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, R-1/A, Gulshan-1
Date: July 7-20
Time: 3pm-8pm

El Scorcho Film Festival
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7/A, Dhanmondi
Date: July 12-14
Time: 3pm & 6pm

Musical Soiree
Title: Gaaner Shure Amar Mukti
Organiser: Shurtirtha
Venue: Main Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag
Date: July 13-14
Time: 6:30pm

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Adda through Art
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, Dhanmondi
Date: July 13-20
Time: 10am-8pm

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

Malhar Utshab
Organiser: Uchchanga Sangeet Shilpi Parishad
Venue: Main Auditorium, Chhayanaut, Dhanmondi
Date: July 13-14
Time: 6pm

Album Launch & Documentary Screening
Album: Paar Koro Amarey
Documentary: Lokonayok Kangal Harinath
Venue: Ramesh Chandra Datta Auditorium, Chhayanaut, Dhanmondi
Date: July 14

Celebrating 40 years Titas Ekti Nadir Naam
Venue: Channel i Office, Tejgaon
Date: July 16
Time 7pm

Farah Ruma @ DS Café

Following her success at Lux Anandabichitra Photoshundori, Farah Ruma has paved a road to success with her beauty and talent. Her first taste of popularity came after she appeared opposite Afzal Hossain in the tele-film "Shako" -- directed by Afzal Hossain himself. Her diary is filled with shooting schedules, while she is also busy with her first silver screen appearance. Although modelling gigs remain irregular, she is a regular host on TV shows. Recently Farah Ruma came to DS Café to talk to her fans over the phone:

Runa, Savar: How did your journey in the media begin?

Farah Ruma: I started with modelling, but later became busy with acting. People know me more as an actress now.

Lony, Banani, Dhaka: Do you like cooking and do you like Indian food?

Farah Ruma: I love cooking. When I'm free or at home, I cook. I don't like Indian food much but love Italian, Thai or Chinese cuisines.

Rana, Chittagong: Who is your favourite personality?

Farah Ruma: Mother Teresa.

Bornil, Dhaka: Do you have any plans to do something for the underprivileged?

Farah Ruma: Like everyone else, I also wish to do something for those in need. If I ever have enough money, I will most certainly help the poor.

Lucky, Uttara, Dhaka: It feels great to be talking to you. How are you feeling?

Farah Ruma: The fans are everything to an artiste. I came to The Daily Star to talk to my admirers. I won't lie to you; it feels great to talk to you as well. I don't usually get the chance to talk to my fans like this. Thanks to The Daily Star for this opportunity.

Sumon, Tangail: When is your birthday and what is your zodiac sign?

Farah Ruma: My birthday is on March 26 and I am an Aries.

Kamal Parvez, Saudi Arabia: I enjoy watching you in "Mayanigom" aired by ntv. Will you tell me something about this drama?

Farah Ruma: Thank you for watching "Mayanigom" from so far away. Please watch more of our dramas. The story of the drama surrounds a lower-middle income family. I'm getting a lot of responses since it began airing. Mahfuz Ahmed is acting opposite me; the director is Golam Mostafa Shimul.

Sajidul Mahmud, Residential College, Dhaka: What projects are you doing now?

Farah Ruma: I'm currently busy with Eid dramas. I have shooting almost everyday. I'm also working on serials, but taking on no new projects as I have already made commitments for Eid plays.

Ahsan Habib, Rajshahi: Can we expect any different characters from you soon?

Farah Ruma: I'm playing a unique role in ntv's "Mayanigom" at the moment. I'm also doing Debashish Barua Dwip's new serial "Chaar Konya". You will also see a different kind of character in this drama. However, the most unique role I'm doing is in Ohiduzzaman Diamond's serial "Omimangshito Golpo", where I'll be playing the character of Oshoriri.

Shamim Ahmed, Sylhet: I read in the papers that you underwent a surgery recently.

Farah Ruma: It is true. I had an operation in Bangkok. But I'm completely fine now.

Monir, Pangsha, Rajbari: What is your advice to those trying to be successful?

Farah Ruma: Not only in media, but to achieve success in any sector -- you have work very hard. Honesty must be maintained. No matter how big or small the project is, one has to love one's work and not lose patience. Those following these will achieve success eventually.

Tarek Ananda, Jamalpur: I heard that you are acting in a new film?

Farah Ruma: You heard right. Its called "Putro Ekhon Paisawala", directed by Nargis Akhter. It's a movie on a social context waiting to be released soon. Please go to the cinema hall to watch the movie.

Khondokar Shafiq, Green Road, Dhaka: Which is your native district?

Farah Ruma: Rajshahi. I come from the land of the mangoes.

Tazin, Sylhet: What do you do on a rainy day?

Farah Ruma: If I'm at home, I chat with my sisters. If it's possible, then I also go up to the roof to enjoy the rain sometimes. I love to have khichuri on a rainy day. But if I'm upset on a rainy day, the rain only intensifies the sadness. However, I always like the rain.

Nawrin, Dhaka: What gifts do you like to give to your close ones?

Farah Ruma: I prefer to give gifts that no one else had given to that person. I like to keep an element of surprise.

Zaman, Chittagong: Did you ever face any trouble while shooting abroad?

Farah Ruma: Yes. Once we were hit by a storm while shooting in China. We couldn't even get a train due to the storm. I was very scared. But thanks to God, we came out unharmed.

Munmun, Dhaka: Can you dance?

Farah Ruma: Yes I can. I took dancing lessons when I was a child.

Anisul Haq Khokon, Gazipur: When do you plan to tie the knot?

Farah Ruma: When God wants me to.

Konkon, Dhaka: What is your definition of beauty?

Farah Ruma: I don't consider physical beauty to be the true beauty. You also need to have a beautiful mind. If a person is beautiful inside, that is his/her true beauty.

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Udichi's Barsha Utshab held in Thakurgaon

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, *Thakurgaon*

District unit of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi organised 'Barsha Utshab' at Martyred Memorial premises in Thakurgaon municipality on Monday evening.

Though the programme was shifted to Thakurgaon Press Club auditorium just after the rendition of the first song due to a sudden shower, that only added to the ambience of the monsoon.

The programme included renditions of monsoon themed songs of Tagore, Nazrul, modern and folk.

The soiree began with a choral song "Bajro Manik Deye Gatha Ashar Tomar Mala". Later, the cultural team of Udichi rendered several Nazrul and folk songs.

Sucharita Dev led the cultural team while other members were Tonni, Raisa, Oishi, Oroni, Mati, Mou and Biswadip.

The other performers who gave solo performances were Tusher Kanti Battacharia, Jotish Kumer Barman and Moushumi Bishakha Mohonta.

Several members of Udichi recited poems at the programme.

Following the Barsha Utshab, a discussion was held. The discussants were of the view that while writers and poets have written on seasons, it was Rabindranath who first presented nature beautifully in his songs and gave a true picture of the country's six seasons, especially the monsoon.

The speakers appreciated the organisers for taking the initiative to help promote our heritage and culture among the younger generation.

Among others, cultural personality Prottush Kumer Chatarji; Lecturer of Bangla Department of Abul Hossain College, Golam Sarwar Samrat; district sports officer Mohiuddin Ahmed; Anupom Moni and district unit general secretary of Udichi Komol Roy, delivered speeches at the discussion.

Setara Begum, president, District Unit of Udichi presided over the ceremony.

An artist performs at the programme. PHOTO: STAR

NATIONAL THEATRE FEST ON LIBERATION WAR

Seven plays staged on day ten

A scene from "Ekti Shurjer Jonno". PHOTO COURTESY: SHILPAKALA ACADEMY

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of the ongoing "National Theatre Festival on the Liberation War", seven plays were staged at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, on July 12. Rangamati Government College staged "Ekti Shurjer Jonno" at the Studio Theatre Hall, while Chittagong Shilpakala Academy highlighted the mass killing that happened in the adjacent area of Foy's Lake through performance and multimedia presentation at the Experimental Theatre Hall.

Arranged by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, in association the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, the fortnight-long festival will end today.

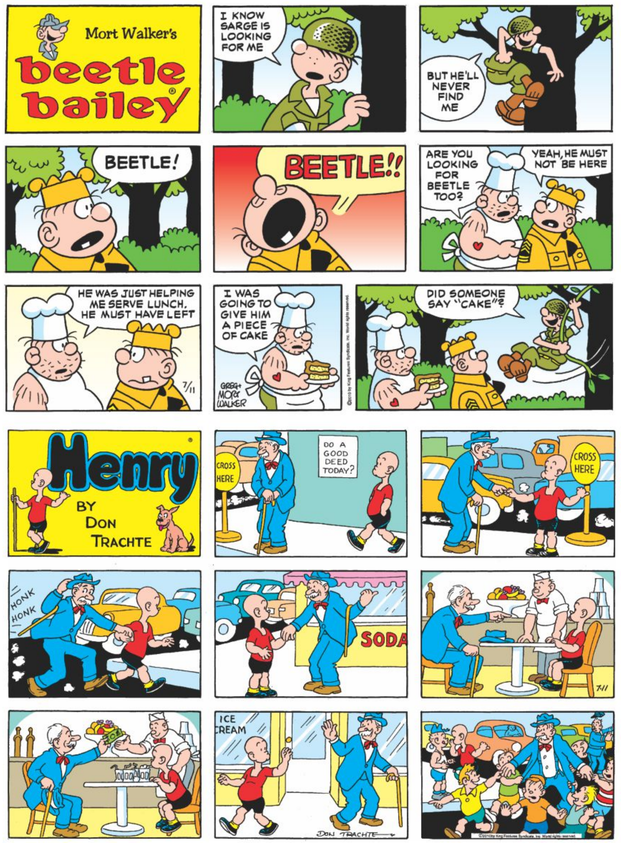
Ranjit Kumar Mitra was the director of the Rangamati play. The play highlighted bravery of the freedom fighters belonging to indigenous communities.

Chittagong Shilpakala Academy's "Badhyabhumi Foy's Lake" was a unique presentation, considering rest of the productions at the festival. It saw performances based on interviews and eyewitness accounts of the mass killing. The interviews were screened on the backdrop as performers demonstrated the brutality on stage. The play was directed by Moslemuddin Shikdar.

Among other plays, Sunamganj Government Collage staged "Bangla Ma-er Chhele" at the National Theatre Hall. The play was directed by Mohammad Jalaluddin.

Today, the last day of the festival, five plays will be staged at four venues. Chandpur Shilpakala Academy will stage "Ek Aasman Khoab" at the National Theatre Hall, while Natyam, Barisal will stage "Tilak" at the Experimental Theatre Hall.

The festival is a part of Shilpakala Academy's year-long activities to celebration the 40th anniversary of independence.



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

ATN BANGLA
10:45 Bangla Feature Film
03:15 Talk Show
08:00 Forgotten Roots
10:55 Solokotha

CHANNEL i
12:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
12:30 Taroka Kothon
01:05 Bangla Feature Film
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
11:30 Dance Programme

ntv
08:45 Bangla Feature Film
03:10 Drama Serial: Ronger Manush
09:00 Drama: Epitaf
11:30 Viewers Hour
12:30 Chhobir Gaan

ETV
10:02 Dehghari
01:30 Bangla Feature Film

CHANNEL 9
09:15 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Classic Cartoon
09:25 We are the Band
11:45 Sports Daily

Gtv
05:35 School-e Oboshorey
08:00 Drama Serial: Sweet Maan-e Mistri
09:05 Agamir Bhabna
12:00 Shongbad Shonglap

Fox Movies
01:45 Hancock
03:20 Bad Boys
05:20 Charlie's Angels
07:00 You don't Mess with the Zohan
08:50 When A Stranger Calls
10:30 Insidious

HBO
01:35 Clash of the Titans

RADIO

abc radio FM 89.2
06:00 Bhoree Janalay
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dupurey
03:00 Duranto Bikeley
05:00 Shondhatara
07:00 Shajer Maya
09:00 Raat-er Akashey
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

RADIO FOORTI
08:00 Addabazi
02:00 Foorti Unlimited
06:00 Bumper to Bumper
10:00 Back to Back Music

RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
06:00 Green FM
08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 World Music
04:00 U Turn
07:00 Tube Tai Hok
10:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
12:00 Hutum Pecha

Housefull
On Maasranga Television at 09:00pm
Quiz Show
Host: Alamgir

Fast Five
On HBO at 11:55pm
Genre: Action/Crime
Cast: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker & Dwayne Johnson

Noorjahan
On CHANNEL i at 07:50pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shohel Khan, Shirin Bokul

06:30 Vobo Gure Dot Com
07:50 Drama
12:05 Ekushey-er Raat

Boishakhi TV
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:20 Satkahan
08:00 Music Train
08:35 Amra Duti Kemon Juti
11:00 Nirapad Sarak Chai

BANGLAVISION
11:05 Ami Ekhon Ki Korbo
01:05 Bangla Feature Film
06:25 Front Line
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue

Desh TV
03:00 Bangla Feature Film
06:30 Nupur Beje Jai
07:45 Music Dot Net
08:15 Pothey Jetey Jetey
12:30 Total Sports

Maasranga Television
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
07:25 Ti for Tin
09:00 Houseful
03:50 Rush Hour
05:50 The Scorpion King
07:45 My Boss's Daughter
09:30 Blade II
11:55 Fast Five

Star World
11:00 The Simpson
04:30 Two and a Half Men
05:30 White Collar
08:30 Master Chef Australia
10:30 New Girl

National Geographic Channel
02:30 Man hunt
05:30 Super Cars Week
09:30 Mission Arctic
10:30 In the Womb

Discovery Channel
02:30 Stan Lee's Superhuman
05:00 Destroyed in Seconds
09:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
10:30 Bering Sea Gold
11:30 I Almost Got Away With It

DRAMA SERIAL

ATN BANGLA
09:20pm Jhulonto Babura
CHANNEL i
07:50pm Noorjahan
ntv
08:15pm Bondhu Amar
ETV
09:30pm Joynal Jadukar
BANGLAVISION
08:15pm Harkiptey
Rtv
08:15pm Chorkabbo
Maasranga Television
06:30pm Dilur Golpo
08:00pm Bondhuta
CHANNEL 9
08:40pm Opashe Baraf Dana
Gtv

NEWS BULLETIN

BTV
News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.
News (English) at 10am, 4pm. 10pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.
News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
CHANNEL i
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.
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News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 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.

TALK SHOW

ATN BANGLA
12:30am Lead News
CHANNEL i
09:45am Tritio Mattra
11:05am Amader Aajma
ETV
10:10pm Golpo Sholpo Gaan
Boishakhi TV
12:00am Zero Hour
BANGLAVISON
09:05pm Amar Ami
11:25pm Lal Golap
Rtv
10:40am Tarokalap
Desh TV
09:45pm Bela Obela Sharabela
11:45pm Shoja Kotha

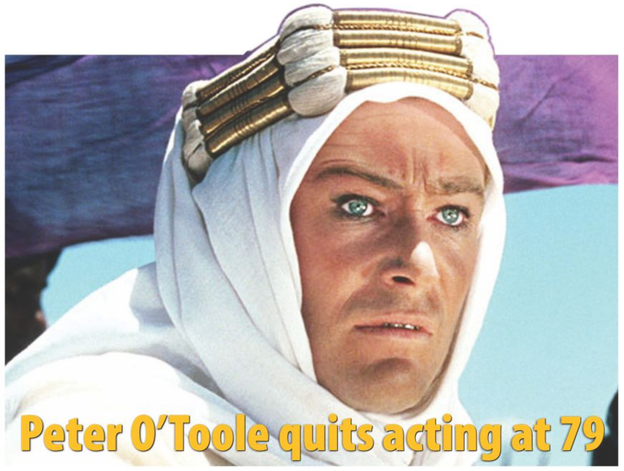
NEW RELEASES

Bashi Bajay Ke
Solo album of Nazrul Sangeet by Muntarin Mahal
Source: Laser Vision

Eka Ami
Mixed album
Source: Fahim Music

Kalponar Protichchhobi
Solo album by Ankur
Source: Ringer

Love@ First Sight
Solo album by NJ Nayan
Source: Fahim Music



Peter O'Toole quits acting at 79

O'Toole as T E Lawrence in Sir David Lean's 1962 classic "Lawrence of Arabia".

Veteran actor Peter O'Toole has announced he is retiring from the stage and screen, at the age of 79.

The Irish-born star-- best known for playing "Lawrence of Arabia" in Sir David Lean's 1962 film classic--said it was time to "chuck in the sponge".

After a career spanning 50 years O'Toole said: "I bid the profession a dry-eyed and profoundly grateful farewell.

"The heart for it has gone out of me," he added. "It won't come back".

After starting out on the stage in Bristol and London at the age of 17, O'Toole's big break came when Lean cast him as British adventurer T E Lawrence.

The role earned him the first of eight Oscar nominations, with others coming for such films as "Becket", "The Lion in Winter" and "Goodbye, Mr Chips".

O'Toole was given an honorary Oscar in 2003, an award he had initially refused to accept.

In a letter he asked the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to delay the award until he was 80, saying he was "still in the game and might win the bugger outright".

"My professional acting life, stage and screen, has brought me public support, emotional fulfilment and material comfort," the actor said in a statement.

"It has brought me together with fine people, good companions with whom I've shared the inevitable lot of all actors: flops and hits.

"However, it's my belief that one should decide for oneself when it is time to end one's stay," he went on.

O'Toole's most recent Oscar nomination was for "Venus" in 2006, when he lost out to "The Last King of Scotland" star Forest Whitaker.

The Connemara native, who turns 80 next month, was raised in northern England and initially became a journalist and a radioman for the Royal Navy.

He went on to attend the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, where his classmates included Albert Finney, Alan Bates and Richard Harris.

The actor, a legendary hellraiser, said he would now focus on writing a third volume of his memoirs.

SOURCE: BBC

Farmin M Faisal's solo album released

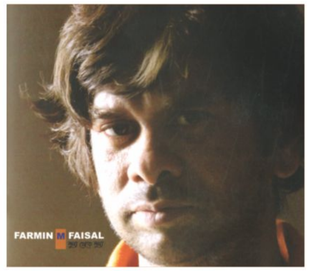
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Singer Farmin M Faisal's solo audio album "Shunno Theke Shunno" is now available in the audio market. Hey Day Creative Group has released the album.

The albums contain 14 songs, including "Bangladesh", "Chhutey Cholechhi", "Megh", "Praner Shohor", "Shesh Kotha", "Dhaka" and an English track "Here I Go Again". The songs of the album belong to Adhunik genre, though experimentation can be noticed in several songs.

The singer wrote seven songs for the album, while the rest have been written by Juice Khan, Bappi Khan, Nirob Nishachor, Shams Moin and Arif Bin Forhad.

All songs were composed by Faisal.



THE WEEKLY STRUM

Song: Bedona
Album: Notun Shrote (2008)

Lyrics and tune by Shunno

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Jiboner Shob Kotha Noy Aami Jibontakei Bolte Chai
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Hoyto Durbhaga Noy Sheto Bhalobashar Kabyo Koy

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Aami Kobi Noi Tobu Kabyer Bhashay Bolbo Aaj
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Tomar Hasher Srabon Bhore Swapno Niye Bhashte Chai

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Tumi Bolley Aaj Du'joney Neel Rong Brishtite Bhijbo

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Rodela Dupurey Ekshathe Notun Shure Gaan Gaibo
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Shesh Bikeler Chhayae Neel Aakasher Bukey Aami
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Laal Rong Swapno Akbo…

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Tumii Bolley Aaj Du'joney Shat Rong Projapoti Dhorbo
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Nona Bali Choretey Ekshathey, Aakasher Shamudro Snan Dekhbo
B……..G#m……..E……..F#.....
Godhulir Aalo Adharitey Ghurnir Shathey Du'jona
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Aami Kobi Noi…

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