

WHAT'S ON

Victory Day Celebration
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Shilpakala Academy premises

Memorial Meeting on Kabi Chowdhury
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: Dec 26
Time: 5pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Abdus Shakoor Shah
Venue: Gallery Chittrak, R-6, H-4, Dhanmondi
Date: Dec 27-Jan 10
Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Shahabuddin Ahmed
Venue: National Museum, Shabbagh,
Date: Dec 18-28
Time: 10am-3:30pm (Friday: 3-8:30pm)

Solo Exhibition
Title: Enlightened Arena
Artist: Sajid Bin Deka
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: Dec 30-Jan 12
Time: 3pm-9pm

Musical Soiree
Indo European Music Trio
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: Dec 26
Time: 7pm-9pm

National Folk Music Fest 2010-2011
Organiser: Bangladesh Lok Sanggiet Parishad
Venue: Chittagong & Dhaka.
Date: Dec 24, 30, 31

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Crossover
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, Dhanmondi
Date: Dec 23-28
Time: 3pm-9pm

Poresh Mela in Dinajpur
Artistes across district join fair

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

People inhabiting remote villages of Birganj upazila of Dinajpur organised a fair of artists to remember Pores, a budding multi-faceted artist of the area who was killed in November 29, 2005 in a car accident.

The day long fair, named 'Poresh Mela', was organised at Golapganj-Koikuri village of Birganj upazila of Dinajpur recently to honour his contributions in the cultural arena of the district.

Hailing from a poor family, 27-year-old Pores earned fame for his talent but died in a road accident while he was coming from Birganj to Dinajpur to join a cultural programme.

Cultural personalities across the country mourned his death.

Poresh Mela Committee, formed with local bodies and individuals, organised the Mela for the first time six years after Pores's death.

Prostuti, a Dinajpur-based cultural organisation, assisted in holding the programme.

Around 50 cultural artists of Dinajpur and other adjoining districts gathered at the village.

At a discussion, speakers said Pores never commercialised his art.

Shajahan Shah, renowned cultural personality of Dinajpur, Abul Kalam Azad, a senior citizen of Dinajpur and convener of Dinajpur based Liberation War Museum, Chitta Ghosh, President of Dinajpur Press Club, and Dr. Masud of Amader Theatre took part in the discussion. This was followed by a cultural show. Several thousand people from the adjoining villages also joined in, defying the dense fog and biting cold to share in the joyous occasion.

Food was distributed among 1,000 people of the village.

The organisers said that such events would be organised annually to commemorate and celebrate Pores's contributions to the cultural scene.

A CORNUCOPIA OF REFINED MELODY
Fifth classical music fest ends at Chhayanaut

ZAHANGIR ALOM

A two-day classical music festival (vocal and instrumental) has ended at the main auditorium of Chhayanaut Shangkriti Bhavan. Eminent music exponent Pandit Ram Kanai Das formally inaugurated the festival as chief guest on December 22. The festival comprised three sessions.

The second session of the festival started at 9 am and continued till 1 pm on December 23. Apart from a choral performance by the artists of Chhayanaut, Satindranath Haldar rendered *vilambit* and *drut kheyal* in Raga "Nat Bhairav" while Tapash Datta's passionate performance of Raga "Aahir Bhairav" won the hearts of many. Swarup Hossain on tabla, Alamgir Parvez Suman on harmonium and Aloke Kumar Sen on tanpura accompanied Tapash.

Accomplished vocalist Priyanka Gope was on a musical high as she performed both *vilambit* and *drut kheyal* on Raga "Tori", set on *vilambit ektal* and *teental* respectively. Based on Raga "Kiriwani", a *kaharba* performance by the artist followed. Priyanka's ecstatic presentation of a *dadra* was next. The romance of Bhairavi melted out through her voice diffusing the pristine melody in the morning air.

Sarod artiste Md. Yousef Khan's *dhun* performance on Bhairavi raga further augmented the ambience of romanticism among the music connoisseurs. Sheuli Bhattacharjee's violin also enlightened the crux of Raga "Bilashkhani Tori" at the session.

The third session of the festival commenced on the same day at 7:30 pm, and continued till the next morning. A number of vocalists and instrumentalists performed in the night long session.

Chhayanaut artistes inaugurated the soiree with a performance of



kheyal in Raga "Hangsadhvani". A Chhayanaut classical guru, Asit Dey, directed the performance. Badal Chowdhury on tabla assisted the artists.

Latifun Julio's solo *kheyal* performance on Raga "Bhimpalashree" eased the day's exhaustion while Salok Hossain's presentation of a colourful Raga "Bhinnoshari" hinted at the onset of spring on a

winter night.

Santoor recital by Shantanu followed. Shantanu played Raga "Puria Dhanashree" while Pinu Sen Das accompanied him on tabla.

Mrityunjoy Das played Raga "Marubehag" on his banshi. Bishwajit Natto on tabla and Mohit Khan on tanpura accompanied him. Mrityunjoy extraordinarily showcased his brilliance during a



Clockwise (from left): Anup Barua and Rabiul Hossain (C) perform vocal music; Pandit Gopal Mishra (L) with Ashim Chowdhury during an evocative performance.

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speedy *taan* performance. The sweetness of melody had a heart touching quality on a smoggy night. Bishwajit Natto generated several *tabla lahora* during the performance.

Chhayanaut Secretary General Khairul Anam Shakil's fondness of fashioning *taan* during *kheyal* performance on Raga "Joyjayanti" caught the attention of the packed

audience. His emotional offering coupled with his guru Madan Gopal Das' thunderbolt beats captivated the music lovers. The artiste also presented a *chhoto kheyal* set on Raga "Kaunshikdhvani". Bizon Chandra Mistry's melodious harmonium permeated the hall. Rabiul Hossain rendered Raga "Jog" while seasoned artiste Suman Chowdhury tamed the melody of

Raga "Bageshree" to his vocal. Anup Barua's pristine performance of Raga "Darbari Kanada" will remain etched in the memory of many music lovers. An immaculate performance definitely owes much to many accomplished instrumentalists as well. Pinu Sen Das on tabla, Shantanu on harmonium and Parag Pratim Chakrobarty and Partha Pratim Roy

Award giving ceremony of Zoom Ultra Photo Buzz 2011 held



Taslim Ahmed (3-R) seen with the awardees.

A CORRESPONDENT

The award giving ceremony of Zoom Ultra Photo Buzz 2011 was held on December 24 at Drik Gallery at Dhanmondi. The contest was organised to celebrate 40 years of the country's independence. The online photography competition was a joint initiative of Citycell and Creato to bring back and reinforce the patriotism among youth.

Taslim Ahmed, head of Corporate Communications and Public Relations of Citycell and Rahsid Khan, CEO, Creato distributed the awards to the winners of Zoom Ultra Photo Buzz 2011.

The judges were photographer Anwar Hossain; Hasan Saifuddin Chaudhary; AD Film Director Gazi N. Ahmed Shubhuro; photographer Shabbir Ferdous; Rahsid Khan and the followers of Facebook. The top three winners of the contest received Enigma Tab with Zoom Ultra connection from Citycell.

The winners in different categories of this competition were: Agricultural Photography: Raihan Jewel; Architectural Photography: Mehedi Sajal; Fashion Photography: Jalisa Haque; Festival Photography: Pronov Ghosh; Lifestyle Photography: Saikat Mojumder; Music/Drama Photography: Alamgir Hossain; Nature Photography: Apon Imran; Social Life Photography: Firoz Salahuddin Rajib; Sports photography: Mohammad Sarfaraz Hyder; Tourism photography: Md. Akhlas Uddin; Wedding Photography: Md. Akhlas Uddin and Wildlife photography: Anup Sarkar.

Tagore singer Shreya performs in Dhaka

A CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), High Commission of India in Dhaka organised a solo musical soiree featuring Tagore songs titled, "An Evening of Rabindra Sangeet" by Indian Tagore singer Shreya Guhathakurta on December 23 at the auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum (BNM).

The musical soiree was inaugurated by Ankan Banerjee, director of IGCC. Azizur Rahman, chairman and Board of Trustee of BNM; Prokash Chandra Das, director general of BNM; among others, spoke on the occasion. Accomplished Tagore singer Aditi Mohsin delivered the welcome speech.

Shreya performed about twenty songs at the programme. She rendered, "Je Rate Mor Duar Guli", "Ki Shur Bajhe Amar Prane", "Bajhilo Kaharo Bina", "Aha Tomar Sange Praner Khela" and more.

Shreya has a distinguished lineage in Tagore song. Her grandfather was the



Shreya sings to a receptive audience.

founder of the noted Rabindra Sangeet schools Dakshini and Geetobitan. She had been trained under Tagore exponees like late Suchitra Mitra and late Konika Bandopadhyay.

She has performed at concerts alongside with Saswati Guhathakurta, Bratati Bandopadhyay and Srikanta Acharya. She has lent her voice for

Tagore dance-dramas, including "Shyama", "Chandalika", "Chitrangada" and "Shapmochon". She has also done playback for the Indian National Award winning film "Antardhan".

Shreya has also released several CDs and albums. She has also won "Shyamal Sen Smriti Sanman" for her contributions to the field of music.

Xmas memories
Andrew Kishore on Christmas



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Noted singer Andrew Kishore shared his feelings about Christmas Day with The Daily Star. He recalled the early years of his life when there was little to rival the fun and frolic of the Yuletide.

"To me Christmas Day is the most special day of the year. I was born and grew up in Rajshahi. I can recall my childhood days in the town. I used to spend the day surrounded by relatives coming from a distance. We used to go around the neighbourhood for more fun," said Kishore, couple of days before he left for Canada, where he will spend Christmas Day.

"I can recall Christmas Eve when I was so excited that I could hardly get a wink of sleep. I waited anxiously for morning when I would go to church and eat cakes and chocolates."

According to the accomplished singer, one of the hazards of his profession is that he hasn't been able to celebrate the day at home over the last few

years. He will spend this Christmas in Canada with expatriate Bangladeshis. "Being a singer sometimes has its hazards. I got some invitations from Bangladeshis living in Canada. So this year I will have to celebrate Christmas Day without my dear ones," he said.

Kishore said that a day before Christmas he usually goes shopping and buys gifts for family members and other relatives. "Nowadays Christmas Day means a lot of responsibilities as well. My child celebrates the day with so much joy that it takes me back to my own childhood. I usually try to gift something to relatives and it gives me immense happiness to celebrate the day," said the singer.

"My heartiest wish on this day is that there will be fewer clashes among nations. I pray that this Christmas, in the interest of humanity, brings happiness among people. Merry Christmas to everyone on earth," concluded Kishore.

ATN BANGLA	08:45	Drama: Amare Debona Bhuliley
12:45	Vision 2020	
01:25	Chalchitra-er Galpo	
04:20	Matir Shubash	
05:15	Aaynar Shamney	
08:40	Shimana Chharney	
Rtv		
12:10	Bangla Feature Film	
05:00	Cinema R Gaan	
06:00	Drama Serial: Jekhane Shimanto	
08:20	Drama Serial: Shobuj Grame Neel Dish	
Antenna		
09:50	Bridal Show	
CHANNEL i		
01:05	Ebong Cinemar Gaan	
05:30	Drama Serial: Aj Kichu Hote Chalechhe	
06:00	Jibon Jekhane Jemon	
09:35	Get Set Rock	
11:30	Travel On	
08:45	Amare Debona Bhuliley	
11:00	Maasranga Television	
10:02	Bangla Feature Film	
06:30	Bangladesh Priyo	
09:02	Bangladesh	
09:30	Mayerder Pathshala	
11:00	Kingkorobobilmur	
Ontor Bajao		
Zstudio		
01:30	Unbreakable	
02:50	Scary Movie 2	
07:40	Naked Gun 2½/2: The Smell of Fear	
09:30	Ernest Goes to Camp	
11:40	Mean Girls	
Star Movies		
11:35	Striking Distance	
01:20	Tangled	
03:05	Ice Age	
07:00	Closer	
08:45	Anasconda	
10:20	Glitter	

abcr Radio FM 89.2	10:00	Morning Express
06:00	Bhorer Janjaly	My Time
09:00	Mukhorito Jiboney	No Tension
12:00	Buran Dapjory	Dhaka Calling
03:00	Duranto Shikhey	Night Rider
05:00	Shondhata	Back to Back music
07:00	Shajher Maya	
09:00	Raat-er Akashy	Good Morning Dhaka
11:00	Gajyer Shach Nei	Today's Ades
Radio Foorti		
07:30	Hello Dhaka	U Turn
		Tobey Tai Hok

Get Set Rock On CHANNEL i at 09:35pm
Musical Talent Hunt
Host: Urmila

CLOSER
On Star Movies at 07:00pm
Genre: Drama/Romance
Cast: Natalie Portman, Jude Law

Amarey Debona Bhuliley
On Boishakhi TV at 08:45pm
Single Episode TV Play
Cast: Kuchi Khandokar, Arefin

BANGLAVISION		HBO	
01:05	Bangla Feature Film	12:10	Platoon
05:20	Shyamol Bangla	02:35	The Spirit
08:15	Drama Serial: Ladies First	07:00	The Informant!
		09:30	Triassic Attack
11:25	Probashi Mukh	11:25	Sex and the City 2
ETV		Star World	
10:02	Desh Jurey Oporadsh	11:30	Love2 Hate U
	Parikrama	03:30	Necessary Roughness
04:30	Probashe Bangladesh	09:30	Master Chef USA
07:50	O Bondhu Amar	10:30	The Shield
10:10	Cine Hits	11:30	The Big Bang Theory
12:05	Eksushey-er Raat		
Desh TV		National Geographic Channel	
04:30	Durpash	Channel	
06:30	Long march	10:30	Fight Masters
07:45	Drama	03:30	Banged Up Abroad
	Serial: Gohiney	09:00	Deadly Summer
09:45	Bhabinagar	12:00	The Indestructibles
12:30	Total Sports	Discovery Channel	
Boishakhi TV		11:30	How Do They Do It?
10:30	Band of Brothers	03:30	Human Body
11:30	Batexpo Night '11	09:30	Man vs. Wild
03:30	Tele-film	10:30	Swords
08:10	Drama Serial: Escaruser Dana	11:30	Real Wolf Kids

DRAMA SERIAL

ATN BANGLA	09:45pm	Alaksher Niche Manush	
08:00pm	Asha Toki	BANGLAVISION	
10:55pm	Uttaradshikar	09:05pm	Long March
Rtv		ETV	
09:05pm	Boya Paribar	09:30pm	Lolita
11:30pm	Dot Com Fantasy	Desh TV	
CHANNEL i		08:15pm	Sat Kahon
07:50pm	Chaita Pagol	Boishakhi TV	
ntv		10:35pm	Pathorer Kanna

NEWS BULLETIN

BTV	BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla): 8:00 am	News (Bangla): 7:30am
2:00 pm-5:00 pm (8:00 am	1:30pm-5:00pm: 7:15pm
News, English): 10:00am,	10:30pm.
4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.	
Late News (Bangla and	News Headlines (Bangla):
English) 11:30 pm. (To	10:00 pm, 12:00 pm, 4:00pm.
be telecast on all Bangla	News (English): 6:00pm
channels)	Rtv
CHANNEL-i	News (Bangla): 2:30 pm,
News (Bangla): 7:00 am,	4:30 pm, 6:30 am, 8:30 pm,
9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm,	10:30 pm, 12:30 am
10:30 pm, 12:30 am	
ATN BANGLA	News (Bangla): 7:30am,
News (Bangla): 7:00 pm,	12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm,
10:50 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00	10:30pm, 1:00am
am, 4:00 am	
01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm	News (English): 9:00am,
10:50 pm, 9:00 am,	11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm,
6:00 pm.	5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm,
	11:00pm

TALK SHOW			
ATN BANGLA		12:10pm	Ei Shomoy
11:30pm	Je Kotba Kieu Boloni	BANGLAVISION	
12:30am	Lead News	06:25pm	Front Line
Rtv		Desh TV	
10:40am	Tarokalap	11:45pm	Shoja Kotba
07:40pm	Our Democracy	Boishakhi TV	
CHANNEL i		12:00am	Zero Hour
12:30pm	Taroka Kothon	Maasranga Television	
ntv		07:30pm	Prime Issue