

WHAT'S ON

Liberation War National Theatre Festival
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 2-14

Group Art exhibition
Title: "The Voice of Time-2"
Venue: Institute of Art and Culture, H-2, B-1/A, Gulshan-1
Date: July 7-20
Time: 3pm-8pm

Indo-Bangla Master Painters Exhibition
Venue: Gallery Realis, H-300, Rd-19/B, New DMC, Mohakhali
Date: July 7-16
Time: 12-8pm

Theatre
Play: Lal Jamin
Troupe: Shanyan
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 11
Time: 7pm

Film Screening
Film: Dark Resonance (Shobko)
Filmmaker: Khalid Mahmood Mithu
Venue: Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-31, R-24, Gulshan-1
Date: July 12

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Color of Time
Venue: Radice Art Gallery, Bay's Galleria, 57 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1
Date: June 29-July 21

Solo Print Exhibition
Title: Living with the Expressions
Artist: Bahar Karim Rumee
Venue: Dhaka Art Center, H-60, R-7/A, Dharmamoni
Date: June 30-July 10
Time: 12pm-8pm

Award Giving & Cultural Programme
Organiser: Goutamgiri Lalitkala Academy
Venue: Khadisa O Kotir Shilpa Institute Auditorium, H24/A, Rd-13/A, Sec-6, Uttara

IN CONVERSATION

Shafiq Tuhin: Music and Lyrics

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Shafiq Tuhin is one of the busiest and most popular lyricists and music composers of this time. Recently, he has taken on the avatar of a singer as well. Tuhin experienced a radical change in his career in 2010 when he appeared as a singer. His solo album "Shopno Ebong Tumi" came out on Valentine's Day that year, and the track "Er Beshi Bhalobasha Jaye Na" from that album turned him into a singing star. The song appealed to the youth in particular and from then on the song has been on the lips of the people from all over the country. Tuhin's current fame as a singer owes much to

this song. He says, "Two lakh copies of the album were sold even in this age of piracy. This was really a great achievement for me."
This hugely successful album was followed by Tuhin's next album, "Shafiq Tuhin.com". His album "Paglami" came out in the current year. Elita, Kona and Nancy have sung with Tuhin in this album on three different duets.

However, Tuhin's initiation into the music world was as a lyricist. As a sign of his talent in lyric writing he had already received Citycell Channel i Music Awards, and BCSS Award. Tuhin started writing lyrics back in 1995. His first written song was sung by Shakila Zafar. So far he has written about 1,000 songs and many of his songs have won the hearts of the listeners, as for example "Mon Re" sung by SI Tutul, "Tomar Dekha

Naire" sung by James, "Chondrima Ekhone Tomaye Bhalobashi" by Hasan and "Bibekheena Tumio".
In 2001, just after graduating from the University of Dhaka, Tuhin chose lyric writing as his career. That year he wrote all the songs for Ayub Bachchu's album "Mon Jole" which was a huge success. This cemented his position as a lyricist. Inspired by his initial success, he decided to stick to this profession for the rest of his life.

Tuhin has written songs for many luminary singers including Sabina Yasmin, Runa Laila, Shahnaz Rahmatullah, Tapan Chowdhury and Kumar Biswajit. His songs have also been sung by young artists like Nancy, Kona and Arfin Rumei.

He has written the song "Ekbar Boli Bar Bar Boli" rendered by Nancy and Arfin Rumei, which was ranked number one on the charts this year. Another superhit track is "Tumi Amar Na Bola Bhalobasha". This song was also sung by Rumei.

Apart from lyric writing, Tuhin has composed tunes for Sabina Yasmin, Andrew Kishore, Bappa Majumder, Nancy and many others. Furthermore, he has worked as film music director.

Currently he is creating tunes for some of his self-written Bangla songs with the purpose of bringing out an album where the co-singers will be Rezwana Chowdhury Bonna and Ferdous Ara.
Shafiq Tuhin's versatility has been confirmed by his consecutive successes. While talking about his passion for music, Tuhin says, "I cannot think of anything else but music and I want to dedicate my whole life to it."



The singer and elocutionist performed songs and poems of Rabindranath Tagore on Borsha.



PHOTO: MUMTI M.

Music and poetry on Monsoon

Nargis Chowdhury and Ahkam Ullah perform at The Daily Star Centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Padatik-Bangladesh arranged a programme featuring music and recitation at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka on July 7. Themed on monsoon, the event titled, "Nibir Megher Chhayae", featured singer Nargis Chowdhury and elocutionist Ahkam Ullah. The duo performed songs and poems of Rabindranath Tagore on Borsha.

"Eparey Mukhor Holo Keka Oi" by the artiste followed. The singer chose to present the songs set on monsoon-themed ragas, including Malhar, Pilu Malhar and Gaur Malhar. She then rendered "Shawan Gaganey", a song from "Bhanusingher Padabali" that Tagore wrote at the age of 16.

Nargis Chowdhury's repertoire also included -- "Ogo Amar Shraban Megher", "Ogo Tumi Panchadoshi", "Nibir Megher Chhayae", "Mor Bhabnarey Ki Hawaye", "E Bhora Bador Mah Bhadar", "Aaji Jhorer Raat-e", "Oi Malaitlata" and a baitalik composition "Megher Porey Megh Jomechhey".

Almas Ali on violin, Rajan Saha on tabla and Najmul Hossain on percussion instrumentally accompanied the performances.

Editor of Star Arts and Entertainment, Sadya Afreen Mallick, delivered the welcome address prior to the performance. With apt references to monsoon, Executive Editor of The Daily Star, Syed Badrul Haman, emceed the event. Chief of Padatik-Bangladesh and general manager (production) of The Daily Star, Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, planned and coordinated the programme.

DVD LAUNCH
Japani Bodhu comes to Dhaka

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA

The premiere show and DVD release of Tanvir Mokammel's documentary "Japani Bodhu" were held on the evening of July 6 at the Public Library auditorium in Shahbagh, Dhaka.

Shiro Sadoshima, the Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, launched the DVD. After the formal launch, the 67-minute documentary about a Dhaka-born Bengali woman Horiproba Basu Mallick, who married Japanese entrepreneur Wemon Takeda and was the first woman from the Indian subcontinent to write a book on Japan, was screened.

At the DVD launch, the Japanese Ambassador said that the current year marked 40 years of establishment of Japan-Bangladesh diplomacy and expressed the hope that

the film would help further strengthen ties between the two countries.
Mokammel, in his speech, narrated the background of Horiproba and the research prior to the making of the film. The director said Horiproba was perhaps inspired by her farther Sashibhusan Basu Mallick who believed that "international marriage" was a solution to the problems of caste, cultural and community divides.

It was a full-house at the Public Library auditorium with the presence of the cultural elite of Dhaka and young film enthusiasts. Some Japanese families living in Dhaka also attended the function and viewed the film.
The English subtitled DVD of "Japani Bodhu" will be available at all major DVD outlets in Dhaka, according to Mokammel. He said that "Japani Bodhu" would be premiered in Tokyo either in August or November this year and the dates are being finalised.



Shiro Sadoshima (left), the Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, with Mokammel at the event.

New Spider-Man spotlights brooding Peter Parker



REUTERS, New York

He's been in comics, cartoons, on TV and in movies, but for the new film "The Amazing Spider-Man," its makers bring out a more brooding and human web-slinger than fans have seen before.

Director Marc Webb, known for low-budget film romance "500 Days of Summer," explores not just the origin of how Peter Parker becomes crime-fighting superhero Spider-Man. He and the writers craft a tale that is as much about Parker -- a 17-year-old filled with angst, independence and desire for love -- as it is about action, adventure and catching crooks.

"I am a huge Spider-Man fan and I love this idea that there is this kid that has the same problems we do," Webb said.

The new tale reboots the modern film series that began with 2002's "Spider-Man" starring Tobey Maguire as the comic book crime fighter over three movies. The Sam Raimi-directed trilogy netted around \$2.5 billion at the box

office for its makers Marvel Studios and distributor Sony Pictures Entertainment.

The fourth instalment puts Andrew Garfield, 28, into the Spidey role. Relatively unknown when first cast, the Los Angeles-born, British-raised Garfield showed his acting chops in 2010 Facebook film "The Social Network" and this year was nominated for Broadway's Tony award in "Death of a Salesman."

"The Amazing Spider-Man" begins with Parker as a 7-year-old as his parents place him with his aunt May (Sally Field) and uncle Ben (Martin Sheen), then mysteriously disappear.

Ten years later, Parker is an outcast -- a bullied, skateboarding high schooler with a chip on his shoulder and an eye for classmate Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone). The pair shares a love of science and soon begins to fall for each other. One problem: Stacy's dad is a New York City police captain.

Stone, a star of 2011 civil rights drama "The Help," said she has done love stories before, but this one was different.

Naomi Watts plays Princess Diana

The first image of Naomi Watts playing Diana, Princess of Wales, has been released by film company Ecosse.

The British-born actress is starring in a film that portrays the last two years of Princess Diana's life.

Principal photography started this week. The film is due out next year.

Speaking from the set, Watts said: "I'm excited and honoured to be playing the role of a truly remarkable woman, who had such a positive and profound impact in so many ways."

Since being announced in February, the film has changed its name from "Caught in Flight" to the simpler "Diana".

Directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel of "Downfall" fame, it is believed to explore the princess' relationship with the heart surgeon Hasnat Khan.

The pair had a discreet romantic affair that began in 1995 and ended a few months before her death in August 1997.

Ecosse said the biopic "charts how finding true personal happiness allowed her to achieve her defining successes, as she evolved into a major international campaigner and humanitarian".

Dr. Khan will be played by Naveen Andrews, from "The Buddha of Suburbia" and "Lost", with other cast members including Douglas Hodge and Juliet Stevenson.

It is rumoured the film will also touch upon the princess' relationship with Dodi Al Fayed, and her death following a Paris car crash.
Ecosse directors Robert Bernstein and Douglas Rae have moved to quash any criticism of the film, saying that "everyone's aim [was] to produce a truly insightful and compassionate study of Diana's later years."
Watts rose to fame in Australian soap opera "Home and Away" before enjoying big-screen success in "King Kong", "21 Grams" and "Mulholland Drive".
Aged 43, she is six years older than Diana was when she died.

SOURCE: BBC



OPEN HOUSE
El Scorcho Film Festival

Le Putas del Cinema's El Scorcho Film Festival opened on July 5, at the Dhaka Art Center, according to a press release.

The El Scorcho Film Festival is an attempt to spark an interest in the discussion of movies as art. The festival is also dedicated to reintroducing the audience to the communal nature of the movie-going experience and the pleasures of watching a movie at a theatre. To advance these goals, a programme is being held on a series of films -- ranging from mainstream blockbusters to art-house critical darlings that are being screened from Thursday to Saturday (July12-14).
Each day's programming will have two feature films (one at 3pm

and the other at 6pm) as well as an overarching discussion that will continue before and after each screening.
The screening session is as follows:
July 12
The Descent, directed by Neil Marshall, at 3pm.
The Woman, directed by Lucky McKee, at 6pm.
July 13
Audience Choice at 3pm and 6pm.
July 14
How to Train Your Dragon, directed by Dean DeBlois & Charis Sanders, at 3pm.
Blue Velvet, directed by David Lynch at 6pm.



Barnan Abriti Chakra celebrates 3rd anniversary

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Barnan Abriti Chakra, a Manikganj-based organisation, observed its 3rd anniversary with poetry recitation, discussion and rally at the Central Shahid Minar premises in Manikganj last Friday.

Litterateur Imdadul Haque Milon; elocutionist Ahkam Ullah; theatre director SK Ratan; Professor Abul Islam Shikdar, vice principal of Government Women's College in Manikganj; Advocate Azaharul Islam, president of Manikganj district unit of Communist Party of Bangladesh were the guests at the event. AFM Sultanul Azam Khan, chief advisor; Farzana Hossain Khan Punam, president and Rina Akter, general secretary of Barnan Abriti Chakra addressed the gathering.

The speakers were of the view that poetry is a means of inspiring harmony and patriotism. They urged the young to study literature.

After the discussion, Ahkam Ullah and members of Barnan Abriti Chakra recited poetry.
Over the function, the organisation also handed the certificates and crests to the participants of a month-long



A participant of the recitation workshop receives certificate from Imdadul Haque Milon.

workshop on poetry recitation that concluded on July 6 at the Officers' Club in Manikganj.
Earlier, a rally was brought out in the district town.

Cultural programme highlighting Tagore's creations

SHAHENOOR AKTHER URMI, Chittagong

Noren Abbritti Academy, an organisation of elocutionists in the port city, arranged a cultural programme featuring Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore's creations, titled "Otho Hey Otho Robi", at the Shilpakala Academy in Chittagong last Saturday.

Theater personality Pradeep Dewanjee, speaking as chief guest at the programme, said, "Rabindranath Tagore could touch every Bengali's sensitivity and emotions through his works."

"Without Rabindranath and his literature, the Bengali identity as we know it would be incomplete," he added.

The renditions started with Rabindranath's "Daliya", "Malyodaan" and "Karna Kunti Sangbad".
Poems "Nirjhorini" and "Paye Cholar Path"; letters "Sangeet Chintia Potopoth" and "Bhasha Shikha Samprodiekota" were recited by the performers.

The function concluded with performances by School of Folk Dance. Torun Karmakar led his troupe in staging "Chandaliika".
The audience was kept to a rapt attention by the performers.

ATN BANGLA	06:30 Business and Finance	06:30 Binodin Sharadin
11:20	Vision 2020	08:30 Drama Serial: Khonikoly
12:15	Matir Shubash	09:02 Kingkottobobimur
01:25	Aynar Sharmey	12:02 Shamsprok
09:20	Drama Serial: Jhulonto	CHANNEL 9
	Babura	09:15 Bangla Feature Film
		07:45 Drama Serial: Dead End
		09:15 Haater Kachhey Pather
CHANNEL 1		
01:05	Ebong Cineamar Gaan	Khabar
01:30	Hidoyer Gaan	Hits & Bits
04:30	Musical Programme	11:45 Sports Daily
09:35	Lux Channel i Superstar	CHANNEL 24
11:30	Travel On	01:05 Move with Musha
		04:30 Eto Jibon
nTv		08:10 Shopping & Cooking
08:45	Bangla Feature Film	09:30 Drama Serial: Jadur
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar	Shahar
	Achhey	Drama Serial: Ekaki
06:15	Shubho Shondhya	Gangchil
09:00	Maggi Taste n Balance	
	Kitchen	Gtv
09:45	Drama Serial: Odena	11:30 Bangla Feature Film
	Protibimbo	06:30 Purano Shei Diner Kotha
		08:00 Drama Serial: Bagha Sher

alr radio FM 89.2	10:00 Morning Express
06:00	Bhozer Janalay
09:00	Mukhorho Biboney
12:00	Darin Dupury
03:00	Drama Serial: Boley
05:00	Shondhata
07:00	Shajher Maya
09:00	Raat-er Akashy
11:00	Geper Shesh Net
Radio Footi	12:00 Good Morning Dhaka
07:30	Helo Dhaka
	12:00 Today's Adda
	04:00 U Tum
	07:00 Today Hi Hak

Bagha Sher
On Gtv at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Aminal Haque Chowdhury, Dr. Enamul Haque

Dragon (Wu Xia)
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Drama/ Action
Cast: Kara Hui, Wu Jiang

Kagojer Bari
On ntv at 08:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Suharna Mustafa, Tarin

11:30	Ekushey-er Business	09:35 Bhalobashi Gaan
05:25	Ichhey Ghur	12:00 Shongbad Shonglap
07:50	Musical Programme	Fox Movies
09:30	Drama Serial: Tattu Ghora	04:40 Angels & Demons
10:10	Cine Hits	07:00 U2 = BIC
		08:00 U2 - From the Sky Down
		09:35 The Other side of the Tracks
		11:10 You Again
		HBO
		04:15 Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls
		06:10 Superman Returns
		09:30 Wu Xia
		11:55 Enter the Dragon
		Star World
		03:30 Two and a Half Men
		08:30 The Simpson
		09:30 Master Chef Australia
		10:30 White Collar
		Discovery Channel
		02:30 My Naked Secret
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	Cinema Express	08:30 Danger by Design
09:45	Maasranga Television	10:30 World's Toughest Tracker
	Bangla Feature Film	

ATN BANGLA	08:00pm Istiklum
08:40pm	BANGLAVISION
	Manush
	09:05pm Long March
CHANNEL 9	Rtv
07:50pm	Chhinita Din Ebong
	Ekti Neok Naksha
nTv	08:20pm Parsho Protikria
08:15pm	Kagojer Bari
Boishakhi TV	08:00pm Maasranga Television
	08:00pm Sat Sawdagar

BTV	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.	Boishakhi TV	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm.
	News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm.		News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
ATN BANGLA	News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.		News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7-30pm, 10-30pm.
	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.		News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
CHANNEL 1	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 5pm, 10, 30pm.		News (Bangla) at 14:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
nTv	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.		News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
ETV	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.		Maasranga Television
			News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.

ATN BANGLA	12:00am Ekushey-er Raat
11:30pm	Je Koti Kev Boleni
12:30am	Lead News
09:55am	Trinta Mata
12:30pm	Tarika Kotthon
nTv	06:25pm Front Line
12:10pm	Ei Shomoy
ETV	07:40pm Our Democracy