

WHAT'S ON

**Autumn Festival**  
Organiser: Chhayanat  
Venue: Bhabhala, Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University  
Date: October 5  
Time: 7am

**Wood Carving Exhibition**  
Title: Journey by Bishbar  
Artist: Rokan-Uz-Zaman  
Venue: Zainal Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, Shahbagh  
Date: Oct 4-10, Time: 10am-8pm

**Bharatnatyam & Kuchipudi Dance Recital**  
Organiser: IGC, High Commission of India, Dhaka  
Artist: Malabika Sen  
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum, Shahbagh

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: The Excitement in Things  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, Gulshan-1  
Date: Sept 30-Oct 11  
Time: 12pm-8pm

**Silk Prints Exhibition**  
Title: Silk Story  
Venue: Gallery Chitra, H-4, R-6, Dhanmondi  
Date: Sept 27-Oct 5  
Time: 10am-8pm

**Photography Exhibition**  
Photographer: Anil Advani  
Venue: Radius Centre, Gulshan-1  
Date: Sept 21-Oct 12  
Time: 10am-8pm

**Theatre**  
Play: Pakhi and Pichai Baki  
Troupe: Byalkom Natya Goshthi  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: Oct 6  
Time: 7pm

**Theatre**  
Play: Sheher Kobita  
Troupe: Prangane Mor  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: Oct 10  
Time: 7pm



# Goya engravings coming to Dhaka

## Bengal Gallery to hold exhibition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, the Spanish Embassy in Bangladesh and the Inditex Chair of Spanish Language and Culture, University of Dhaka, are jointly organising an exhibition of selected engravings by master Spanish painter and printmaker Francisco Goya [from the collection of the Real Academia de Bellas Artes of San Fernando].

The two week long exhibition will open on October 9. Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir will inaugurate the exhibition and with it, the newly renovated premises of Bengal Gallery in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Mijanur Quayes, secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be present as special guest. Luis Tejada Chacon, the Spanish Ambassador to Bangladesh, will be the guest of honour at the inauguration. Antonio Abril, general counsel of Inditex and Abdul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation, will also speak at the opening of the exhibition. Spanish romantic artist Goya was regarded both as the last of the Old Masters and the first of the moderns. He was a court painter to the Spanish Crown, and through his works were both a commentator on and chronicler of his era. Goya was born in Fuendetodos in Spain. He spent his childhood in Fuendetodos, where his family lived in a house bearing the family crest of his mother. His father earned his living as a gilder. About 1749, the family bought a house in the city of Zaragoza and some years later moved into it. He formed a close friendship with Martin Zapater at this time, and their correspondence from the 1770s to the 1790s is a valuable source for understanding Goya's early career at the court of Madrid. At age 14, Goya studied under the painter Jose Luzan. He moved to Madrid where he studied with Anton Raphael Mengs, a painter who was popular with Spanish royalty. In 1771, Goya travelled to Rome and won second place in a painting competition and secured employment designing tapestries at the Royal Tapestry Factory. He completed over 42 patterns, which were used to cover the walls in the newly built palaces around Madrid, giving him an immediate royal audience.

# ABBA museum to open in Swedish capital in 2013

REUTERS, Stockholm

A museum devoted to pop supergroup ABBA will open next year in the Swedish capital aiming to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors, organizers said on Wednesday. The museum, a permanent exhibition within a hall of fame of Swedish pop music, will feature memorabilia like stage costumes worn by the singers. Visitors will also be able to sing along to ABBA songs alongside life size holograms of the group. "Swedish pop music is an important part of our cultural heritage," said former ABBA member Bjorn Ulvaeus, who is one of those behind the museum's creation. "And ABBA is one of our most well-known brands." ABBA shot to fame when they won the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest with the song "Waterloo". They went on to become one of Sweden's biggest exports with such hit songs as "Dancing Queen" and "Gimme Gimme (A Man After Midnight)".

The group sold around 370 million records in total and are part of a rich Swedish pop tradition which includes Roxette, Ace of Base, Europe and Kent. Separate plans for an earlier museum on ABBA were shelved in 2008.



# Three Bangladeshi plays staged in India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three Bangladeshi plays were staged at a theatre festival held recently in Agartala, the capital city of Tripura, India. The plays -- "Muktadhara" (by Theatre), "Apod" (Dhaka Padatik) and "Nishimon Bisharjan" (Mahakal) were staged at the five-day Rabindra Theatre Festival, organised by Tripura Sangskritik Shamannay Kendra. The festival started on September 28 at the local Nazrul Centre of Fine Arts. "Dhaka Padatik's "Apod" was staged on the opening day. Theatre staged "Muktadhara" on the following day, while "Nishimon" Bisharjan" was staged on the concluding day. Golam Kuddus, chief of Dhaka Padatik and vice-president of Shamilita Sangskritik Jote, attended the inaugural ceremony as special guest. Manik Sarkar, Chief Minister, Tripura formally inaugurated the festival, while Dr. Anuradha Kapur, director, National School of Drama (NSD), India was the chief guest, according to Dhaka Padatik sources. Adapted and directed by Masum Aziz, "Apod" narrates the story of the bond between a stranger and a caring woman who becomes a mother figure to him. Theatre's "Muktadhara" has been directed by Naila Azad Nupur. The plot zooms in on a dam. In the play, although there is appreciation of the boons of the machine, Tagore reminds us that it is arrogance and the misuse of machine that leads to the sufferings of man. Based on Tagore's "Bisharjan", Mahakal's "Nishimon Bisharjan" has been written by Anon Zaman and directed by Ashik Rahman. The play is a stand against extremism through a story from recent times.

# A celebration of autumn at Jhenidah KC College

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Kathan Shangskritik Shangsad arranged a three-day long 'Sharat Utsah' (autumn festival) at Jhenidah KC College campus on Tuesday morning. The festival included poetry recitation, rendition of songs and dance. College teachers, students and people from all walks of life attended the programme. Principal of KC college, Abu Basit Mia; Teachers' Council general secretary Nazim Uddin; and Kathan Shangskritik Shangsad convener Sakib Mohammad Alam spoke at the opening of the event. The discussants invited all the new students to embrace college life.

# Runa Khan in innumerable roles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Once a regular with Nagarik Natya Sampraday, Runa Khan has now shifted her attention to TV plays. With her schedule packed with shooting appointments, Runa Khan informs that she has to stand in front of the camera almost 20 to 25 days a month. She recently returned from Nepal, where shooting was held for Mahfuz Ahmed's untitled Eid special tele-film. Other Eid special plays she has worked on include Saidul Anam Tutul's "Ochin Chhaya" and AD Dulal's "Debi Boron". Meanwhile, the actress has also worked on Tarikul Islam Shanto's eid special "Ekjon Bhalo Manusher Golpo". Runa says, "The pressure of working for regular TV serials has given me only a little time to work on Eid specials. However, there are possibilities of working on a couple more special dramas."

Different channels are currently airing serials and daily soaps in which Runa has performed. NTV is airing "Kagojer Bari" directed by Arun Chowdhury. Channel I is airing "Nurjahan" by Raihan Khan, ATN Bangla is airing "Boiri Batash" by Jewel Mahmud, while Syed Awlad's "Gulshan Avenue" and Masud Cezzane's "Long March" are being telecast by Banglavisión. Other ongoing serials include Al Hazen's "Oloshpur" being aired by RTV, Syed Awlad's "Saat Sawdagar" being aired by Maasranga TV, and Ripon Nobi's "Ognipoth" on Boishakhi TV.

Runa Khan says, "I have to give a lot of time for the ongoing plays, as well as the new serials. In total, I'm working in 12 to 14 new serials. I cannot name all the serials at the moment, but I will be working in fresh new characters in all the plays." Runa Khan has also modelled in commercials, with her most notable appearance in a Grameen Phone advertisement. The actress said everyone still praises her performance in the commercial. The TV channels are currently airing another commercial featuring Runa Khan -- promoting Dutch Bangla Bank's customer care.

She has also had a taste of silver screen experience, working in Enamul Karim Nirjhar's movie "Nomonu", which is yet to be released. Runa Khan's released titles include digital films "Mrityubani" by Ashrafal Alam Ripon and another one by Ashish Khondokar. Runa expressed her interest for working in more films, but only if the director and story are good.



A scene from "Apod". PHOTO COURTESY: DHAKA PADATIK

# Hong Kong thriller opens Asia's top film festival

AFP, Busan

A glittering line-up of top Asian cinema stars converged on the South Korean port city of Busan on Thursday for the opening of the region's premier international film festival.

Along with Korean heartthrobs Lee Byung-hun and Jun Ji-hyun, Chinese stars Tang Wei and Cecilia Cheung are attending the 10-day Busan International Film Festival (BIFF). Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi -- the "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" star who is currently taking legal action against a number of news outlets -- is also scheduled to attend. Launching the 17th edition of the festival will be the world premiere of Hong Kong thriller "Cold War" which stars screen veterans Aaron Kwok and Tony Leung Ka-fai. "It's an honour to have this film open BIFF, the first time a Hong Kong film has done so," said Kwok at the event's opening press conference. "We hope it will remind the world that there are a lot of talented filmmakers in Hong Kong and they are still making exciting films."

In the tradition of Hong Kong thrillers such as "Infernal Affairs" (2002) -- remade by Hollywood into the Oscar-winning "The Departed" (2006) "Cold War" looks at corruption in the city's police force. Co-director Longman Leung said he hoped the film would help refocus attention on Hong Kong cinema, which has been hit by falling production numbers and attendances in recent years. Festival director Lee Yong-kwan said in choosing a Hong Kong production to open the gala, the festival was serving its intended purpose of promoting films from the region. "We want to encourage Asian cinema and encourage talk about Asian cinema," he said. By late Thursday fans were entering the high-tech \$150 million Busan Cinema Centre and thousands more had gathered outside before the stars started to arrive. Featuring more than 300 films -- and a much-anticipated performance on Saturday from South Korean rapper Psy, whose "Gangnam Style" has become a global sensation -- organisers hope the event will attract more than 200,000 people. Zhang, who is suing US-based Chinese online news outlet Boxun News over the prostitution claims, is scheduled to meet the press on Friday. Media attention has also focused on the screening of North Korean romantic comedy "Comrade Kim Goes Flying". Its co-director Kim Gwang-hun is the first North Korean director to have been invited to the event. Other programme highlights include a sidebar devoted to Afghan films saved from the Taliban by the Afghanistan National Film Archive, and a Window on Asian Cinema section featuring 49 films from 11 countries, including 13 world premieres. South Korean cinema is currently experiencing a stellar year and there will be a special outdoor screening of "The Thieves", which this week became the country's all-time box office champion, having now been seen by 13 million moviegoers and having earned \$93.6 billion won (\$84 million).

Busan's main competition -- the New Currents Award for debut or second-time Asian filmmakers -- offers two prizes of \$30,000 and has this year attracted a field of 10 productions from eight countries, including Lebanon and Iraq. The winners will be announced on October 13, the final day of the event.



Busan Cinema Centre, the venue of the 17th Busan International Film Festival. PHOTO: AFP

# DID YOU KNOW?



# Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin (1914-1976)

- At the age of 16, along with friends, Zainul left home to visit the then Calcutta (now Kolkata) Government School of Arts. Later, after noticing his desperation, his mother sent him to the institute and managed the expenses through selling her jewelry.
- Much of his childhood was spent near the scenic banks of the river Brahmaputra that would later appear in many of his paintings.
- His famine sketches of the 1940s are his most remarkable works. He created the series after seeing the miserable situation of the starving people during the great famine of Bengal in 1943. Before that he preferred to draw landscapes.
- He loved to sketch crows, which according him is a symbol of shrewdness.
- He founded the Institute of Fine Arts, DU (now Faculty of Fine Arts) in 1948.
- He became the first National Professor of the country in 1974.

# Beetle Baily



# Henry



ATN BANGLA	03:05 Bangla Feature Film 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor 08:00 Diploma Misti Lorai 11:30 Documentary Programme
CHANNEL I	12:05 Prokhti O Bibon 02:40 Telefilm 05:00 Janapad-e-Khobor 07:50 Special Programme
ETV	10:02 Sonamoni Shakti-e-Oshukh-e 01:30 Bangla Feature Film 06:30 Musical Programme: Ta Na Na 10:10 Drama: Uro Megh-e Bhalobasha
12:05	Phone & Live Studio Concert: Band Akhra

BANGLAVISION	10:10 Bhalo Thakun
RADIO	12:00 Boier Poka 02:00 Fogti Bholimot 06:00 Bumper to Bumper 10:00 Club Foorti 01:00 Back to Back music RADIO TODAY FM 89.6 08:00 Good Morning Dhaka 11:00 Flash Back 12:30 Islamic Program 02:15 Rapali Gaan

**Uro Megh-e Bhalobasha**  
On ETV at 10:10pm  
Single Episode TV  
Play  
Cast: Hillol, Nawshen

**The Warrior's Way**  
On HBO at 12:15am  
Genre: Action/Fantasy  
Cast: Dong-gun, Kang, Kate Bosworth

**Priyojor-e Gaan Musical Programme**  
On Desh TV at 03:00pm  
Artist: Yasmin Mushtari

11:05 Amader Rannaghar	06:25 Gaan O Fan	09:05 Moner Kotha	11:25 Ami Ekhon Ki Korbo (Live)
12:10 Apun Auloy	02:35 Tale-film: Ropant Kingba	06:45 Roomadhuri	11:30 Katha O Gaan-e Kichukhon (Live)
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ATN BANGLA	09:20pm Chhayabrita 11:00pm Scandal
Channel I	11:30pm Rozhni
ntv	08:15pm Mayangam 09:45pm 99, Shaheb Ali
ETV	09:30pm Dhol
BANGLAVISION	08:15pm Harikiptey 09:45pm Gulshan Avenue

ATN Bangla	12:30am Lead News
CHANNEL I	12:00am Aker
11:00am	Toto Maza
12:30pm	Hedye
12:00am	Zero Hour
Boishakhi TV	12:30am Hello America
Desh TV	10:40am Tanaklap
12:00am	Zero Hour

BANGLAVISION	12:05pm Meha Shatto Al-Quan
09:05pm	Moner Kotha
12:30am	12:30am Hello America
10:40am	Tanaklap
07:45pm	Muth O Mukhoro: