

WHAT'S ON

**18th Young Artists' Art Exhibition**  
Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: March 2-16  
Time: 3-8pm

**Music and Dance Programme**  
Tagore's Fireflies  
Organiser: Shadha  
Venue: Main Auditorium, Chhayaman  
Date: March 15, Time: 7pm

**Tagore Dance-Drama**  
Title: 'Mayer Khela'  
Organiser: Shadha  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: March 18  
Time: 7pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Quest for Self  
Artist: Gayam Chowdhury  
Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dharmad  
Date: March 9-22  
Time: 12pm-8pm

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Vision -5  
Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2, New DOHS, Mohakhali  
Date: March 10-29  
Time: 11am-9pm

**Waheedul Haque Smarok Desghar-er Gaan**  
Organiser: Chhayaman  
Venue: Sakaltala, Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University

**Tagore Dance-Drama**  
Title: 'Raganatar Khela'  
Organiser: High Commission of India, Dhaka  
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum  
Date: March 16

**Waheedul Haque Memorial Programme**  
Title: Ohoy Bajey Hriday Majhey  
Organiser: Kanthashilin  
Venue: Shaikat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library

ACTOR WITH AN EDGE

# In conversation with Intekhab Dinar

*Intekhab Dinar has cemented his place as an actor, with a constant display of talent throughout his decade-long career. He has a natural knack for acting, with fluent performances in both positive and negative roles. Although he began his journey with theatre, he has been busy in the TV medium of late.*  
*Dinar recently talked to The Daily Star (TDS) on his thriving career, his beginnings in the media and much more. Excerpts from the interview:*

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

**How did you begin your journey as an actor?**  
Dinar: I joined Nagorik Natya Somproday in 1995 and became involved seriously in acting since then. With the theatre group I performed in "Nurul Diner Sharajibon", "Ochloyoton", "Mrityu Sangbad", "Galileo", "Dewan Gazir Kissa" and "Shankha Chil". However, I left the theatre world in 2001.

**Was there any specific reason behind the decision to quit the stage?**  
Dinar: Yes. I became too busy with my work in TV plays. I felt that I couldn't keep on ignoring my theatre responsibilities and still be a member of the group. I must say one thing though -- that during the time I was involved with theatre, I never missed a rehearsal or a show. I moved away from theatre after realising that I couldn't dedicate myself completely to the stage.

**Did you dream that you would become an actor?**  
Dinar: No I didn't have any such plan. After passing my Intermediate exams, some of my friends went to see a play by Nagarik. It felt amazing watching the performance and I went back for more. Gradually I felt theatre was my calling. Then I saw an advertisement for new actors for Nagarik Natya Somproday. I faced an interview and was one of the 21 selected.

**What was your first TV play?**  
Dinar: It was Salahuddin Lavlu's "Gor", written by Gazi Rakayet. After that, directors were interested in casting me. The play created quite a stir. The mega-series "Bondhon" soon followed and after that, there was no turning back for me.

**What were the turning points of your career?**  
Dinar: My TV debut in "Gor" was definitely a significant point in my career. "Bondhon" also acted as a turning point. Other mentionable dramas that helped shape my career are "Share Tin Tola", "Kachher Manush", "Sponsor Baire" etc.

**What projects are keeping you busy now?**  
Dinar: I'm currently acting in "Poush Phaguner Pala", which is being aired by ATN Bangla. NTV is also airing a serial titled "Poth Gecche Beke"; "Komol Bibir Othi" and "Kana Sirajuddola" are being aired by Channel i. I'm also doing several new serials like "Gronthigon Kohe", "Restaurant 21", "Villa Pabna" and "Chorkata".

**You've also worked in movies?**  
Dinar: I acted in "Jaijatra", "Phire Esho Behula". I want to act



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more for the silver screen, but the projects will have to be appealing to me. I'm set to work on a new film this year by Afsana Mimi, called "Camp".

**What characters interests you most?**  
Dinar: Any character which gives me the opportunity to act seems appealing. It doesn't matter if it's a positive or a negative role. Any artist will look for characters that allow them to demonstrate their acting skills; I'm no different.

**What is your opinion on the overall situation in the TV play scene?**  
Dinar: There is a mix of both good and bad productions. But I'm disappointed at the overall situation, as viewers do not have the time to watch good works among the flurry of channels and TV plays.

# Street theatre fest in Sunamganj ends

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, *Sylhet*

A three-day street theatre fest with the theme, 'Sunamganj Proscenium Pathanatok Uthsab-2012' concluded on March 11 in the district town of Sunamganj. The event drew a good number of spectators every day.

To observe the 9th anniversary of the theatre group, Sunamganj Proscenium, the event was held at the Sunamganj Municipality intersection. Proscenium chief Sadiqur Rahman chaired the inaugural function on Friday, while veteran dramatist Sukumar Das and Satyanjan Talukder, adviser Shergul Ahmed; Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad's local unit president Prodip Paul Nita and theatre activist Anish Talukder addressed the audience.

# Baul Rashid Festival in Netrakona

JAHANGIR ALAM, *Netrakona*

The Baul Rashid Memorial Festival was held at Rajbazar Collegiate School premises in Netrakona town on Friday night to pay tribute to the late Baul Rashiduddin and recall his outstanding contribution to folk culture.

The night long festival was inaugurated by Matiur Rahaman Khan, Administrator of Netrakona Zila Parishad and organised by Baul Rashid Academy, Netrakona. The festival was presided over by president of Baul Rashid Academy Nazrul Islam Khan. Local MP Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru was present as chief guest. ADC Netrakona Mohammad Anwar Hossein Chowdhury, Police Super Joydeb Kumar and Netrakona Sadar Upazila Chairman Tafsiruddin Khan addressed the gathering about the outstanding contribution of Baul Rashiduddin to folk culture.

Renowned folk singer Bari Siddiqui, Sirajuddin Pathan, Abbas Salam and other Bauls from different parts of the country performed the songs of the



The night-long fest featured noted folk artists of the region.

folk culture. Rashiduddin along with some other renowned folk singers including Abdul Karim, Jalal Kha, Ukil Munshi and Chand Mia formed a society of bard singers in the downstream areas under greater Mymensingh region at the beginning of 19th century to highlight the folk culture of the region.

# GOODBYE JAMIL

FAYZA HAQ

To have worked with him and to have seen him go about his work, was surely more vital than flashing him an ever ready smile. When I learned about his sudden death, I could not quite accept the Creator's ways. Why Shawkat Jamil, the popular but quiet photojournalist? I was going in the crazy heat to Gulshan, and then coming to Dhanmandi at past five. At six pm, there was no one to come with to office on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue.

We all, I'm sure, grieved with the passing away, who will join us no more, like so many of our colleagues and friends.

Jamil was like some noiseless giant among us -- working tirelessly. Photojournalists are people that go about their work, with a nod and smile. They often don't indulge in banter and guffaw. They remain subtle shutter clickers. What they feel or think comes through the lens. They remain persons with more action than words. "A photo says what a thousand words do" -- goes the adage.

I have worked with other photographers and they are not as kind and understanding as Jamil. Till the sands of life have run, we'll always remember him, Jamil with his strides, ready to toil and tussle, till his last breath.

Jamil was brief, and to the



PHOTO: STAR

point, too. He was jolly, and had time for subtle camaraderie. He was a friendly face, in the rush of the newspaper existence. His silent determined ways were surely admirable. Action-packed, but peace loving -- who could help but like him? There was surely not a bone in him that one could pick a quarrel with. Gentle, quiet, never aggressive, nor intimidating in any way, he

joined The Daily Star in 2005. Many of us are shocked into silence with our grief and our memories. We have only our work and our friends and families, who understand, what his sudden departure means to us. God loves those who die young. Jamil gave us at least almost seven years of his company.

# WAEPA, Bangladesh celebrates International Women's Day



Tamanna Rahman performs at the programme.

Women Architects Engineers Planners Association (WAEPA), Bangladesh celebrated International Women's Day with an informal gathering of architects, engineers and planners on March 10, according to a press release.

The venue was the conference room of Planner's Tower (Level 7), of Bir Uttam C.R. Datta Road, Dhaka. The focus of the celebration was to give recognition and reception to three distinguished pioneering women graduates from the first batch of each of the disciplines of architecture, engineering and planning.

Architect Wajeda Rab, engineer Khaleida Shahriar Kabir and planner Monowara Begum -- all three pioneering graduates from the technical profession were given crests. Later, they shared their experiences with the audience.

The event also featured a vibrant cultural programme where noted dancer Tamanna Rahman gave a performance.

WAEPA, Bangladesh is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the cause of the development of women professionals of the country by further enhancing professionalism, expertise and knowledge base so that women's contribution can benefit our society, nation and the progress of human heritage in general.

# Hasan Azizul Haque honoured in Sylhet



Hasan Azizul Haque (3-L) receives award at the programme.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

Veteran writer Hasan Azizul Haque was accorded a warm reception at a function at the Sylhet Zila Shilpakala Academy Auditorium last Friday evening.

Vice-chancellor of the Shahjalal university of Science & Technology (SUST), Professor Md. Saleh Uddin, chaired the discussion while Vice-chancellor of the Metropolitan University, Sylhet, Professor Md. Abdul Aziz; writer Wasi Ahmed;

Professor Suresh Ranjan Basak; Dr. Moshuque Ahmed Deen and poet Shuvendu Imam addressed the gathering.

The cover jacket of a publication on the writer was unveiled at the function.

After the discussion, a session of Shah Abdul Karim songs was also held at the event. Artists Jamal Uddin Hasan Banna, Shamim Ahmed, Mitali Chakrabarty, Lincoln Das and others performed while Nandita Dutta conducted the function.

# Citi-Ananda Alo Sahitya Puroshkar 2012 conferred

The fifth Citi-Ananda Alo Sahitya Puroshkar (Literary Award) 2012 ceremony was held at the Channel i Center at Tejgaon in the city recently, says a press release.

Bangla Academy Director General, Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan; Managing Director of Channel i, Faridur Reza Sagar; Managing Director and Country Officer of Citibank NA, Bangladesh, Rashed Maksud and Editor of Ananda Alo, Rezanur Rahman, were present at the event.

Litterateur Professor Harishankar Jaldas was awarded for his novel while Shahabuddin Nagori was honoured for his poem; Lutfar Rahman Riton and Anjer Liton jointly for literature for adolescents; Saymon Zakaria and Nazmin Mortuza jointly for essays and actor Afzal Hossain for the best cover.



Awardees along with the guests at the ceremony.

Mazhar Sarkar was also awarded as an upcoming poet. The awardees were given in two categories -- Tk 25,000 and a crest. Ananda Alo, a fortnightly entertainment magazine, in collaboration with Citibank NA, Bangladesh introduced the award in 2008.

# Professor Stephen Hawking films Big Bang Theory cameo

Professor Stephen Hawking has filmed a cameo for US sitcom The Big Bang Theory, due to be aired next month.

The famous physicist will appear in a scene with socially awkward scientist Sheldon Cooper, played by Jim Parsons.

Producers had asked Professor Hawking, best known for his best-selling book A Brief History of Time, to appear on the show before, but he had been too ill to take part. He previously recorded voice-overs for animations The Simpsons and Futurama.

Last year, he fronted his own TV series Brave New World for Channel 4, which looked at new developments in science and how they might benefit mankind.

It also showcased the Professor's new voice synthesizer, which replaced the robotic voice he has come to be associated with.

Professor Hawking relies on text-to-speech software to communicate because of motor neurone disease, which leaves him unable to speak.



Professor Hawking will appear alongside actor Jim Parsons.



He turned 70 earlier this year but missed some of his birthday celebrations due to illness.

The Big Bang Theory is the second highest-rated comedy on US television, just behind Two and a Half Men. Both were

actress who works in a Cheesecake Factory restaurant.

It has attracted many cameos from sci-fi actors such as Will Wheaton, Summer Glau and Leonard Nimoy.

Several high-profile scientists have also appeared, including astrophysicist Dr George Smoot and theoretical physicist Dr Brian Greene.

Professor Hawking has been referenced in the series once before.

During the fourth series, comic book fan Howard Wolowitz (Simon Helberg) left Sheldon a fake voicemail, pretending to be the British physicist.

"I wish to discuss your theory on black holes," said the message. "Meet me at Randy's Donuts."

Professor Hawking's cameo will be screened in the US on 5 April, and on Channel 4 in the UK at a later date.

Source: BBC

# Charuniram holds public screening of one-hour TV plays

A CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Charuniram had arranged a six-day public screening of one-hour TV plays at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library in Dhaka. The screening began on March 9.

The screening mainly features one-hour plays, already aired on different TV channels.

Director-actor Gazi Rakayet, also directed of Charuniram, said that they had arranged the screening to give the audience a chance to enjoy the works without any interruption such as constant commercial breaks.

An award-giving event was also part of the programme. A total of 24 plays have been screened throughout six days.

On the inaugural day, five plays -- "Abar Falgun", "Bajab Ali O Taar Kafoner Kotha", "A Journey by Politics" and "Shambhar Rat Doshtha Challish Minute" -- were screened. On the following day, "Nishi Kabya", "Thatamata Shohore", "Dahlia" and "Pancham Bibaho Barshiki" were screened.

Yesterday, the last day, featured "100 Meter", "Chhabir Deshe Kabitar Deshey", "August-e Lekha Galpo Shamagra" and Metric Pass Fakir". Charuniram has been arranging such festivals since 2009.

# Beetle Baily



by Mort Walker

# Henry



by Don Trachte

ATN BANGLA	11:20 Business and Finance 12:10 Bangla Feature Film 06:15 Ama Korbo Joy 08:00 Drama Serial: Not Out 11:00 Drama	04:30 Durpath 06:30 Dur Durantey 07:45 Drama Serial: Mayer Doa Poribahan 09:45 Style & Fashion 11:55 Drama
CHANNEL i	11:05 Shantir Pothey 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 02:40 Hridaya Man O Manusher Daak 03:30 Bangla Feature Film 06:45 Tomake Payer Jonno Hey Shadhinota	10:02 Bangla Feature Film 05:30 Amazing Animals 06:30 Char Deyal-er Khela 08:00 Tele-film 11:00 Tomay Gaan Shonabo
NTV	10:05 Tele-film 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey 06:15 Shubho Shondhya 09:00 Amaro Gaithe Kichche Holo 11:30 Music Euphony	10:50 Bruce Almighty 01:30 National Treasure: Book of Secrets 07:20 The Savage Five 09:25 Shanghai Noon 12:00 Shanghai Knights HBO 02:10 Superman Returns

abcr radio FM 89.2	06:00 Bhoros Janakaly 09:00 Mukhorito Jibony 12:00 Barun Bapney 03:00 Doyana Bakiy 05:00 Shandhuras 07:00 Shajer Maya 09:00 Raat-er Akashy 11:00 Gajper Shesh Ne Radio Footi 07:30 Hello Dhaka	10:00 Morning Express 12:00 My Time 01:00 No Tension 04:00 Dhaka Calling 06:00 Night Rider RADIO TODAY FM 89.6 06:00 Green FM 08:00 Good Morning Dhaka 12:00 Today's Idea 04:00 J Tam 07:00 Tabey Tai Hok
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**In Highway**  
On Rtv at 11:20pm  
Single Episode  
TV Play  
Cast: Hassan Masud, Farhana Mill

**United 93**  
On HBO at 09:30pm  
Genre: Drama/History  
Cast: David Alan Basche, Olivia Thirlby

**Tomay Gaan Shonabo**  
On Maasranga Television at 11:00pm  
Medical  
Programme (Live)  
Singer: Dr.

ETV	11:30 Ekushey-er Business 05:40 Sports Plus 07:50 Drama 09:30 Ekushey-er Chokh 10:10 Tebuo Badhon	05:20 Copy Out 07:30 Louis L'Amour's The Diamond of Jeru 09:30 United 93 11:50 Clash of the Titans
Boishakhi TV	10:30 Bangla Feature Film 04:15 Shorashori Doctor 08:10 Priyo Mukh 09:20 Drama Serial: Chup Adalat Chokchhey	11:30 Desperate Housewives 02:30 Supernatural 03:30 Missing 10:30 Unforgettable 11:30 The Big Bang Theory National Geographic Channel 02:30 Seconds from Disaster 04:30 Animals Gone 04:30 Crazy 08:30 In the Womb 09:30 Inside 11:30 Ranged Up Ahead
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Rtv	10:30 Bangla Feature Film 05:00 Camera R Gaan 05:30 Jadar Dechey 11:20 Drama: In Highway 12:05 Music Fest	02:30 Man vs. Wild 03:30 Rango 08:30 Nature's Power Revealed 10:30 Dual Survival

ATN BANGLA	08:40pm Chand Phul Amabothoy 09:20pm Moshjeer GA	BANGLAVISION	08:15pm Bokuipurer Jatri 09:05pm Oshpur 09:50pm Dhan Shaliker Gaon
CHANNEL i	09:35pm Shokal Shondhya Raat	CHANNEL i	09:05pm Dhan Shaliker Gaon
ntv	08:15pm Rupkotha 09:45pm Dokkhinayoner Din	Desh TV	08:15pm Sat Kahon
Boishakhi TV	08:40pm Tabelat	Maasranga Television	09:30pm Dilur Golpo

BTV	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm News (English) at 10am, 6pm, 10pm ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm News (English) at 9am, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm CHANNEL i News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm ntv News (Bangla) at 2pm, 2:30pm, 10:30pm ETV News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm Boishakhi TV	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm News (English) at 9am, 6pm BANGLAVISION News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm Rtv News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm Desh TV News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm Maasranga Television News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am
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ATN BANGLA	12:30pm Lead News	10:30pm Reporters Diary 12:30pm Zen Hour
CHANNEL i	09:45am Trio Matra 11:30pm Tarika Kothon 12:30pm Shuvpuro Dear Din	BANGLAVISION 11:25pm Talk of the Week Rtv 10:40am Rankalop 07:40pm Our Democracy Desh TV 10:30pm Desh E Golpo
ntv	12:10pm Ei Shonoy	
Boishakhi TV		