

WHAT'S ON

Solo Exhibition
Title: Dreams Sewing
Artist: Karak Chandra Choudhury
Venue: Gallery Chitra, 8-6, H-4, Dharmandi
Date: Jan 28-Feb 12
Time: 10am-9pm

Group Art Exhibition
Title: From the Kamaghalhi
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 Shipalaya, H-42, Rd 16, Dharmandi, Date: January 28
Time: 6:30pm

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

Photography Exhibition
Photographer: Bernhard Wicki (Germany)
Venue: DDK Gallery, H-58, Rd 15-A (new)
Date: January 22-31
Time: 3-9pm

Documentary Screening
Documentary: 1971
Venue: Bangladesh Film Centre, 160, Lake Circus, Kalabagan
Date: January 27-28
Time: 6pm

Theatre
Play: Barang
Troupe: Aranyak
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shikhaika Academy
Date: January 28
Time: 6:30pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Rejuvenation
Artist: Rajal Islam Lovela
Venue: Gallery Kaya, Uttara
Date: Jan 27-Feb 7
Time: 11am-7:30pm

IN CONVERSATION

ZAHID HASAN: CREATIVITY UNBOUND

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Seasoned actor Zahid Hasan has created a buzz among audiences with his latest commercial for a condensed milk brand. Directed by Amitabh Reza, the commercial has already won accolades. Hasan said he was surprised at its success, adding that after a long hiatus, one of his commercials had gained so much popularity. The commercial was shot at FDC and it features a story that presented many acting opportunities, Hasan asserts. He says being an actor, there were plenty of chances to put his best foot forward. But the success was a team effort, as everyone behind the scenes pitched in, adds the modest Hasan.

Asked about beginning the year with a blast, the actor says hard work and the love of the audience made it possible for him to achieve success. The love that the viewers felt for him was clear before, and is more visible after the commercial, Hasan says. Meanwhile, several of Hasan's TV plays are currently being aired on various TV channels, including "Push Phaguner Pala", directed by Afsana Mimi. Hasan plays a key role in the serial and enjoys his work immensely. He says Afsana Mimi, as a director, works with great care, which he observed specially while working with her on the serial "Bondhon". Hasan himself directed the much popular mega serial "Lal Neel Beguni" and continues to take on directorial challenges for one-hour plays and serials. Recently, one of his serials "Haater Rekha Kotha Bole" finished airing and he is set to begin work on a new serial. On his latest endeavours, Zahid Hasan says shooting for the new serial, "Toto Company", began on January 15 in his hometown of Sirajganj. Written by Ashraf Chanchal, Hasan will direct the serial, along with playing the role of a journalist. "Toto Company" zooms in on life in a small town, similar to the last serial directed by Hasan. But the stories are entirely different, Hasan says, expressing the hopes that "Toto Company" will be a favourite among the viewers.

Apart from his own directorial work, Hasan continues to act for other directors as well. Asked whether dual projects cause any trouble, the talented actor says every job has its own set of difficulties. But while acting, only the acting aspects are on his mind; the same goes for his



production or directorial ventures. Experience and practice have placed things on an even keel, Hasan says. Hasan's movie projects have been a success story as well. All of his films have won acclaim, with the actor seizing a national award for his performance in "Srabon Megher Din". Offers to act in movies pour in but many have to be turned down, Hasan says. His last film "Projapoti", where he worked alongside Moushumi and Mosharrar Karim, has been very popular with moviegoers. Hasan is also set to act in a new film, directed by Abir Sreshtho.

Event for a cause
Fashion show to be held

A CORRESPONDENT

A fashion show is set to be held at the capital's Hotel Radisson on February 3, to raise money for the Acid Victims Assistance Fund under the Prothom Alo Trust. According to a recent press briefing held at Hotel Ruposhi Bangla, renowned Indian fashion designer Agnimitra Paul's creations will be put on auction after the show. Agnimitra Paul was present at the press meet, along with Asaduzzaman Noor MP, managing director, Desh TV; Arif Hasan deputy managing director and Syed Nasim Manzur, managing director, Apex Footwear Limited. The fashion show titled 'Gal-

lery Apex Life is Beautiful', will be aired live on Desh TV. Stars to light up the ramp from the capital include Nobel, Tisha, Bindu, Meem, Momo while Rituparna Sengupta, Locket Chatterjee and Paoli Dam from Kolkata will also participate. Rupankar and Pintu Ghosh will feature music presentations at the event. Speaking at the press meet, Agnimitra Paul said the fashion show has no commercial ends, but is being held for a humanitarian cause. Asaduzzaman Noor said, Apex has joined the effort, while all the funds raised at the event, will be submitted to the Prothom Alo Trust for the welfare of acid victims.

ATN Bangla bags the Int'l Children's Day of Broadcasting Awards 2011

A CORRESPONDENT

Satellite TV channel ATN Bangla has wrested the International Children's Day of Broadcasting Awards 2011, receiving recognition from UNICEF for the channel's contribution to the development of the media and youth. UNICEF's representative to Bangladesh, Dr. Pascal Villeneuve handed the award to ATN Bangla chairman Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman, at a press briefing recently. Also present at the event were ATN Bangla's programme advisor Nowajeh Ali Khan; chief advisor Saiful Bari; sales and marketing advisor M Shamsul Huda and the crew from ATN Bangla's Children's show 'Amra Korbo Joy'. Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman said the award will inspire the channel to make more programmes for children. ATN Bangla received the award for the docu-drama "Boishommo Periy" which features stories of discrimination against the girl child. ATN Bangla has previously won four regional awards, along with an Emmy award in 2004.

Popular stars wish the thespian
Razzak celebrates his 70th birthday

A CORRESPONDENT

Lokkhi-kunja, the Gulshan residence of legendary actor Razzak, was packed with well wishers who had gathered to celebrate the actor's 70th birthday on January 23. The entire house was decorated with fairy lights to add flair to the celebration, while popular stars came to wish the thespian. As soon as the clock struck eight, Razzak cut the cake along with stars, directors, producers and media workers present on the occasion. The flood of birthday wishes, however, had poured in from early morning, with guests bringing bouquets and gifts till late at night. Razzak expressed his gratitude to Almighty for the unending love of his well wishers. The strength to go on acting are bonuses, Razzak said, adding that he wants to continue working until his last breath. On the current scenario in Bangladesh's movie industry, the legendary actor said it was hard to tell when the golden years would return, but the endeavour should continue. Saying that cinema halls need to be revamped, Razzak said the government should take the initiative to resolve the problems. Celebrities present on the occasion were Shabnam, Robin Ghosh, Khalil, Bobita, Anjana, Shabnur, Amit Hasan, Amin Khan, Nipun, Sahara, Shilpi, Ahmed Sharif, Misha Shawdagar, Dinat Jahan Munnai, Chashi Nazrul Islam, Ahmed Zaman Chowdhury and more. The guests were greeted by the Razzak's three children. Razzak was born on January 23, 1942, in Kolkata and later moved to Dhaka. He began acting in local



productions in 'mohallas' and gradually shifted to TV dramas. Razzak then moved to the silver screen where he acted and worked as an assistant director. Razzak said that no matter what he did, the main goal was always to act in movies - a target he worked hard to achieve. The turning point in Razzak's career was Zahir Raihan's "Behula". It brought him into the limelight and he never had to look back again. He eventually established himself as the topmost actor of his time, with every single performance becoming a hit with the audience. Some of his best works were "Anwara", "Nil Akhasher Niche", "Dak Babu", "Alor Michhill", "Obuj Mon", "Ora Egarojon", "Chapa Dangar Bou", "Rongba" and more. Razzak won several National Film Awards for his stellar performances. The great actor continues to appear in films, along with directing many movies and TV plays as well. His sons Bapparaj and Samrat are also involved with the movie industry.

THE WEEKLY STRUM



Song: Hey You!
Album: The Wall (1979)
Band: Pink Floyd
Lyrics and tune by Roger Waters
.....Em(9).....
Hey you! out there in the cold
.....Bm.....
Getting lonely, getting old, can you feel me
.....Em(9).....
Hey you! standing in the aisles
.....Bm.....
With itchy feet and fading smiles, can you feel me
D.....D7.....G...D...C
Hey you! don't you help them to bury the light
Bm.....Am.....Em....Dm
Don't give in without a fight.
.....Em(9).....
Hey you! out there on your own
.....Bm.....
Sitting naked by the phone would you touch me
.....Em(9).....
Hey you! with your ear against the wall
.....Bm.....
Waiting for someone to call out would you touch me
D.....D7.....G...D...C
Hey you! would you help me to carry the stone
Bm.....Am.....Em(9)
Together we stand, divided we fall.

DHAKA UNIVERSITY CENTRAL THEATRE FESTIVAL
Muharram-er Jari: Incorporating the tragedy of Karbala with rural tradition



One significant part of the troupe is all members are part of a youthful elderly generation.

Muharram-er Jari, nurtured and practiced in the South-Eastern part of the country, is a unique indigenous performing art form that combines the tragic tale of Karbala with elements incorporated from the rural lifestyle. Whereas the theatre form incorporates the story of Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain, it takes elements from the life of a rural individual, for instance, Zainal, who empathises with the tragedy of Karbala. Referring to the rivers Padma and Surma that have an affinity with the telling of the Karbala tale. As part of the ongoing 5th Dhaka University Central Theatre Festival, Muharram-er Jari was performed at the Natmandal Auditorium of DU campus, on January 25. A troupe from Comilla demonstrated the performing art. Organised by the Department of Theatre, DU the festival has been staged at Natmandal and at the TSC auditorium.

A fun day for children

Shishu Ananda Mela ends in Manikganj

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj
Parishad and president of Manikganj district unit of Bangladesh Awami League, gave away prizes among winners of the competitions at the concluding ceremony on January 25. District Children's Affairs Officer Sharmin Sultana presided over the function where Zahangir Alam Biswas, journalist and Romeza Akter Mahin, member of managing committee of the Shishu Academy, addressed the gathering. Md. Ramzan Ali, Mayor of Manikganj Municipality, inaugurated the fair on Monday while Md. Nizam Uddin, Assistant Deputy Commissioner (General), presided over the event.



Hundreds of school children participated in the competition.

A Swedish tribute to Tagore



ANISUR RAHMAN
Swedes paid tribute to Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore with a performance at Solidarity House in Stockholm on January 21. Begum Rokeya, executive director of Sabalambi Unnayan Samity (SUS), a Netrakona-district based development organisation, designed the performance, titled "Breaking the silence", featuring Tagore poems and songs. Rokeya was on a six-month visit to Stockholm to raise support from Sweden for her organisation, which she founded in the 1980s. The performing troupe included Swedes, but they performed in Bangla to reach and present the original essence. Through the performance they supported SUS. The participants included Annika Gillegard, Stina Maria Rokeya, Marjo Palokangas, Ann Bergerlind, Lisa Arbrandt, Kjell Johansson, Carl Waren, Olof Meurling and Cia Sutinen. Manfred delivered a speech on Tagore who received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913. The event was significant as the world celebrated Tagore's 150th birth anniversary in 2011 and is preparing to mark the centenary of his Nobel Prize win in 2013. Anisur Rahman, a poet from Bangladesh, lives in Uppsala, Sweden.

Beetle Baily by Mort Walker



Henry by Don Trachte

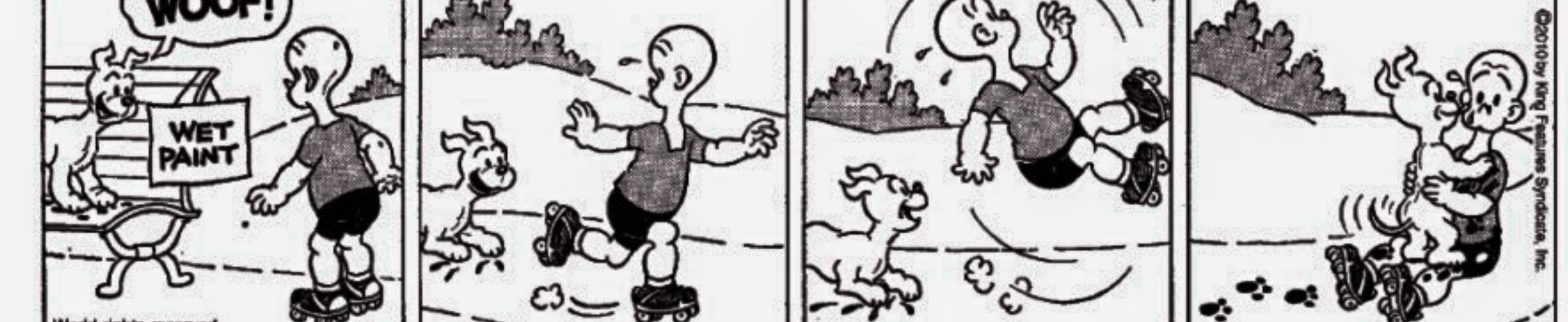


Table with TV and radio program listings for ATN Bangla, Channel I, ntv, ETV, and various radio stations.

Bela Obela Sharabela On Desh TV at 09:45pm Talk Show Guest: Dr Kamal Hossain

Minority Report On 2 Studio at 06:20pm Genre: Action/Mystery Cast: Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell

Amar Ami On BANGLAVISION at 09:05pm Celebrity Talk Show Guest: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Giasuddin Selim

Table with TV and radio program listings for Star World, Boishakhi TV, BANGLAVISION, Rtv, Desh TV, and various radio stations.

DRAMA SERIAL Boishakhi TV, BANGLAVISION, Rtv, Desh TV

NEWS BULLETIN BANGLAVISION, Rtv, Desh TV

TALK SHOW ATN BANGLA, BANGLAVISION, CHANNEL I, ntv, Desh TV, ETV