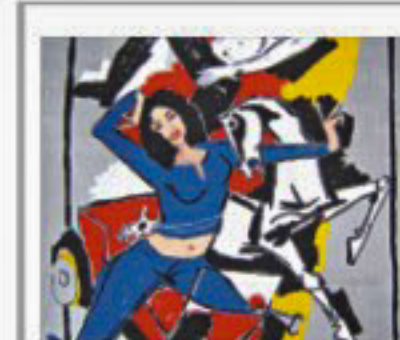


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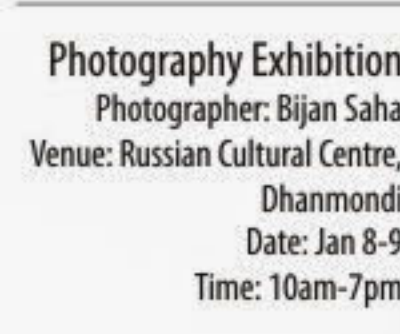
Solo Print Exhibition
Artist: MF Husain
Venue: Gallery Basilio, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: Jan 7-22
Time: 10am-8pm



Theatre Festival
Organiser: Shobdaboli, Barisal
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: Jan 8-12
Time: 6:30pm



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



Photography Exhibition
Photographer: Bijan Saha
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanamondi
Date: Jan 8-9
Time: 10am-7pm



Classical Musical Soiree
Artist: Paromita
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, R-16, H-42, Dhanamondi
Date: Jan 9
Time: 6:30pm



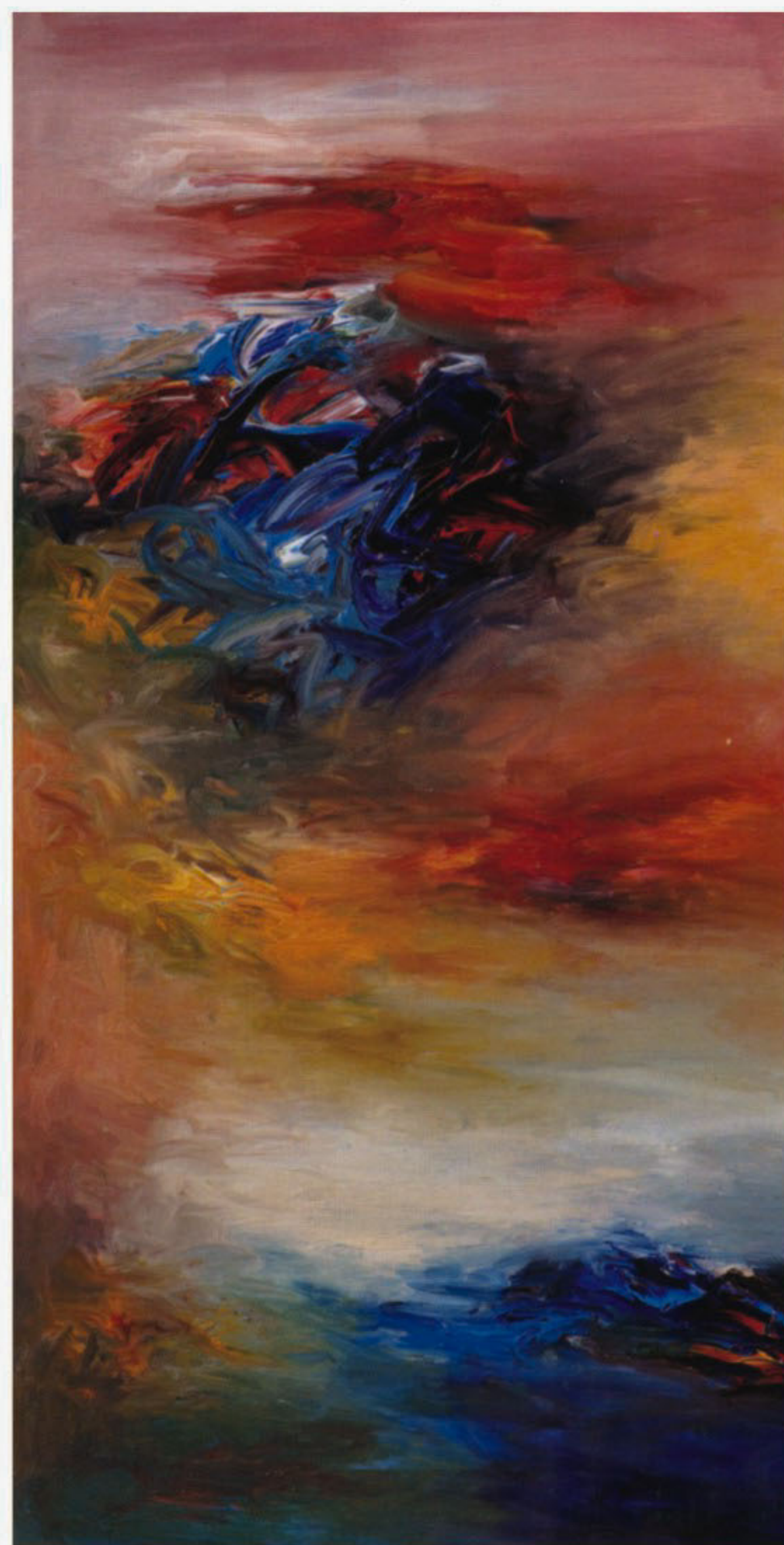
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Artist: Ramkanal Das
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, R-16, H-42, Dhanamondi
Date: Jan 10
Time: 06:30pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Silent Spaces
Artist: Md Tokon
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanamondi
Date: January 6-14
Time: 12pm-8pm

FASCINATED WITH TIME AND HISTORY

An art display by Md Tokon



Paintings by Md Tokon.

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Bangladeshi expatriate painter Md Tokon is deeply into abstract expressionism. Before leaving for New York, the artist spent most of his time in Jhenidah and Dhaka. Urban life and its socio-economic aspects, as well as the surrounding atmosphere have made a great impact on his work. He has gradually transformed himself into an abstract expressionist painter.

Tokon's solo painting exhibition, titled "Silent Spaces", is now on at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, in Dhanamondi, Dhaka.

The artist has been living in New York for the last 11 years. He learned varied techniques and methods from noted abstract expressionists. His works have gradually become more precise and mature. The artist has become more aware of his use of space and tinted canvas. In the last few years, he has been working with The Art Students League of New York, where he has found acclaimed painters Ronnie Landfield, Larry Poons, Mariano Del Rosario as his instructors.

Over a big span of his time, Tokon has voyaged through the art of great American Abstract Expressionists. He has meticulously observed their paintings which inclined him



to re-examine his works. He gradually explores himself. The painter feels master painters Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning give him a taste of liberty and assist him in individuality of thinking.

Tokon considers himself as a peaceful artist; his thought pattern is very simple yet unique. The artist usually uses flat colours and creates several textures and forms on the canvas. Colours and amorphous forms are noticeable features of his paintings. His compositions reveal rough texture and sensuous arrangement of space. Primarily, the artist concentrates on the space.

Tokon's works plunge deep into nature, human relationships, personal loss, social injustice and inner visions. His works delineate dreams and illusions. His compositions are not neatly organised, and at times high-light patchy texture. His paintings articulate nature's unseen and unobserved beauty. In his use of colour, he has displayed a certain romantic concern for vivacious, lively hues and soulful texture.

Occasionally varied tiny forms are scattered in Tokon's paintings and the colours look smooth and tranquil, which provide a lucid effect to his works. His paintings are marked by a preoccupation with time and history.

The exhibition will continue till January 14.

Centenary of GEETANJALI

Musical soiree at Central Public Library



(From left) Satya Chakrobarty, Indrani Karmakar and Adrita Anwar perform at the event.

ZAHANGIR ALAM

Both accomplished and promising artistes of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (BRSSS) rendered songs from "Geetanjali" (Tagore's Nobel Prize winning literary work) at a musical soiree held on January 7, at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh in Dhaka. BRSSS organised the event marking the Bard's 150th birth anniversary and 100 years of the launch of Geetanjali's English translation.

Sajed Akbar, general secretary of BRSSS, delivered the welcome speech while presi-



dent of the organisation, Tapan Mahmud, said, "This year BRSSS is also celebrating its 24 years. We have planned a range of cultural programmes in the days ahead. Most of today's featured artistes are very talented and we hope they will ably lead the organisation in the days to come."

The day's programme commenced with a rendition of a baitalik number "Megher Porey Megh Jomechhey". Sathi Sarkar beautifully rendered the song. This was followed by Jayanto Acharya's performance, "Jethaye Thake Shobar Odhom".

Adrita Anwar's moving rendition of the number "Aaji Jhorer Raat-e" seemingly won the hearts of the Tagore enthusiasts,



PHOTO: GOLAM MAHBUB

while Indrani Karmakar immaculately breathed the words "Jibon Jokhon Shukaye Bhalo", "Bishwa Sathey Jogey Jethaye" and "Jagoter Ananda Joggey" respectively at the programme.

Suma Rani Roy, Aniket Acharya, Ahmed Ziaur Rahman, Happy Das, Kushal Roy, Abhik Deb, Shimu Dey, Sumaiya Imam Ima, Sumaiya Farah Khan, Shahin Suraiya Haque and Sharmila Chakrobarty were the other featured artistes at the event.

Raju Chowdhury on tabla, Sunil Sarkar on keyboard and Roni on percussion instrumentally assisted the singers.

Anupam Kumar Paul, Imranul Haque, Kakoli Goswami, Ridwan Afrin and Chitra

Suchitra Sen Film Festival in Pabna



AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

The 3rd Suchitra Sen Film Festival will kick off in Pabna on January 10. Suchitra Sen Smriti Shangrakshan Parishad, Pabna is organising the weekend film festival in the screen legend's home-town. The organisation also demands that Sen's ancestral home in Pabna be freed from unjustified occupation, and the legendary screen goddess's memories be preserved.

At a press conference held yesterday noon at Pabna Press Club, Md. Saidul Haque Chunnun, president of Suchitra Sen Smriti Shangrakshan Parishad, Pabna, said that is our duty to keep the memories of the Bengali screen legend alive.

"The festival would start from January 10 this year. Prominent film actor Farooque will inaugurate the festival. Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Md. Abul Kalam Azad will speak as the chief guest at the inaugural programme," Dr. Ramdulal Bhoumik, secretary of the Parishad, said.

On the opening day, "Sharey Chuattor" will be screened. Other films featuring Suchitra Sen to be shown at the festival are: "Aandhi", "Grihadaho", "Hospital", "Ekti Raat" and more, Dr. Bhoumik said.

World Poetry Festival in Kolkata begins

A CORRESPONDENT

The International Bangla Poetry Festival Committee and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) have jointly organised a three-day poetry festival at Shishir Moncho, Kolkata, India.

Veteran Oriya poet Sitakant Mahapatra inaugurated the festival on January 6. Bangladeshi poet Syed Shamsul Haq was present as chief guest. Mustafizur Rahman, Bangladeshi Deputy High

Commissioner in Kolkata, was present as special guest at the festival. Indian poet and president of the festival committee, Ashish Shanyal, delivered the welcome speech in the programme.

The participating Bangladesh poets are Nirmalendu Goon, Nurul Huda, Habibullah Siraji, Rabiul Hussain, Mohammad Samad, Sujauddin Kaisar, Syed Al Farooque and Aslam Sani, among others.

Besides Bangladesh, other participating countries include Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Australia, Thailand, Sweden and Vietnam.

Salman and Shah Rukh -- the most bankable stars of Bollywood



PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Salman Khan and Shah Rukh Khan have been named the most bankable stars of Bollywood by ETC Bollywood Business Awards. Kareena Kapoor, who featured in "Bodyguard" and "RA.One" in 2011 opposite Salman and Shah Rukh, has been adjudged the most bankable actress.

"Receiving an award wherein you are being adjudged considering the economic quotient as a cornerstone for mapping the success gives you a sense of pride. I've always maintained that commercial success is as important as

the critical success of a movie," Kareena said in a press statement. Salman's "Bodyguard", the Hindi remake of the Malayalam film by the same name, was assessed as the top grosser of the year 2011. The film's director Siddique walked away with the most bankable director's title. Shah Rukh's big-budget "RA.One" was recognised as the best marketed film of 2011 and also bagged an award under the highest single day collection of revenue category.

"RA.One", Bollywood's most expensive movie, was my dream project. It feels great that my

long-cherished dream has been applauded and acknowledged," said Shah Rukh.

"Allah has been very kind to me and helped me to entertain my audiences and it is quite literally my audiences' love that has fetched me these awards. Inshallah, I'll continue to entertain my audiences and make it to this award in years to come," he added.

Other films like "Pyaar Ka Panchanama", "The Dirty Picture", "Don 2: The King Is Back" and "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol" bagged awards for being the most successful small budget Film.

Three-day cultural fest by Sandipon

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A three-day cultural festival held at Town Hall premises here concluded on January 7.

Sandipon Sangskritik Sangstha, a leading cultural troupe of the town, organised the festival marking the 60th birth anniversary of Motahar Hossain, founder of the organisation. Motahar Hossain died on April 1 in 2007.

The three-day programme included discussion on life and works of the late cultural personality, rendition of songs and dance performances by artistes of different organisations, honouring cultural personalities and giving away prizes among winners of different competitions on music, poetry recitation, painting and handwriting.

More than 300 children from different educational institutes of the town participated in the competitions in four groups. Motahar Hossain Smriti Sangskritik Academy organised the competitions.

Ustad Shahabuddin Khan, Jafar Ahmed, Bijon Topdar, Prodip Chakrabarty, Shawkat Ali Manik, Abdul Mazid Chowdhury, Qaimul Haque and Swapon Kumar Sarker were the judges of the competitions.

On the occasion, Ensemble Theatre staged the play "Court Marshal", while

Sareng Theatre staged "Atula Sundari", based on a story from "Mymensingh Geetika".

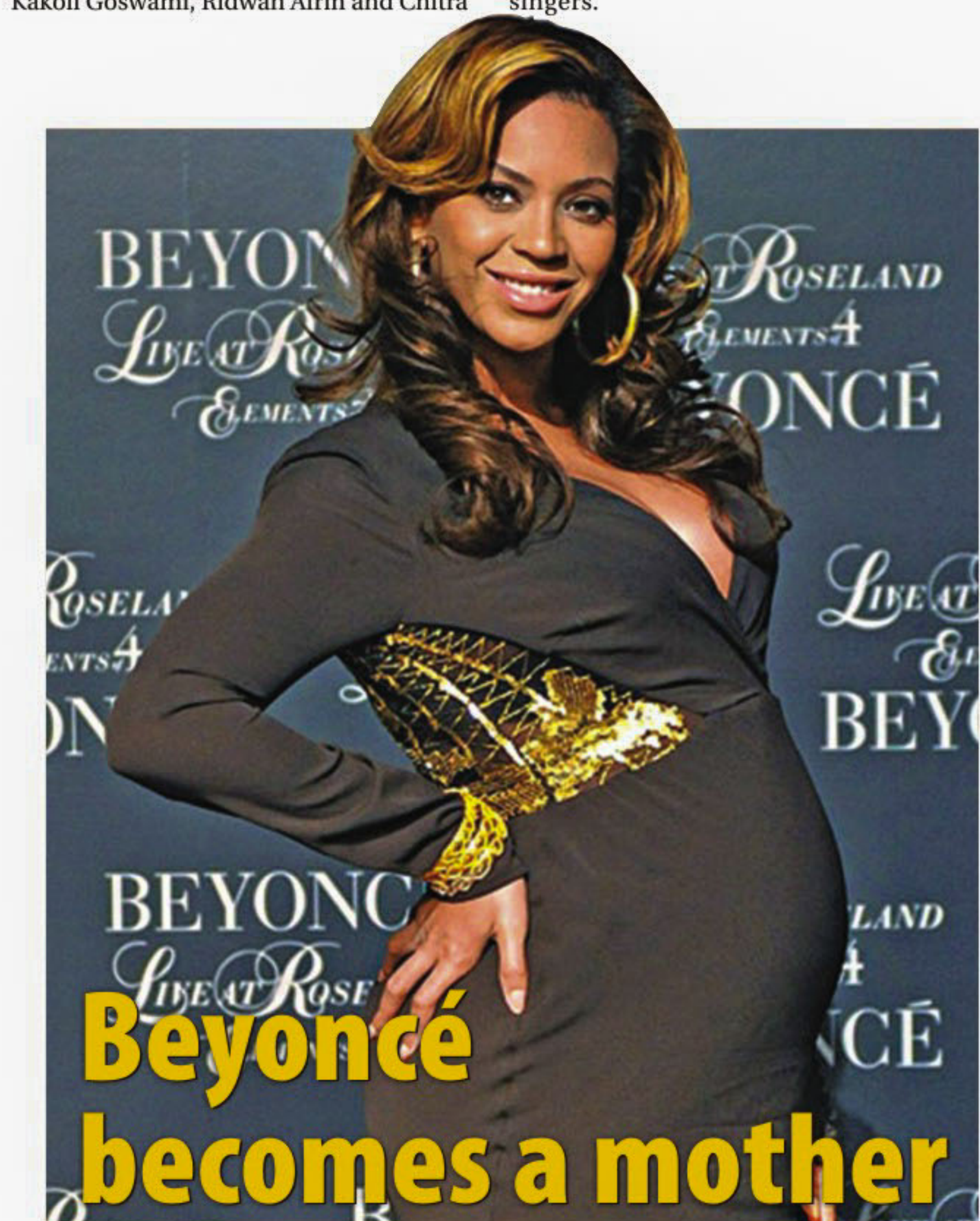
The lifetime achievement award was conferred on Ustad Sunil Kumar Dhar and Golam Rafiq for their contributions to music and theatre, respectively. Motahar Hossain Smriti Padak was given to veteran freedom fighter Salam Uddin Khan and Abdul Nayeem (post-humous).

Mayor of Mymensingh municipality, Ekramul Haque Titu, inaugurated the festival as chief guest on January 5 afternoon. Among others, veteran freedom fighters -- Nazim Uddin Ahmed, Dr. Ashu Ranjan Saha; convener of the festival, Ziauddin Ahmed, spoke at the inaugural session. RKM Nazim-ud-Daula presided over the opening.

Mahbub Hossain Sharif, secretary of Sandipon delivered the welcome speech.

Zila Parishad administrator, Advocate Johirul Haque Khoka; chairman of Sadar Upazila Parishad, Fayzur Rahman Fakir; cultural personality Shahadat Hossain Khan Hillu and poet Jahangir Firoz took part in the discussions during the festival.

Termining Motahar Hossain "a pioneer", for his many creative ideas, the speakers said that he enriched the cultural arena of the region through his work.



Baby-oncé finally has a name -- Ivy Blue Carter.

Music royalty Beyoncé and Jay-Z welcomed the baby girl in a private wing of Lenox Hill Hospital, the E! network reported Sunday.

Music mogul Russell Simmons also confirmed the arrival of the bundle of joy, tweeting "congrats to my good friends Beyonce and Jay-Z."

A very pregnant Beyoncé had checked into the upper East Side hospital on Friday night under the name "Ingrid Jackson," a hospital staffer told the Daily News.

Beyoncé and her hip-hop hubby, whose real name is Shawn Carter, rented out the hospital's entire fourth floor for \$1.3 million, the employee said.

On Saturday night, people were seen bringing bags of takeout and a dozen bottles of red wine onto the heavily guarded hospital wing.

After 11 pm, even doctors and nurses

were barred from entering the fourth floor, prompting one doctor to complain that he had patients to see.

In an effort to keep images from leaking to the public, hospital workers placed tape over security cameras and are forcing employees to turn in cell phones when they arrive for their shifts, a source said.

Several security guards were spotted patrolling the perimeter of the hospital Saturday night.

A Lenox Hill staffer confirmed that a patient named Ingrid Jackson was in a "labour room."

Reps for the power couple did not return requests for comment.

The 30-year-old singer was last seen Thursday when she was photographed leaving a Manhattan apartment building wearing hip-hugging jeans, gold heels and a patterned scarf masking her belly.

Source: Internet

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