

**WHAT'S ON**

**Solo Exhibition**  
Title: Dreams-Swing  
Artist: Kanak Champa Chakma  
Venue: Gallery Chitra, R-6, H-4, Dhanmondi  
Date: Jan 28-Feb 12

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: From the Kamaphuli  
Venue: Embassy of Italy, H-7, R-54, Gulshan-2  
Date: Jan 27-29  
Time: 2pm-8pm

**Musical Soiree**  
Praner Khela  
Artists: Tapan Chowdhury and Sumana Rahman  
Venue: Bengal Shipkalya, H 42, Rd 16, Dhanmondi, Date: January 28

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

**Odissi Dance Recital**  
Artist: Monalisa Ghosh (India)  
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum  
Date: January 25  
Time: 7pm

**Jatiyo Pitha Utshab**  
Organiser: Jatiyo Pitha Utshab Ujjapion Parishad  
Venue: Coffee House, Bangladesh Shipkalya Academy

**5th Int'l Children's Film Festival**  
Venue: Central Public Library, Shahbagh  
Date: Jan 21-27  
Time: 10am onwards

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Rejuvenation  
Artist: Rajul Islam Levu  
Date: Jan 27-Feb 7  
Time: 11am-7:30pm



# INNER CONFLICT ARTICULATED

Anukul's solo exhibition at Nordic Club



Paintings by Anukul Chandra Majumdar.

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Anukul Chandra Majumdar's paintings depict motherhood, the six seasons with their impact on nature, childhood and rustic ambience. As an experimental painter, Anukul portrays figures and articulates inner conflict through his uncanny paintings. Facial expressions and different parts of the human body often get the focus.

Anukul's solo painting exhibition, titled "Tales of Dreams-2", is now on at Nordic Club, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

The exhibition clearly demonstrates that the painter's strokes are unpolished, with lots of curves and twisted lines. His paintings often feature bold, brutal and horrifying imagery. He does not hesitate to draw what's conventionally considered "ugly". Unattractive appearance, obese

figures, languid eyes and unshapely forms are noticeable features of his paintings. People running towards an unknown destination, embracing figures, sleeping women, awe-inspiring forms, nature in an unadorned state, broken rickshaw and foliage in abandon are other recurring subjects in his paintings.

Anukul hails from a very remote area of Bagherhat. He reminisces on his childhood with the paintbrush on canvas. Compared to the village, the city seems dull and inanimate to him. The city did not offer him serenity. So he created a language for his paintings, where he focused on struggles, pain and isolation.

Anukul has used acrylic, oil, mixed media, pastel and charcoal - portraying human emotions. Figures in motion and incomplete human forms are noticeable elements in his works. His subjects have a semi-realistic and sur-

# Friends and colleagues mourn Amol Bose's death

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Popular character actor-comedian Amol Bose died of a heart attack at a city hospital on January 23. He was 75. He left behind his wife, a daughter, two grandchildren and a host of relatives, friends and well wishers. Amol Bose was born at Boalmari in Faridpur in 1943.

The veteran actor was preparing to go to Sirajganj to attend a cultural programme on the morning he died.

For his notable performances -- in diverse characters -- in films, Amol Bose attained mass popularity. A busy film actor, Bose was equally familiar to small screen viewers. Starting off as a *jatra* artiste, the seasoned actor had made significant contributions to *jatra*, theatre, cinema and TV plays.

While a student of class seven, Bose first performed in a school play, which ignited his interest in acting. Later, he joined a professional *jatra* troupe, "Milon Shangha", in Boalmari, Faridpur.

Bose came to Dhaka in 1963. Once in Dhaka, he became involved as a theatre director and performer. His direction of a Nurul Momen play, "Alo Chhaya", was lauded by theatre enthusiasts. The then Finance Minister of East Pakistan gave him a gold medal for his performance in the play.

Amol Bose continued theatre performances and direction for several years with theatre troupes "Aboshor", "Shaptorupa", "Shaibal" and "Rangdhonu Natya Goshthi". Plays directed by Bose attained wide popularity at home and abroad. Over 25,000 London residents enjoyed "Siraj-ud-Daulah" and "Roopban" -- both Rangdhonu Natya Goshthi productions -- directed by Bose.



Besides direction and acting, Bose has guided artists such as Anwara, Rozina, Rajib, Prabir Mitra, Dildar and Sadeq Bachchu who went on to become accomplished film actors.

Amol Bose started his career in cinema through acting in the film "Raja Sanyashi" in 1966. He acted in over 400 films. Moreover, he had directed films including "Keno Emon Hoy" in the initial stage of his career in 1960s. However, he could not continue direction. His performances in blockbusters like "Abichar", "Neel Akasher Nichey", "Sonali Akash", "Mohua", "Phulshojja", "Rangin Gumai Bibi", "Chandra Dwiper Rajkonya", "Rajlokhi Srikanto", "Hothat Brishti", "Ami Shei Meye", "Tomakey Chai", "Mon Maney Na" and others won him much acclaim. He was honoured with a National Film Award for his work in the movie "Ajker Protibad".

Amol Bose's most recent performance was in the film "Na Manush", directed by Animesh Aich. He was to shoot for the film "Ek Cup Cha", directed by Ferdous, after coming back from Sirajganj. Bose acted in a number of TV plays, since the initiation of

BTV	10:05 Amader Angina	05:00 Cinema R Gaan	01:10 Bangla Feature Film
	03:05 Cartoon	05:50 Lucky Line	05:50 Cinema R Gaan
	07:25 Drama Serial: Gramer Manush	12:05 Ghorey Ghorey Utshab	
	10:25 Shek Kotha		
	12:35 Shukhi Poribar		
ATN BANGLA	11:20 Business and Finance		
	01:25 Band View		
	08:00 Destination Unlimited		
	10:55 Bibeker Kache Proshno		
	11:30 Drama Serial: Astoy		
CHANNEL i			
	11:05 Sports Time (Live)		
	01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan		
	02:40 Tele-film		
	05:15 Krishi Shangbad		
	07:50 Drama Serial: Komol		
	Bibir Othhi Shala O Kana		
	Sirajgadda		
ntv			
	09:00 Pearl Harbor		
	01:30 Collateral		
	04:05 The Animal		
	06:55 Kate & Leopold		

abc radio FM 89.2	10:00 Morning Express
06:00 Bhoore Janakaly	12:00 No Tension
09:00 Mukhorho Jiboney	04:00 Dhaka Calling
12:00 Darun Duprey	09:00 Family Riders
03:00 Damaro Baboy	RADIO TODAY FM 89.5
05:00 Shondha Tara	06:00 Green FM
07:00 Shaj-er Maya	08:00 Good Morning
09:00 Raat-er Akashey	Dhaka
11:00 Gajper Shesh Nel	12:00 Today, Adda
Radio Footi	04:00 U Tum
07:30 Hello Dhaka	07:00 Taboy Tai Hok

**Talbatel**  
On Boishakhi TV at 08:45pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Meszarraf Karim, Jenny

**Megamind**  
On HBO at 09:30pm  
Genre: Animation/Comedy  
Cast: Will Ferrell, Jonah Hill

**Poush Phaguner Pala**  
On ATN BANGLA at 09:20pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Intekhab Dinar, Jyotika Jyoti

11:30 Glamour World	09:30 Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	
08:15 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe	HBO
09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan	01:50 Paranormal Activity 2
11:30 Drama Serial: Terminal	03:50 The Mask
	06:10 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
ETV	09:30 Megamind
04:30 DWI Global 3000	11:40 Enter the Dragon
06:30 Baala Ontor	
07:50 Fashion and Tune	Star World
08:20 Drama Serial: Oshewshkar	03:30 Combat Hospital
10:10 Trinamool Sanglap	09:30 Supernatural
Boishakhi TV	10:30 The Shield
10:30 Bangla Feature Film	11:30 The Big Bang Theory
04:15 Shikashori Doctor	National Geographic Channel
05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan	03:30 X-Ray Earth
08:45 Drama Serial: Talbatel	09:00 Triumph of Life
11:30 Binodon O Shongskriti Sanghad	10:00 The Known Universe
BANGLAVISION	11:30 Is it Real
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	Discovery Channel
05:25 Bichitra	03:30 Time Warp
09:05 Shoundorjo Kotha	08:30 Killer Outbreaks
11:25 Music Club	10:30 Swords
Rtv	11:30 The Science of Sex

# 6th Dhaka University Theatre Festival

"A Slight Ache" and "Genius and Culture" staged

JAMIL MAHMUD

Two plays -- "A Slight Ache" and "Genius and Culture" -- were staged on the second day (January 23) of the ongoing 6th Dhaka University Central Theatre Festival. The Department of Theatre, DU has organised the festival that features plays produced by the department as well as invited troupes from Rajshahi University and Jahangirnagar University. The festival is being held at TSC Auditorium and at Natmandal.

Harold Pinter's tragicomic "A Slight Ache" has been translated by Nila Saha and directed by Syeda Ifat Ara. The story zooms in on a married couple's -- Edward and Flora -- dreams and desires, highlighting mostly the husband's fears of the unknown.

Edward is severely insecure. He suspects that his wife had an affair with the Matchseller in the past. According to Edward, the Matchseller is old, practically stone deaf.

The middle-aged Edward and Flora continually reminisce about their youth. Flora seemingly doesn't love her husband any more. Rather she wants to be with the Matchseller, and she tries to seduce him in different ways. Jealous and insecurity add dimensions to the complex relationship.

Ishiaque Khan Pathan and Aftreen Huda played Edward and Flora respectively. Fazlur Rahman played the Matchseller. Sanjeeb Kumar Dey designed the play.

Italian artist-playwright Umberto Boccioni's "Genius and Culture" is a satire of the contemporary society. Translated by Rubayet Ahmed, the play has been directed by Mahjabin Islam.



Scenes from "A Slight Ache" (top) and "Genius and Culture". PHOTO: DEPT. OF THEATRE, DU

The nearly half an hour play narrates the story of a young painter and an art critic are the other characters. The aspiring artist's work seems worthless to the critic, as he pans the artist's endeavour and suggests choosing a different way to earn success. The artist takes the woman as his muse, and wants to create something unique.

The artist's tragic death forces the critic to rethink and re-evaluate his art.

Nafisa Parvin and Tanvir Nahid Khan played the artist and the critic respectively. Aiswarja Azad played the artist's muse. Silviya Navrin designed the play.

Today, a troupe from Comilla will stage Muharram-er Jari Gaan, an indigenous performing art form practiced largely in the eastern part of the country. The show will be held at Natmandal auditorium at 6:30pm.



# Oscar nominations due to be announced

The nominations for this year's Oscars are to be announced soon, with George Clooney and Meryl Streep likely to lead the charge in the best actor and best actress categories.

Silent film "The Artist" and family drama "The Descendants" are expected among the frontrunners for best picture.

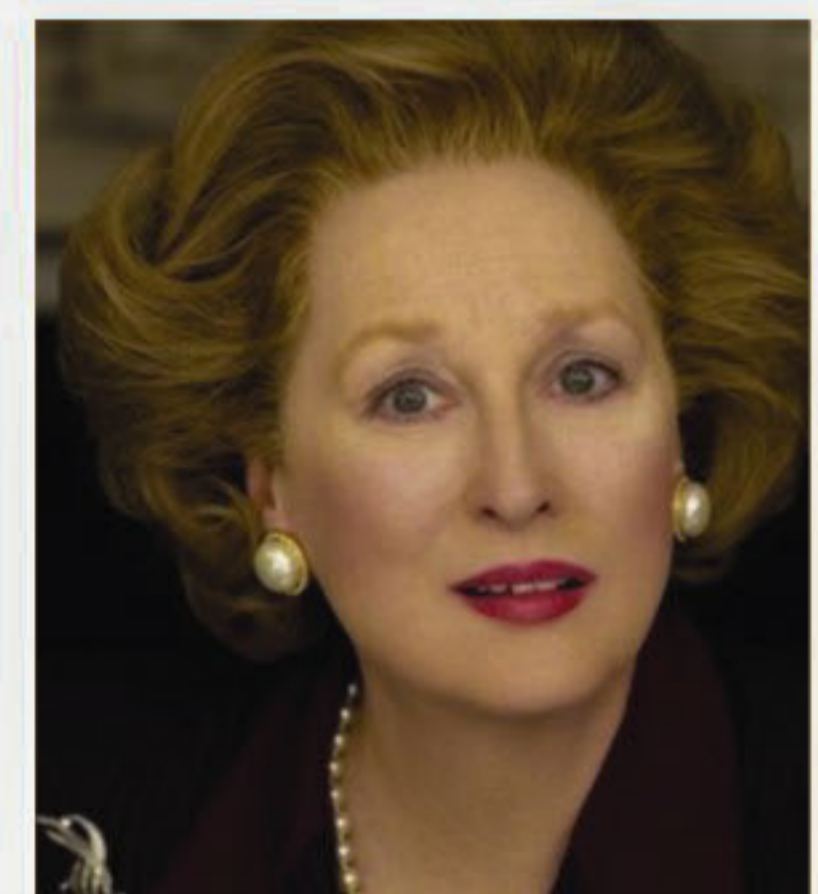
The 84th Academy Awards will take place on February 26 at the Kodak Theatre, Hollywood.

This year's host is comic actor Billy Crystal.

French film "The Artist" -- about Hollywood's transition from silent movies to talkies -- has taken the lion's share of top prizes throughout awards season, most recently at the Producers Guild of America ceremony.

It took home a trio of honours from the Golden Globes last week, and leads this year's Baftas with 12 nominations, including best film and best director.

Other films predicted to appear in the best film category are "Hugo", Martin Scorsese's love letter to the early days of cinema, a civil rights drama "The Help" and Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris".



Meryl Streep and George Clooney are tipped to get acting nominations.

Owing to a change in Oscar voting system, the best picture category could consist of between five and 10 nominees.

Oscars organisers have also announced a crackdown on social events aimed at wooing voters ahead of the big night.

New rules ban members from attending parties organised by film companies after the nominations are announced.

Voters will still be allowed to go to screenings attended by actors.

Academy president Tom Sherak said last year the rules helped in "protecting the integrity of the awards process".

Billy Crystal will present this year's Academy Awards after the departure of Eddie Murphy, the original host.

The 63-year-old actor has previously hosted the Oscars eight times, most recently in 2004.

Last year, British film "The King's Speech" was crowned best picture, with star Colin Firth named best actor. Tom Hooper was named best director for the film, which also won for best original screenplay.

Source: BBC

# Arresting images

Solo photography exhibition of Abu Sayeed Ilias

REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur

A three-day solo exhibition featuring works of photographer Abu Sayeed Ilias was held at Ambika auditorium in Faridpur recently.

Hundreds of arresting images on different themes and cultures of various countries including Bangladesh, Indonesia and Thailand were exhibited on the occasion.

The exhibition, titled "Dekhbo Ebar Jogot Takey" was inaugurated by educationist Kazi Zainul Abedin, administrator of Faridpur Zila Parishad.

Among others, Faridpur Municipality Mayor Mahtab Ali; Tagore exponent Professor Alaf Hossain and cultural activist Advocate Sipra Goswami spoke on the occasion.

The speakers described Ilias' photographs as exquisite and stunning. His images depict the beauty of nature, lifestyles of different indigenous communities in different countries, architectural splendour etc.

Abu Sayeed Ilias is a freedom fighter and a life member of Bangladesh Photographic Society (BPS).

He led a Bangladesh team of photogra-



PHOTO: STAR

On January 21, Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Dhaka organised a memorial meeting on Professor Kabir Chowdhury, Titled "Remembering National Professor Kabir Chowdhury", the programme was held at the centre in Gulshan-1.

Anisuzzaman; Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy; Kamal Lohani, journalist and former director general of the Bangladesh Shipkalya Academy and Shaheen Kabir, daughter of Professor Kabir Chowdhury discussed Chowdhury's works, contributions and his illustrious life. The discussion was followed by a musical soiree featuring performances by Auditya Mohsin.

**Beetle Baily** by Mort Walker

**Henry** by Don Trachte

ATN BANGLA	08:40pm Chand Phul	Boishakhi TV	08:10pm Fourth Class Society
	09:20pm Omashobhya		09:20pm Gohoshho
	09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala	BANGLAVISION	
CHANNEL i	09:35pm Shukhi Shondhya Raat		08:15pm No Problem
ntv	09:45pm Shobuj Nakkhoro	Rtv	09:05pm Boyra Paribar
ETV	09:30pm Ghatok Baki Bhai		11:30pm House Number 338
		Desh TV	

BTV	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:30pm	News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm	News (Bangla) 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 pm
CHANNEL-i	News (Bangla) 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am	News (English) at 8:00pm	News (Bangla) 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 6:00 pm.
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ATN BANGLA	06:15pm Kothamala	ntv	12:30am Ei Shoney
	12:30am Lead News	ETV	
CHANNEL i		12:55am	Ekushey-er Raat
	09:45am Titilo Matra	Boishakhi TV	
	12:30pm Tanika Kothon		Zero Hour
	11:30pm Alroy Bhudon Bhora	BANGLAVISION	
Rtv	10:40am Tankkap		Front Line
	07:40pm Our Democracy	Desh TV	
		11:45pm	Shoja Katha