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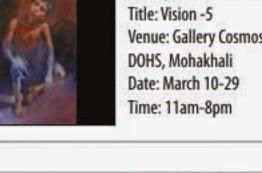
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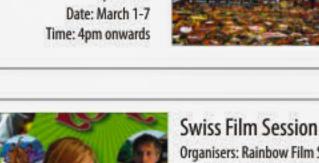








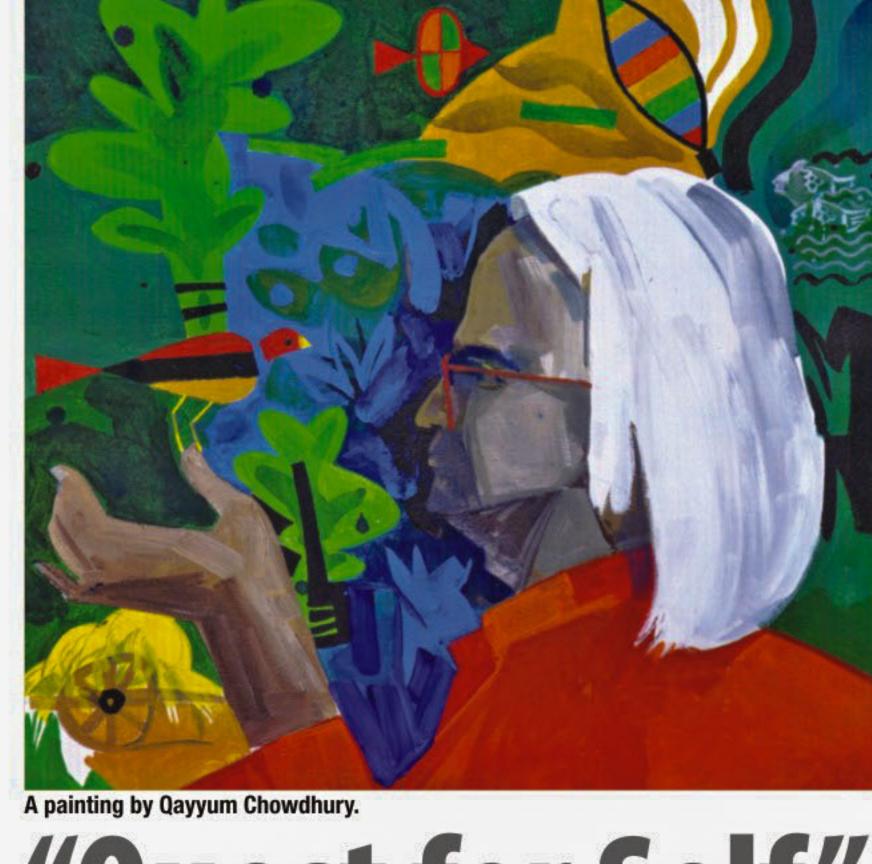












"Quest for Self"

**Qayyum Chowdhury** on 80th birthday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Artist Qayyum Chowdhury is an outstanding figure in the domain of art in Bangladesh. To celebrate his 80th birth day, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts will organise a two-week art exhibition, titled "Quest for Self". The exhibition will open on March 9 at Bengal Gallery in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. About 80 new artworks by the veteran artist will be displayed at the exhibition.

Noted artist Murtaja Baseer, author Syed Shamsul Haq, Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman and theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar will jointly inaugurate the exhibition.

Chowdhury's works highlight rural Bengali life and traditions. The country side and the lives of the villagers inspire the artist. Women, farmers, fish, flowers and greenery are recurring themes on his



Chowdhury was born in 1932 in Feni. He graduated from Govt. Institute of Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka) in 1954. He held four solo exhibitions and has participated in many group exhibitions at home and

# A star-studded 62nd Berlin Film Festival

KAMAR AHMAD SIMON

On Valentine's Day, Hollywood icon Meryl Streep was up on the podium at the Hyatt Hotel taking questions from the press. She was attending the 62nd Berlin Film Festival. The room was packed and a crowd outside was pressing to get in. Cameras were poised at the front of the room taking shots from every angle. Streep was gracious and smiled benevolently. She had come to Berlin for the award of an Honorary Golden Bear for lifetime achievement. In the middle of questions about her latest movie "The Iron Lady" about British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, a young Austrian journalist stood up and announced that the bunch of white roses he was holding were for her. Then he jumps onto the podium, hands them to her and kisses her on both cheeks. She takes it in stride and laughs saying, "Oh my husband didn't send me flowers." Talking about the Golden Bear award,

she said, "It's like a dream." Speaking about "The Iron Lady" she said it's a film that seeks to address the themes of power, loss of power and the costs of "the big life." What did she think about playing the controversial 1980s' politician? "I learned a lot of things that surprised me," she said. "Yes, she was unreasonable, autocratic and had hubris ...but she followed her beliefs. And though she would not have admitted it, she was a feminist." Then a Russian journalist walked forward to present Streep with a Matroschka doll painted by a Siberian artist with images of her in some of her iconic roles. And another journalist took the mike and told Streep "I love you Meryl!" Now she looked amazed and the crowd applauded. It looked like the 2012 Berlinale was Meryl Streep's festival.

But the festival this year was also being called the "Jolinale" reflecting the impact of megastar Angelina Jolie who had spent several days here, together with partner Brad Pitt and some of her children. She was in town to present her debut film as director -- "In the Land of Blood and Honey". The film is a heartbreaking tale set in wartime Bosnia in the early 1990s and relentlessly transm the horrors, cruelty and senselessness of that war, of all wars. It zeroes in on a young couple whose budding love is

which they find themselves on opposite

Speaking to the press, Jolie said about

the film: "We wanted to learn what happens to societies, to human beings in war, how they're changed by war. The couple's love could have been beautifu but it wasn't because war changed everything." The film is harrowing because as Jolie put it, "We had a respon sibility to show that war is truly horrible." The audience, the press loved Jolie's commitment to making the world a better place knowing that she could be relaxing in the lap of luxury if she chose And there was an award for Jolie at the

sometimes screams, eagerly awaiting the arrival of their idol. They may have been a little disappointed at the Hollywood look-alike film that was missing the joy, sorrow and emotion of Khan's earlier films. But the audience's adulation was undiminished when Khan appeared on stage at the end of the film, joined by Priyanka Chopra and director Akhtar, charming his fans with appreciative comments about Berlin and playful posing as the Don. "Will you marry me?" -- cried one corpulent admirer from the audience. To appreciative cheers Khan jovially replied, "Of course. On my next

gala event -- with signs, flags, saris and



The Changing Perspective panel from an unusual perspective.

11th Peace Gala in Berlin. It was presented by Nobel Peace Prize winner Mohammed el Baradei and a laudatio was delivered by anti-poverty campaigner Bob Geldof to a star-studded

But the festival also made room for entertaining films aimed at a different audience. There was feverish excitement at another venue ahead of a special gala screening of director Farhan Akhtar's "Don -- the King is Back". In this Indian-German co-production, the Don's escapades take him to Berlin, which is what gives this pretty vacuous action film a connection to the festival. A charming gangster and a beautiful female cop do battle. Opposites attract. The considerable German fan base of Bollywood gia Shah Rukh Khan was mobilised for the

The Berlinale is known as a "political" film festival and this was underlined in the speech of German Cultural State Minister Naumann at the opening ceremony when he pronounced, "The film festival is more political than ever. It reflects our time of upheaval and change. It unifies in an exemplary way great cinema, political reflection and openness to the world." Noting the role of film as a motor for change, he said this

meant that courageous filmmakers, activists and artistes working in the Mid dle East / North Africa and elsewhere faced persecution. He emphasised the importance of the festival showing solidarity with democracy, human rights and artistic freedom. "Democracy needs culture and culture needs freedom," he said. A theme of the conference was the

Arab Spring with documentaries, feature films and podium discussions featuring outstanding writers, journalists and filmmakers including the Moroccan author Tahar Ben Jalloun and Spanish

actor and producer Javier Bardem.

The eight-person international jury this year was chaired by British film director Mike Leigh and included stars like Jake Gyllenhall, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Barbara Sukowa and Algerian writer Boualem Sansal, who were ntroduced at the opening ceremony. Like last year, there was an Iranian representative on the jury, director Asghar Farhadi, whose 2011 film "Nader und Simin -- Eine Trennung" won the Golden Bear at last year's Berlinale. Last year his fellow Iranian film director Jafar Panahi was a jury member but was not permitted by the Iranian government to attend the festival

The French film, "Farewell My Queen", which was a contender in the competition section opened the festival. German actress Diane Kruger starred in this slowmoving film in the role of Queen Marie Antoinette, who was beheaded during the French Revolution. The story covers a period of time leading up to and immediately following the storming of the Bastille in Paris when the royal court was in confusion and disarray about what the events outside meant for them. Kruger, the director and fellow cast members were on hand for the screening.

French actress Isabelle Isabelle Huppert was here to promote another contender, "Captive", together with Philppine director Brillante Mendoza. The film is based on the true story of a kidnapping of tourists and missionaries in 2001. According to Huppert, Mendoza's approach as a director was to use the script only as a general guideline and to keep the actors in suspense from day to day, just like the experience of hostages "It's not a classical movie," she said. It was the most incredible and extreme experience I've ever lived!"

At the Berlinale too each day was a little different than expected. An estimated 60,000 visitors were in town for the festival, braving freezing temperatures and snow. They had a choice among nearly 400 films screened at the festival during its 10 day run, from February 9 to 19.

## **Celebrating Life** in Khulna



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

"Celebrating Life", cultural programme organised by The Daily Star, was held on March 1 on Khulna University campus The programme included an open-air concert followed by a short film show.

The Vice Chancellor of Khulna University, Dr. Md. Saifuddin Shah, inaugurated the programme as chief guest.

Supported by Standard Chartered Bank, the concert and film show were held also in cooperation with the 35 MM Khulna University Movie Club. Executive editor of The Daily Star,

Syed Badrul Ahsan, and director of KU Student Affairs, Dr. Anirban Mostafa, were also present as special guests. The chief guest in his inaugural speech said that the young are the architects of a nation.

The Vice Chancellor of KU claimed that Khulna University is an exception as there is no session jam, unhealthy student politics or campus terrorism.

The executive editor of The Daily Star, Syed Badrul Ahsan, and director of KU Student Affairs, Dr. Anirban Mostafa, also addressed the inaugural function of The inaugural function was followed

by the concert and short film show that were enjoyed by a large number of students of Khulna University, ignoring scorching heat.

kept the audience spellbound with eight The entire programme was conducted

by editor of Star Insight magazine, Rafi

# Celebrated vocalist Tapan Chowdhury

# Anya Prokash turns 16

A CORRESPONDENT

This year, Anya Prokash, a leading publis ing house, turned 16. On the occasion, Anya Prokash has organised a 10-day book fair at the premises of Central Public Library, Shahbagh, Dhaka. The fair opened on March 3.

Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman inaugurated the fair as chief guest. Syed Manzoorul Islam, Professor of English Department, Dhaka University; rhymester

Alam Talukdar, director of Central Public Library and a number of poets, authors

and publishers attended the programme. New publications from Anya Prokash are being offered at this fair. Popular novelist Humayun Ahmed's "Rochonaboli-Paach" was launched at the fair on the opening day.

This year, the house brought out nearly 50 new publications at the Ekushey Boi Mela. The fair also features poetry recitation, street plays and cultural events.

The fair will continue till March 12.

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MY SON IS WRITING A

BOOK ON LOONEY LOSERS

# Workshop on elocution

Kobitar Class Abriti Charcha O Proshikkan Kendra (elocution training centre) of the city organised a programme at Barisal Aswani Kumar Hall on Friday evening. The programme was designed, directed and

conducted by renowned elocutionist Sonia Al-Aksa in collaboration with Anjuman Ara Keya, Sharmin Akhtar and Suchi Mandal on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the organisation Cynthia Tazrin, secretary to the organisation

said that they trained 65 orphans and underprivileged boys and girls of Barisal district in elocution and the programme was attended by the former and present students and teachers of Advocate Shawkat Hossain Hiron; Barisal

City Corporation mayor; Talukder Md Younus MP; Balram Poddar, director Janata Bank; Mahbubul Islam, deputy director District Social Welfare Office; Saidur Rahman Rintu president of Barisal Chamber of Commerce and Industries; Bijoy Krishna Dey, social worker; Azmal Hossain Labu, presidium member of Abriti Samonnay Parishad; leading cul tural activists Syed Dulal and Kajal Ghosh addressed the audience.



# Entertaining fare Scholastica students stage "Gupi Gayen Bagha Bayen"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of its annual presentation, Scholastica Senior Section Drama and Music Club staged an adaptation of Upendra Kishor Roy Chowdhury's popular literary work for children, "Gupi Gayen Bagha Bayen". The play was staged on March 1 and 2 at the STM Hall, Uttara, Dhaka. Kazi Toufikul Islam Emon, a member of

Prachyanat and teacher of the school, directed

Students of the senior section of the school performed on stage with enthusiasm. On the first day, veteran actor-director Mamunur Rashid enjoyed the play as guest of honour.

The story of the popular fictional follows two young men, Gupinath from Amlokigram and Baghanath from Uttarkut village. Gupi has a great passion for singing, while Bagha loves to play the dhol. However, neither of them has the talent nor training to excel and are ridiculed by their neighbours.

As fate would have it, the two meet in a forest and to their good fortune, have an audience with the Ghost King who surprisingly enjoys their music and grants them three wishes.

Gupi and Bagha start their new life with the awesome power of the three wishes that have been granted. They travel to the kingdom of Shundi to participate in a singing competition.



Students of the senior section of the school perform in the play.

## Amitabh Bachchan is recovering well Amitabh Bachchan who underwent two abdominal surgeries at Mumbai

Sevenhills hospital is recovering well at home. He informs his fans that he is repairing gradually but will take time. His ardent fans are very conscious about his health. "Many ask how I am doing ... I am repairing well and gradually, but it

does take time, is all I can say...will persevere to hasten it," the 69-year-old Big B was operated on February 11 and was under observation for 12 days long. Post operation, his condition deteriorated and following which doctors assumed another surgery but gradually he showed sign of

Though doctors advised him complete rest, Amitabh Bachchan makes it a point to meet his fans every Sunday morning who stands in front of his gate to have a glimpse of the megastar. With a smile on his face, Big B waves his hand to his fans.

improvement. After operation, he was in acute pain.

"Gosh! Another Sunday? But we just had one the other day! Surprising how time flies even when you do nothing...will attempt to meet the fans and well wishers like all Sundays at the gate ... if they come," he further

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**Beetle Baily** 



### **HIGH HOPES**

#### 31st National Rabindra Sangeet Conference to begin on March 8 poetry and felicitating eminent per-

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The three-day 31st Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan (National Rabindra Sangeet Conference) will begin at Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) on March 8. Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad (JRSSP) is the organiser of the event.

This is the first such national conerence in Mymensingh The programme with the theme "Bondhon Hok Khoy" (destruction of bondage) includes discussions, informal gatherings of Tagore singers, ren-

dition of Tagore songs, staging of

Veteran Tagore artiste Kazi

Shahiahan Hafiz will inaugurate the conference. Motiur Rahman MP will be the chief guest at the inaugural Marking the conference, a seminar

will be held at Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) pre mises on March 9. Professor Md. Rafigul Hoque, the vice-chancellor of BAU, will attend the seminar as chief guest Professor Asitbaran Ghosh will prese the keynote paper at the seminar

Eminent artiste of the country.

Mustafa Monwar, will be the chief

central unit, will preside over the con-Some 200 artistes from Dhaka will

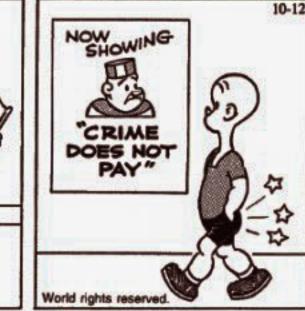
attend the conference. Besides, some 300 artistes and organisers from 76 branches of Jativo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad throughout the country will attend Veteran cultural activist Professor

Jatin Sarker from Netrakona and artiste Shamsuzzaman from Rajshahi will be honoured on the concluding day of the three-day programme, said Sohrab Uddin, secretary, Sammelan Parishad's central unit. Atigul Alam, member secretary of

guest at the concluding session of the the celebration committee, said, "It is programme. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, a great achievement for us to organise dance-drama, recitation from Tagore's president of Sammelan Parishad's such a programme in Mymensingh."

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