

WHAT'S ON

Solo Print Exhibition Artist: MF Husain Venue: Gallery Basilla, New DOWS, Moulhabali Date: Jan 7-22

Dhaka Int'l Film Fest Venue: Central Public Library, National Museum, Alliance Française de Dhaka Date: January 12-20 Time: 10am onwards

Solo Exhibition Title: Reading Images Artist: Wajid Rahman Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, Gulshan Date: Jan 15-29

Solo Exhibition Artist: Anukul Chandra Majumdar Venue: Nordic Club, Gulshan-2 Date: Jan 15-30

Musical Soiree Artist: Shakila Zafar Organiser: Ansa Shouramukti Venue: National Museum Auditorium Date: Jan 21 Time: 5pm

Film Festival Organiser: Sachin Sen-Senetti Shengkhakhon Parikid, Pabna Venue: Multiplodha Raftiqul Islam Baki Auditorium, Pabna Date: Jan 16-16 Time: 5pm

Selim Al Deen Death Anniversary Venue: Shilpakala Academy Date: January 13-16 Time: 6:30pm

Tareque Masud Master's Class Lecturer: Victor Kossakovsky (Russia) Venue: The Daily Star Convention Centre Date: January 16



LOCAL FILM PERSONALITIES EVALUATE THE FESTIVAL



Film enthusiasts at Central Public Library premises, the main venue of the festival.

JAMIL MAHMUD An international film festival is always significant in terms of exchange of views among filmmakers and enthusiasts from different nations. As the 12th Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF) is on, and a significant number of foreign delegates are here in Dhaka, some local filmmakers and activists share their views on the festival.



Tahmineh Milani's "Principles" will be screened today.

overcome such minor issues in future," he added. Filmmaker Nurul Alam Atique gives priority to the local cine-culture rather than few big festivals. He said, "Festivals are important to filmmakers and

whose three films ("Guerrilla", "Dooobshatar" and "Phire Esho Behula") are taking part in the festival, feels that major festivals like this provide a great opportunity to exchange views with actors, directors from other countries. She said, "I hope people would get inspired and go to theatres on a regular basis. Cultural exchange is a major aspect of a festival such as this."

Selim Al Deen Festival in full swing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The four-day theatre festival to observe the fourth death anniversary of Selim Al Deen is being held at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). Selim Al Deen Foundation, in association with BSA, is arranging the staging of the Al Deen play "Dhaboman" and a musical programme highlighting Tagore's influence on Al Deen.

Theatre enthusiasts of the city flocked to see several of Al Deen's dramas in the course of the festival. Marking the 4th death anniversary of the noted dramatist, Selim Al Deen Foundation, Natyadhar and Pantomime Movement jointly arranged the festival at the District Shilpakala Academy. Drawing a portrait of Selim Al Deen, eminent artiste Dhali Al Mamun inaugurated the festival.



(Left) Artist Dhali Al Mamun inaugurates the Chittagong festival by drawing a portrait of Al Deen; a scene from the mimodrama "Prachya".



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5th National Wall Magazine Festival wraps up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Bangladesh Deyal Patrika Parishad (Wall Magazine Council) organised the three-day 5th National Wall Magazine Festival at Bangla Academy premises with a view to explore the talents of the youth of the country.



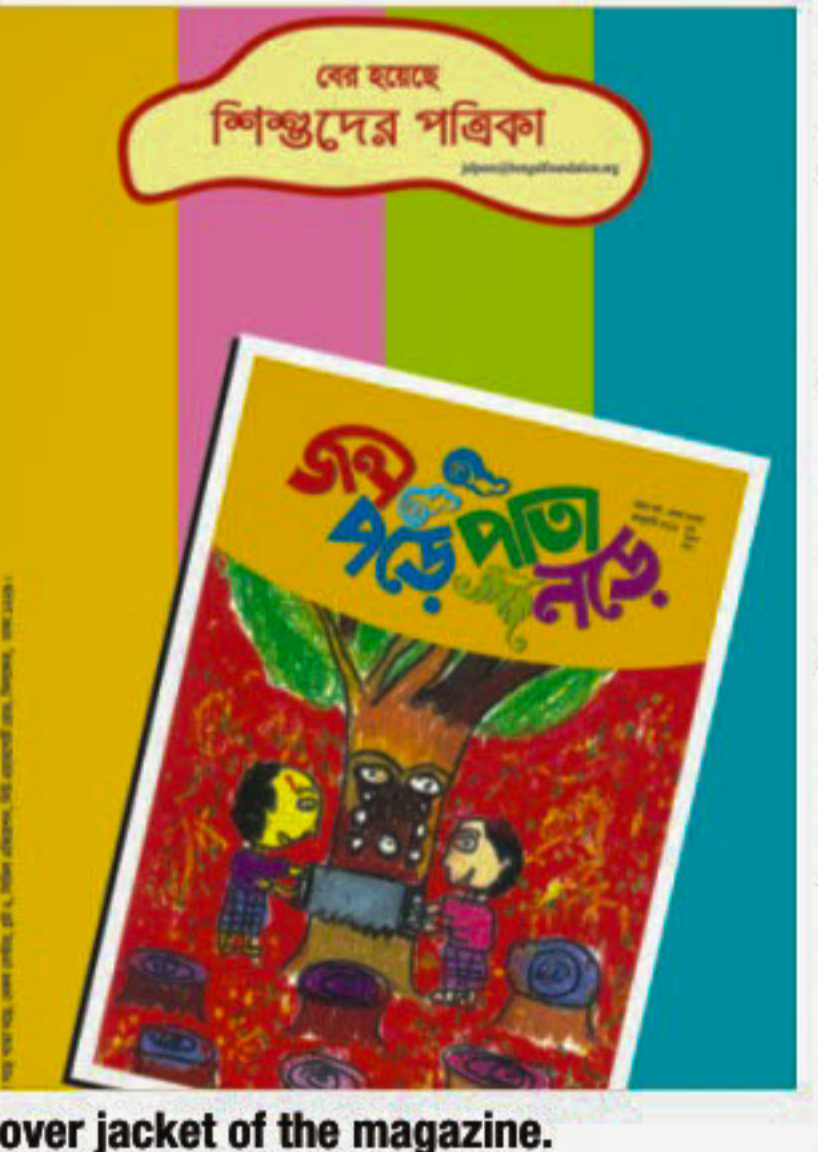
Anwara Syed Haq speaks at the festival.

At the inaugural session, Anwara Syed Haq remarked that the festival would shape the views of the younger generation. She added that young people of the country should be given proper exposure and opportunities to develop their creative skills and imagination.

seminate knowledge, wisdom, and harmony among the youth in our society." Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury praised the festival for bringing creative adolescents closer. He urged parents to let their children participate in the wall magazine festival, to help explore their creativities, imagination and will power.

A much-welcome initiative Children's magazine "Jol Porey Pata Norey" published

The reading habit is on the wane. As today's children grow up they get more absorbed in their 'electronic' lives, and there is very little in terms of entertaining, and at the same time educational, books and magazines for children in Bangladesh.



Cover jacket of the magazine.

publication is bright and colourful and sure to capture the little ones' hearts and attention at first glance. It is aimed at children between the ages of 3 to 12. "Jol Porey Pata Norey" has a limited edition, which comes with a two-page Braille supplement for the visually impaired.

Sound Art Performance by Andrea Lange at Goethe Institut

On January 11, while a fairly large crowd waited patiently for the show to begin, Andrea Lange prepared the last minute details for the sound installation or "circuit bending" as it's often called in the auditorium at the Goethe-Institut Bangladesh. The event was arranged by Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, in collaboration with Britto Arts-Trusted.

The Berlin-based young sound artist gave the audience a pulsating gift of sounds that penetrated deep and created visceral effects. The audience listened and gaped at this one song being transformed step by step by Lange's hands busily tapping on glass water bottle, by connecting or disconnecting into tiny self-made electronic devices she brought over from Germany.

At some point, especially at the beginning of the performance, the sound was a bit irritating. As if it was saying, "Hello I am here! I am here to test your patience!" Living in Dhaka, we are particularly aware of gazillion sounds and noises surrounding us, practically all the time -- soothing

The Artist wins four prizes at Critics' Choice Awards

Silent film "The Artist" was the big winner at this year's Critics' Choice Awards, winning four prizes. The movie took the evening's top award, best picture, as well as best score, best costume design and best director for France's Michel Hazanavicius.



A scene from 'The Artist' featuring Jean Dujardin and Bérénice Bejo.

period who was not allowed to dream and not allowed to find their purpose." Martin Scorsese's family yarn "Hugo" came away with just one award, for art direction, despite being nominated for 11 prizes.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" picked up two prizes for best make-up and best sound. "Bridesmaids" was named best comedy movie, "Drive" scooped the award for best action movie and "Rango" won the best animated feature trophy.

Beetle Baily by Mort Walker



Henry by Don Trachte



Table with TV and Radio schedules for various channels like ATN Bangla, Vision 2020, and Radio Mir.

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Uttaradhikar On ATN BANGLA at 10:55pm Drama Serial Cast: Dolly Zahur, Mir Sabbir

Cinderella Man On Z Studio at 11:55pm Genre: Drama/Romance Cast: Russell Crowe, Renée Zellweger

Bhabnagar On ATN BANGLA at 09:45pm Musical Programme Host: Rinku

Table with TV schedules for various channels including Boishakhi TV, Banglavision, and Star World.

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Table with News Bulletin schedules for ATN Bangla, Banglavision, and Boishakhi TV.

Table with Talk Show schedules for ATN Bangla, Banglavision, and Boishakhi TV.