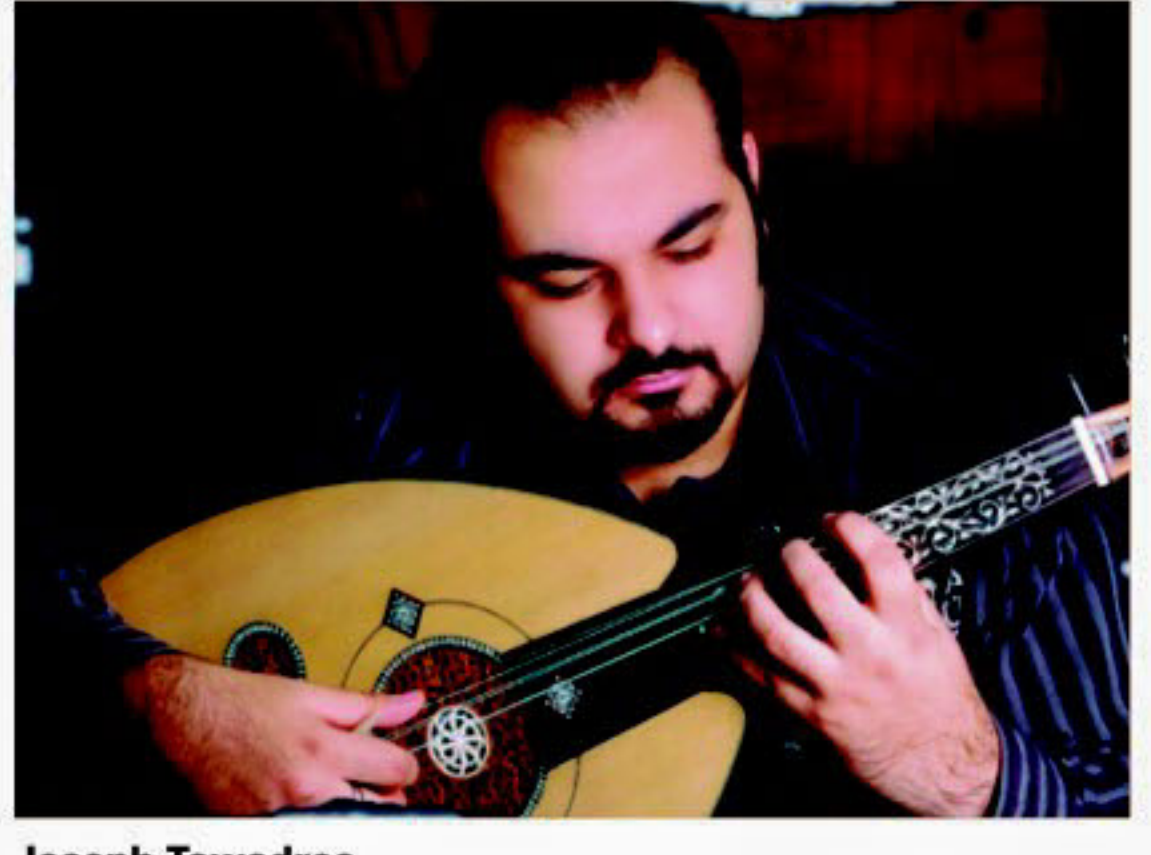


Boikumtho Abriti Academy's latest production, "Jononi-Jantrona", premiered at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shabbagh in Dhaka on October 13. Compiled and directed by noted elocutionist Shimul Mustapha, the production featured 22 poems on the theme "mother", and was dedicated to all the mothers of the world.

Band of Brothers Contemporary Australian band to perform in Dhaka



A CORRESPONDENT
In an effort to enhance cultural exchange between Australia and Bangladesh, Band of Brothers -- an Australian classical guitar and percussion band -- will be performing at a concert at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka on October 21. The Brothers' repertoire will include a mix of original pieces, a special arrangement of "Blackbird" by the Beatles, and group pieces composed by Joseph Tawadros. The Brothers' performances are often interspersed with thrilling forays into spontaneous, brilliant improvisation. The concert promises an enthralling musical experience that combines the best of classical and global music. The band will be arriving in Bangladesh after touring numerous cities of India, Laos, Vietnam and Thailand -- as a part of its South Asia tour. Complimentary passes for the concert will be available at Nandos outlets (Gulshan, Dhanmondi), Barista outlets (Gulshan, Karwanbazaar, Uttara), Coffee World outlets (Banani, Dhanmondi) and Bitter Sweet Café (House 10, Road 53, Gulshan 2).



Joseph Tawadros

DS CAFÉ
Mir Shabbir is the star of the month at DS Café. He will be on the hot seat and take your calls at The Daily Star office. Readers, fire away your question at him! The best question will be highlighted in the transcription. Call 8126155, 01711623915 and 01711623917 TODAY between 2pm and 3pm.

THE WEEKLY STRUM
Song: Dhupchhaya
Album: Jibondhara (1997)
Lyric and tune by Warfaez
Konodino Bhule Jeyona
Em....F#m..Bm..F#m.....Em...F#m.....Bm
Dhupchhaya Godhuli Belae Tumi Kachhe Esho
Em....F#m..Bm..F#m...Em...F#m... ..Bm...
Shukh Chhoa Ruposhi Rate Tumi Bhalobesho
D.....A.....G..... ..A
..A
Bishod Jodi Konodino A Mon Kade Bedonay
D.....A.....G..... ..A
..A
Biroho Jodi Uki Dai Mone Din Kate Nirashay
.....A
Megh Eshe Jodi Konodino A Mon Chhue Chhue Jay
D.....A.....G..... ..A
..A
Jhor Eshe Jodi Konodino Ridoy Bhenge Die Jay
G.....F#m.....Bm..... Em...F#m.....Bm
Premeri Oronne Byakul Tumi

World Food Programme
Message from Christa Räder, WFP Representative in Bangladesh
Investing in rural women to ensure food security and nutrition
This week marks International Day of Rural Women (October 15) and World Food Day (October 16), an opportunity for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to celebrate the bold leadership and outstanding contributions of the Government of Bangladesh and WFP's partners towards reducing hunger and undernutrition.
Rural women play a critical role in meeting the food and nutrition needs of their households and communities, and they are key to the success of WFP-assisted emergency and development programmes. Despite impressive gains over the past two decades, rural women in Bangladesh remain particularly vulnerable to food insecurity and undernutrition. They continue to face considerable social and economic hardship in accessing assets and resources, such as, credit and agricultural tools. Putting more resources in the hands of women results in better health, education and child nutrition. Investing in rural women is crucial to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

accelerating hunger and increasing the risk of undernutrition and food insecurity.
WFP will continue to work alongside the Government of Bangladesh to assist vulnerable households and communities overcome food insecurity and cope with the impact of climate change impacts, and will work closely with the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management to respond to emergencies and save lives by getting food to where it is needed most urgently.
Though the numbers of hungry and undernourished children and women can be disheartening, if we work together we will be able to create sustainable solutions and put an end to poverty and hunger in Bangladesh.
WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. Each year, on average, WFP feeds more than 90 million people in more than 70 countries.
Feeding the hungry
In 2011, WFP Bangladesh is reaching over 2 million people, of which approximately half are ultra poor women and children.
25,393 children under-2, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls received supplementary feeding
25,393 pregnant and lactating women, and adolescent girls participated in nutrition trainings
30,000 women received an asset grant in the Food Security for the Ultra Poor (FSUP) pilot project
84,000 women and men took part in food-for-asset creation to enhancing resilience to disasters and climate change
1.3 million children from primary and pre-primary schools received high energy biscuits under School Feeding Programme
23,930 refugee families received general food rations

Table with TV channels and their programmes: BTU, ATN BANGLA, CHANNEL i, Maasranga Television, Z Studio.

Table with radio stations and their frequencies: abcr radio FM 89.2, Addahat, Feorti Unlimited, Back to Back Music, RADIO TODAY FM 89.5, Green FM, Good Morning Dhaka, World Music, Ujum, Toke Ta Hok, Raat Vor Gaan.

Amar Ami On Star Movies at 09:00pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Guest: Nitro and Keya

Predators On Star Movies at 09:00pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Adrien Brody, Laurence Fishburne

Robi Jegey Acho Ki On Rtv at 11:30pm
Entertainment Show
Host: Sayem and Nawshin

Table with TV channels and their programmes: Rtp, Rtv, ntv, Desh TV, ATN BANGLA, CHANNEL i, Rtv, Desh TV, ATN BANGLA, CHANNEL i, Desh TV.

Table with TV channels and their drama serials: ATN BANGLA, BANGLAVISION, CHANNEL i, Desh TV, ATN BANGLA, CHANNEL i, Desh TV.

Table with TV channels and their news bulletins: ATN BANGLA, BANGLAVISION, CHANNEL i, Desh TV, ATN BANGLA, CHANNEL i, Desh TV.

Table with TV channels and their talk shows: ATN BANGLA, BANGLAVISION, CHANNEL i, Desh TV, ATN BANGLA, CHANNEL i, Desh TV.