

WHAT'S ON

Solo Prints Exhibition
Title: Wounds
Artist: Somnath Hore (India)
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-42, Rd-16, Dhanmondi
Date: Nov 25-Dec 4
Time: 12pm-9pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Miguel Oliver
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H-5, R-6, Dhanmondi
Date: Nov 26-Dec 5
Time: 10am-9pm

Group Art Exhibition
Venue: Gallery of Fine Arts, Asiatic Society, Mirtila
Date: Nov 27-Dec 9
Time: 12pm-8pm

Concert
Band: Bohemian
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Gulshan 1
Date: December 9
Time: 6:30pm

Solo Exhibition
Artist: Sanjib Datta
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, Dhanmondi
Date: Nov 27-Dec 3
Time: 3pm-8pm

Nazrul Shammelon
Organiser: Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sangstha
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum
Date: December 2-3

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Masters of Bangladesh Art '11
Venue: Radius Centre, Gulshan-1
Date: Nov 25-Dec 17

Exhibition
Title: Tagore and Kantha
Venue: Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: Dec 2-10
Time: 11am-7pm

Travels through Liberty

Pijush Bandopadhyay, Actor



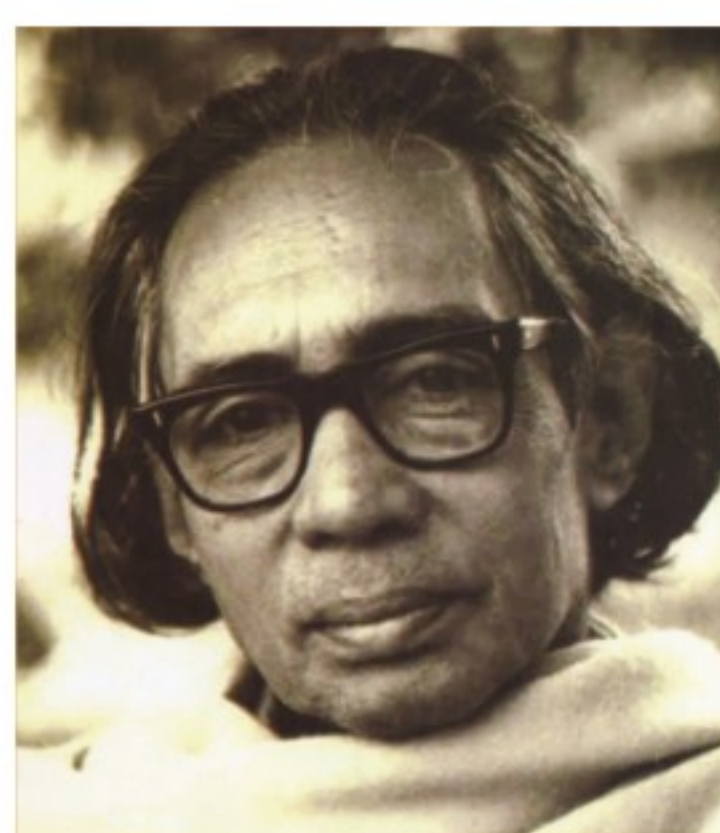
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Soon after Bangabandhu's March 7, 1971 speech, I went to Faridpur where I engaged locals and asked them to join the war. Our strategy was to fight the Pakistani army in guerrilla style. I went to India (in June), where I received special training.

Once, the Pakistani paramilitary caught me. It was understood that if someone gets caught, his/her only fate is death. But my luck gave me a new lease of life. The paramilitary team abducted a family and forgot about me. I took the chance and escaped.

On December 16, 1971, I was in Kolkata. I was ecstatic! We had finally emerged as a sovereign nation. Our aspirations didn't include only a free piece of land or just a national flag. It was much larger. We hoped that through winning this war, we'd be able to create our own cultural identity. We wanted to create a progressive Bangladesh, inspired by our traditions and heritage; a society where women have equal rights and children have their basic needs fulfilled. We had high hopes.

After four decades of the war, I have to admit that our dreams and hopes have not been fulfilled. This realisation always upsets me. But I'm an optimist. I believe that our successors will be able to achieve what we hoped for.



Somnath Hore
TAKIR HOSSAIN

MAN OF THE MASSES

Exhibition of Somnath Hore's prints



Prints by Hore.

Chittagong, he observed the horrifying aftermath. At that time, the artist was a student of Chittagong College and was involved with a leftist party. He would draw posters for the party -- documenting war-victims and their sufferings.

During the Bengal Famine of 1943, Chittagong was badly affected. Hore restlessly walked from street to street, portrayed the starving people and dying mothers with their children. His drawings were published in the Communist Party's journal, 'Shadhinota'. In 1945, he enrolled at Government School of Art of Calcutta (now Government College of Art & Craft in Kolkata) with the Communist Party's assistance. He had Zainul Abedin as his teacher. Hore took interest in printmaking as the medium could easily reach out to the common people. He learned the methods and nuances of printmaking, mainly lithography and intaglio, from veteran printmakers Safiuddin Ahmed and Roman Chakravarty.



Hore died in 2006. Throughout his entire life, he was uncompromising and shied away from overexposure; commercial entices and dictates of popular taste. He lived a very austere life.

The exhibition ends on December 4.

Rashid Karim remembered

Memorial meeting at Bangla Academy



Rubi Rahman speaks at the event.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangla Academy held a memorial meeting on the recently deceased novelist Rashid Karim on December 1 at the academy's Rabindra Chatter.

The discussants spoke on Karim's life and works. Karim was recognised for his unpretentious language. He always wrote with conviction. Besides novels, he published short stories and essays.

Writer Hamid Kaiser, Professor Mozzafar Ahmed, poet Mahadev Saha, poet Belal Chowdhury, poet Rubi Rahman, publisher and writer Mofidul Haque, writer Hasnat Abul Hai and Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy, among others, spoke on the occasion. Veteran educationist Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui presided over the meeting.

Belal Chowdhury said, "He was one of the most prolific and significant writers in Bangla literature. 'Uttam Purush' is one of his greatest creations."

Mozzafar Ahmed said, "Karim's novels 'Amar Jato Glani', 'Mayer Kachhe Jachchi' and 'Podotole Rokto' brilliantly depict various aspects of the Liberation War. Karim would be remembered as a nationalist writer."

Mahadev Saha said, "He was affable, progressive and sophisticated."

About Karim, Hasnat Abul Hai said, "He shied away from any exposure and commercial lures. He was an introverted writer."

A documentary on life and works of the litterateur was also screened at the event.

Karim was born in Kolkata, British India in 1925. He completed his BA from the Calcutta Islamia College. After the Partition (1947), his family moved to Dhaka.

Some of Karim's notable works include 'Uttam Purush', 'Prashanno Pashan', 'Amar Joto Glani', 'Prem Ekti Lal Golap', 'Shadharon Lok-er Kahini', 'Ekalor Roopkotha', 'Shonar Pathor Bati', 'Mayer Kachhe Jachchi', 'Chini Na' and 'Boroi Nihsongor'.

For his outstanding contribution to Bangla literature, Karim received the Adamjee Award (1969), Bangla Academy Award (1972), Ekushey Padak (1984), Lekhika Sangha Award (1991) and several other honours.

NEW RELEASES

Anmone
Album of the band
Bisshoy
Source: Fahim Music

Shihoron
Mixed album
Source: Deadline Music

Mohakaal
Self-titled album of the band
Mohakaal
Source: G-Series

Shwapno Tuli
Solo album by Sony
Source: Agniaveena

China regulator bans TV advertisements during dramas



China has ordered a ban on advertisements during TV dramas as part of its reform of cultural activities.

Adverts will not be allowed in the middle of programmes lasting for 45 minutes from January 1 next year.

The authorities said this was in line with the "spirit" of a recent Communist Party meeting.

Senior leaders said that they wanted to develop a "socialist culture", although they did not elaborate on exactly what that means.

TV stations are clear about what this latest move means for them though -- they say it will result in a loss of revenue.

The latest announcement was made by China's State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) on its website.

It said the regulation was being introduced as part of a new attitude towards culture, outlined at the party's Central Committee meeting in October.

"Radio and television are a mouthpiece of the party and the people -- an important propaganda front in cultural thought," read the SARFT statement.

An organisation spokesman told Xinhua, the state-run news agency, that the aim was to make TV shows conform to "public interests and aspirations."

The ban has sparked hundreds of thousands of comments on China's microblogging sites. Many netizens are keen to see the back of adverts, which are seen as increasingly intrusive. Several joke that dramas are being fitted into adverts, rather than the other way around.

But others wonder whether the ban can really work. One Shanghai resident said she expected ads to return by stealth, perhaps by being written directly into scripts.

And a prominent blogger with one million followers joked that TV executives would get around the ban by airing seven five-minute episodes in a row, so that adverts could legally run in between them.

A spokeswoman for Hunan Satellite TV said this new regulation came after most advertising deals for next year had already been signed.

"TV stations bosses around the country will be having many sleepless nights," she said.

China's TV advertising industry was worth nearly 500bn (\$78bn, £50bn) yuan last year.

Bangla Academy to celebrate its 56th founding anniversary

A CORRESPONDENT

Bangla Academy is going to celebrate its 56th anniversary with elaborate programmes at the academy premises. The celebration will be held today (December 3).

The event will feature discussion, documentary screening and a cultural programme.

The members and staff of the academy will place wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the morning. Professor Khandaqir Sirajul Haque will read out a paper on "Muslim Sahitya O Bangladesh" at 4pm. National Professor and Chairman of Bangla Academy, Kabir Chowdhury, will preside over the discussion. "Bangla O Bangali Bangla Academy", a documentary on Bangla Academy, will be screened at 5:30pm. Noted artists will render songs at the event.



Musical soiree Praner Khela at Bengal Gallery



Nandita Yasmin (R) performs at the programme.

A CORRESPONDENT

Instrument (sitar) and Rabindra Sangeet renditions were the highlight of last month's instalment of 'Praner Khela', a regular musical programme arranged by Bengal Foundation. The soiree was held on November 29 at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi in Dhaka.

Promising sitar artiste Nishit Dey and accomplished Tagore singer Nandita Yasmin performed at the programme.

Nishit Dey started off with a rendition of Raga Yaman on his sitar.

Nandita Yasmin began with the Tagore song "E Ki E Shundor Shobha". Nandita performed 15 songs at 'Praner Khela'. Her repertoire also included 'Gahon Kusum Kunja Majhey', 'Kichhui Toh Holo Na', 'Shokoli Phuralo Shapon Pray', 'E Shudhu Olay Mash', 'Je Tomaye Chharye Chharuk', 'Matir Prodipkhani', 'Shobar Shathey Choltechhilo' and "Shesh Nahi Je". Eastern Bank Limited sponsored 'Praner Khela'.

Healing the wounds

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

In a musical tribute to the victims of the 2008 deadly terrorist attack in Mumbai that left 166 people dead, Bollywood music composer Aadesh Srivastava has launched a music album "Sounds of Peace" in collaboration with actor Amitabh Bachchan and international singer Akon.

"During 26/11, I had lost two dear friends. Through this music album and a concert, we intend to help the families of those policemen who have suffered at the hands of terrorism," Aadesh told reporters after launching the album in Mumbai recently.

Bachchan has lent his baritone voice for the album.

International artistes like Akon, Wyclef Jean, Pamela Lajoie, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Indian singers Shaan, Rookumar Rathod, Aadesh Srivastava, Netsurf Entertainment and others are part of this album.

"With the natural disaster in Haiti and terrorist attacks worldwide, this is the least we can do to support the families," said Wyclef Jean in a video message on the occasion.

A cheque of Rs ten lakh was given to the Maharashtra Police for their profound courage and commitment extended during the 26/11 attacks which claimed the lives of a number of police officers.

A concert has been planned for January 2012 in Mumbai where all those who are part of this album will perform live and the proceeds from the show will go to the families of policemen who laid down their lives fighting terrorism.

Bachchan said, "I'm happy to be associated with this album. It is our way of paying tribute to those who laid down their lives and those innocent people who got killed."

Kanye, Adele, Bruno Mars and Foo Fighters lead Grammy Nominations

Adele has earned six Grammy Award nominations including the award show's major categories, album of the year, record of the year and song of the year.

However, the Brit with the powerhouse voice was not the top nominee as Kanye West snagged the most recognition with seven nominations, many of which stem from "Watch the Throne", his collaborations with Jay-Z, People magazine reported.

This year, like last, the Grammys spread the wealth across genres, with rockers Foo Fighters and R&B crooner Bruno Mars each picking up six nominations.

Rapper Lil Wayne and electronic dance jam pioneer Skrillex, were not far behind as both pulled in five nominations, while indie rocker Bon Iver, Nicki Minaj, Mumford and Sons and Rihanna each earned four nominations.

Bon Iver, a new face at the Grammys, was also nominated for best new artist alongside The Band Perry, J Cole, Minaj and Skrillex.

Many of the major nominations were announced during an hour-long CBS special hosted by LL Cool J from L.A.'s Club Nokia.

Lady Gaga kicked off the night with a haute Halloween-style performance of her new single "Marry the Night", whereas Rihanna, Sugarland, fronted by the recently married Jennifer Nettles, Jason Aldean and Ludacris also stepped up to the stage.

The 54th Annual Grammy Awards will take place on February 12, 2012 in Staples Center, Los Angeles.

THE WEEKLY STRUM

Song: Catch the Rainbow
Album: Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow (1975)
Band: Rainbow
Lyrics by: Ronnie James Dio and tune by Ritchie Blackmore and Ronnie James Dio

Sail away on ships of wonder
.....D.....
But life's not a wheel
.....D.....
With chains made of steel
.....D.....
So bless me come the dawn
.....C.....
D
Come the dawn come the dawn come the dawn
.....Am.....
We believed we'd catch the rainbow
.....D.....
Ride the wind to the sun
.....Am.....
Sail away on ships of wonder
.....B.....
But life's not a wheel
.....C.....
With chains made of steel
.....D.....

Source: chordie.com

BTV
10:05 Bangla Feature Film Bangladesh vs Pakistan (Live)
01:30 Prane Mone Ontare
05:35 Special Programme
10:30 Shobar Jonno
01:25 Prapak
03:05 Bangla Feature Film Gram Gonjer Khabor
05:00 Drama Serial: Shikhandi Kotha
11:30

Maaranga Television
01:02 Bangla Feature Film Bangladesh
06:30 Bangla Feature Film Bangladesh Priyo
08:00 Drama Serial: Bondhuta
09:02 Houseful
11:00 Rajeshter Baire
Z Studio
10:50 Friday the 13th Part II
01:30 Scary Movie 2
02:20 Scary Movie 3
07:45 Amra Dujan Dekhte Kemon Total Sports
09:30 American Beauty
09:30 Pearl Harbor
Star Movies
03:10 Knowing
05:20 Diary of A Wimpy Kid
07:00 Crazy On The Outside

CHANNEL 1
09:45 Tritio Matra
12:05 Ebonj Cinemar Gaan
01:05 Bangla Feature Film Hidayat Mani O Mamosh
11:30 Fun Club Tournament
Rtv

RADIO

abcr radio FM 89.2
06:00 Bhoror Janajaly
09:00 Mukhoro Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dupany
03:00 Duranto Bheley
05:00 Shuchhara
07:00 Shajer Maya
09:00 Raat-er Akashy
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

08:00 Adibasi
02:00 Fourti Unlimited
06:00 Bumper to Bumper
09:00 Best of Best Music
RADIO TODAY FM 89.5
06:00 Green FM
06:00 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 World Music
04:00 U Tum
07:00 Tobe Tai Hok
10:00 Raat War Gaan

Bela Obela Sharabela
On Desh TV at 09:45pm
Talk Show
Guest: Sayeeda Khanam

Flash Point
On HBO at 11:50pm
Genre: Action
Cast: Donnie Yen, Louis Koo

Amar Ami
On BANGLAVISION at 09:05pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Guest: Ferdousi Rahman

10:10 Dhruvodi Kahini
12:35 Bangla Feature Film
07:40 Thik Bolchen To
09:50 Drama Serial: Ponditer Mela
11:30 Jegey Achho Ki

08:40 The Walking Dead
07:40 Deadly Impact
11:10 Skyline

HBO
03:05 Octopus
05:15 Taristas
07:05 Chasing Liberty
09:30 Bangkok Knockout
11:50 Flash Point

Star World
04:30 Master Chef Australia
08:30 Extreme Trail
10:30 Necessary Roughness
11:30 Dexter

National Geographic Channel
02:30 Dangerous Encounters
07:30 The Lost Tomb of Genchis Khan
09:30 Air Crash Investigation
10:30 Man Hunt

Discovery Channel
11:30 Curiosity
03:30 Extreme Bodies
09:30 Man vs Wild
10:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
11:30 My Shocking Story

DRAMA SERIAL

ATN BANGLA
08:00pm Bondhu Ebonj Otopor
08:40pm Patal Khele
09:20pm Cening Soon

09:50pm Otophor
09:30pm Maina Indanto
BANGLAVISION
08:15pm Ladies First
08:15pm Bondhu Amar
08:15pm Shogno-bhuk

NEWS BULLETIN

BTV
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm
News (English) at 10:00am,
4:00 pm, 10:00 pm
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 pm
NEWS (Bangla): 7:30am, 10:00 am, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 7:30am,
1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm,
10:30pm
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm
News (English) at 8:00pm
NEWS (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 pm
NEWS (Bangla): 7:30am, 10:00 am, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

TALK SHOW

ATN BANGLA
12:30am Lead News
11:05am Anasder Aajna
12:30pm Tarika Kothon

11:25pm Lal Galop
ETV
10:10pm Galpo Shilpo Gaan
Desh TV
09:45pm Bela Obela Sharabela
11:45pm Shoja Kotha
Boishakhi TV
11:10am Boishakhi Singlap
09:05pm Amar Ami
Maaranga Television