

WHAT'S ON

Engraving Exhibition
Artist: Francisco Goya
Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dharmamandi
Date: Oct 9-23
Time: 12pm-8pm

Book Fair
Venue: Public Library Premises, Shahbagh
Date: Oct 17-23
Time: 11am-6pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: "Nasim & Time"
Artist: Ashraf Hossain
Venue: Galien Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara
Date: Oct 12-23
Time: 11am-7:30pm

Poetry Session
Participants: Ross Sutherland and 10 young Bangladeshis poets
Venue: EMK Centre, Midas Centre, 5, 9th floor, Rd 27, Dharmamandi
Date: Oct 20

Group Art Exhibition
Title: The Stillness Journey of Life
Venue: Institute of Art and Culture R-1/A, H-2, Gulshan-1
Date: Oct 12-30
Time: 11am-7:30pm

Art Exhibition
Title: Rivers of the World
Venue: Rabindra Sarobar, Dharmamandi Lake, R-7A, Dharmamandi
Date: Oct 14-19
Time: 10:30am-6pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Explains, Dreams, Discovers
Artist: Vanita Karim
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60, Gulshan Avenue, Cnt-1
Date: Oct 12-25
Time: 12-6pm

Photography Exhibition
Title: Victims of Empowerment
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A(New), Dharmamandi
Date: Oct 12-20
Time: 3pm-6pm

Interesting fare at Shilpakala

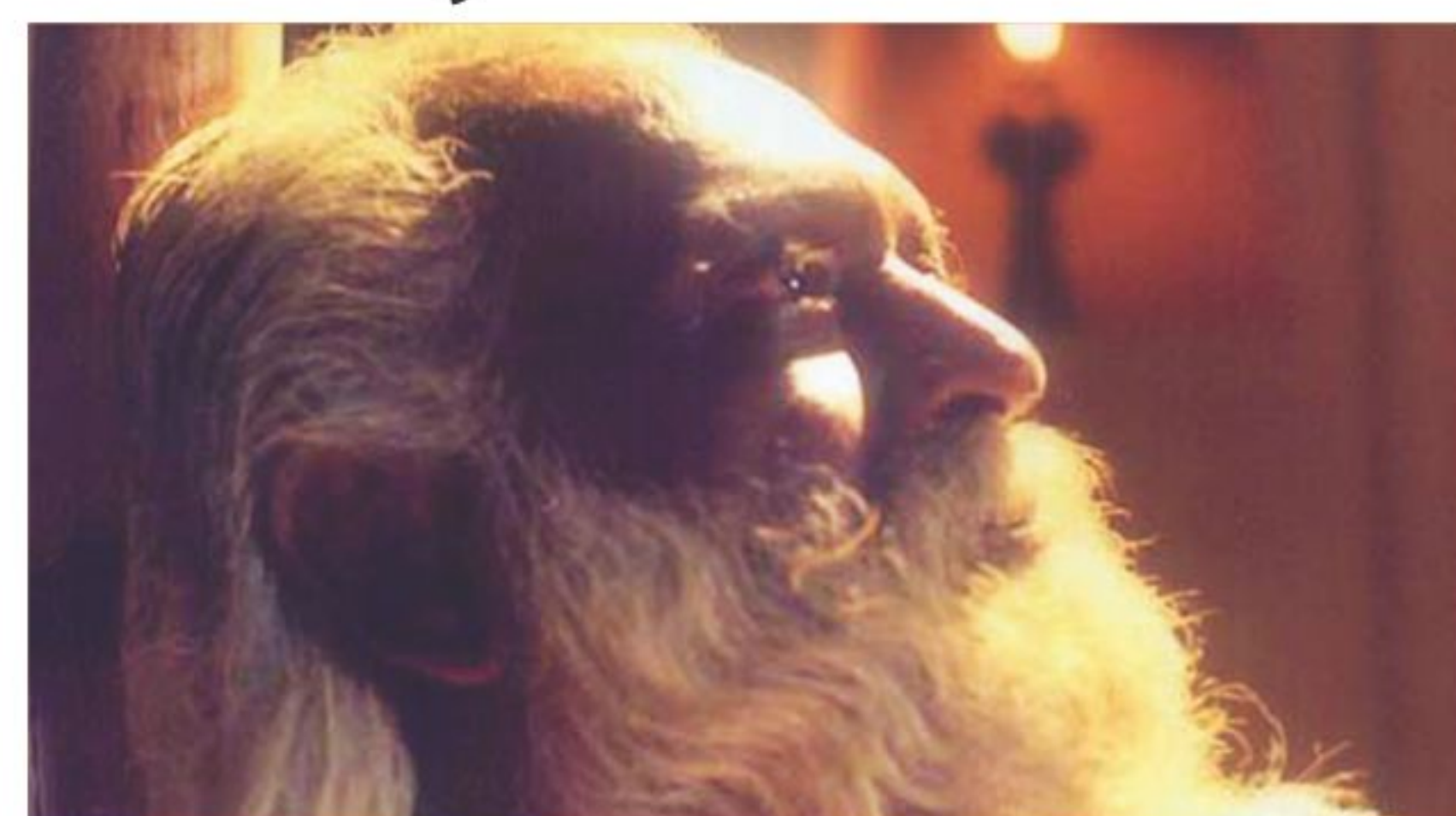
122nd death anniversary of Lalon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To observe the 122nd death anniversary of Fakir Lalon Shai, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has arranged a four-day programme at its premises. The programme began on October 15 with the screening of Tanvir Mokammel's documentary on the mystic bard, "Achin Pakhi".

The screening of two more films, a musical event and a discussion on the last day are also included in the programme. The 60-minute documentary seeks answers to the many unsolved questions generated from Lalon's verses.

The biographical documentary depicts Lalon's life and philosophy and tries to ferret out his persona by exploring his world of music. The documentary was produced in 1996. Several reputed bauls from Lalon's akhra (den) were also interviewed. They talk about Lalon's path.



A scene from Tanvir Mokammel's "Lalon".

The organisers screened Gautam Ghosh's "Moner Manush" yesterday. Tanvir Mokammel's feature film "Lalon" will be screened today. Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and

veteran Lalon singer Farida Parveen were present at the programme.

Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir is expected to be present as chief guest at the last day's discussion. Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangladesh Academy and noted folk researcher; Suraiya Begum, secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs; and Dr. Abdul Jalil, chairman, Department of Drama and Music, Rajshahi University will be present as special guests. Liaquat Ali Lucky will preside over the session.

The musical programme will feature noted folk singers rendering Lalon's timeless verses. They include Kiran Chandra Roy, Chandana Majumdar, Anima Mukti and Shamir Baul. The band Lalon will also appear on the stage, at the programme. Members of Dhaka Sangskritik Dal will perform a chorus at the programme.

Fame stages "Bandh" in Ctg

SHAHENOUR AKTHER URMI, Chittagong

The Drama Department of Fame (a school of dance, drama and music in Chittagong) staged a play, titled "Bandh" (Dam), a Bangla translation of noted French dramatist Helen Cixous' play "Drums on the Dam", at Theatre Institute Chittagong on Sunday evening.

This was the eighth staging of "Bandh".

The play narrates the story of a community in a small, prosperous village, Khang in central China. The villagers face a dilemma when the region is threatened by a huge flood, and the shocking news spreads among the people of the village. To save the region from total annihilation, the monarch decides to destroy part of a dam that is located near the village. The villagers, in order to ensure their survival, prepare a group of drummers to keep a vigil on the dam. They are asked to play drums to warn the villagers when the ruler's men come to destroy the dam.

The cast of the play included Shujat, Rumel, Parves, Lima, Taposh, Nancy, Bappy and Boby.

The play has been translated and directed by Ashim Das, and the set, light and music were also designed by the director himself.

Run up to Durga Puja

Artisans have their hands full

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Artisans engaged in making the idols for Durga Puja have more time to fashion idols for this important Hindu festival this year as the puja will be celebrated nearly a month later than last year.

Busy putting finishing touches to the idols, they are pleased with the orders they have received both within and outside the district -- in places like Netrakona, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Gaibandha, Pabna and Sirajganj, said some artisans at Dharmashala Temple of Jubilee Ghat area of the town.

The workers hope for better profits this year as the number of puja mandaps has increased in the district. They will get good returns too, said artisan Kartik Chandra Pal, as the price of each idol has increased from Taka 2,000 to 5,000.

However, the lack of workers in this field is troublesome said artisan Ajoy Kar from Boro Kalibari area, who said that they would have to make do with idol makers from other parts of the district.

The artisans appealed to the administration for

select places to continue their work round the year because inclement weather sometimes proves a major impediment.

There are some 250 workers at different areas in and outside of the town. A worker is paid Taka 5,000 to 6,000 per month on a contract basis for making idols.

Meanwhile, a preparatory meeting in the run up to Durga Puja was held at the conference room of Mymensingh Deputy Commissioner on October 7. Upazila Nirbahi Officers, higher officials of police administration and representatives of District Puja Celebration Committee attended the meeting. Those present at the meeting discussed beefing up security measures during the festival.

District Puja Celebration Committee sources said that some 691 puja mandaps will be set up in the district this year, up by 59 from last year.

A meeting of the District Puja Celebration Committee was also held at Durgabari Temple on October 5. Advocate Pranab Kumar Saha Roy and Advocate Rakhal Chandra Sarker, president and secretary of the committee respectively, were present at the meeting, among others.

Kazi Abu Zafar Siddique no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted poet, elocutionist and former director general of Bangladesh Television (BTV), Kazi Abu Zafar Siddique died at the city's Anwar Khan Modern Hospital on October 15. He was 72. He had been ailing from lung cancer for a few years. He had been kept on life support at the intensive care unit since Sunday. His condition deteriorated when he was given chemotherapy.

He left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and hosts of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Siddique was born in 1940 at Bardhaman district, West Bengal. He joined the then Pakistan Television Corporation in the 1970s as associate director. He also served as director of



programme and planning, at BTV. He became director general of BTV in 2009. He retired from the post in February 2012.

Siddique was a valiant freedom fighter, cultural personality and was involved with cultural and social organisations. Siddique was the first winner of the 'Kazi Sabyasachi Award', a recognition for recitation introduced by the Cultural Affairs Ministry, named after the eldest



Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad held a musical soiree at the National Music and Dance Centre Auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, on October 15 to mark the 36th death anniversary of the National Poet. At the programme noted signers of the event including MA Mannan, Shahin Samad, Dalia Nausheen, Dr. Nashid Kamal, Yasmin Mushtari, Badrunnesa Dahlia, Muntarin Mahal and Shahid Kabir Palash rendered songs. The programme commenced through choral rendition of the songs "Mrittui Nai, Nai Dukkho" and "Dao Shourjo Dao Dhoriro".



PHOTO: ATU AAMASH

Exciting times ahead for Samia Said

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

A dreamy eyed Samia, this year's 'Lux Channel i Superstar', recently returned from Singapore where she performed at a glitzy prize giving ceremony.

Soon after her return from Singapore she has been busy shooting for the TV play "Increment", to be telecast during Eid. The play has been directed by Alvi Ahmed.

"Acting for the first time is certainly very exciting and adventurous," said an elated Samia. "It is very difficult to put that experience into words."

Talking about the storyline of the TV play Samia explained that it is all about the nitty gritty of the corporate world, and here she plays a negative character.

Meanwhile Samia has her hands full for the upcoming Eid. She is simultaneously shooting in Barisal for another play, titled "Palatak Shomoy", directed by Animesh Aich.

"Shooting outside the capital is quite interesting and full of fun," said Samia.

Besides single episode plays, Samia is also working on new serials. But she will disclose the names only once they are finalised she added.

"Slow and steady wins the race, and I want to move ahead at a slow pace," added Samia smilingly.

Where will she be spending her Eid? Samia informs that she will be in Dhaka with her parents. She wants to enjoy Eid to the hilt with her family.



Nandita Yasmin performs at IGCC



A CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Culture Centre, in association with the State Bank of India in Bangladesh and Channel i as media partners, organised an evening of Rabindra Sangeet featuring accomplished singer Nandita Yasmin, on October 13 at the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in Dhaka.

Nandita opened the concert with "Agnani Porshmoni". A rendition of "Shokhi Bhobona Kahare Boley" followed. Up next were "Hridoye Chhille Jega", "Ami Tomaye Joto" and finally "Amar Bela Je Jaye".

Nandita Yasmin was initiated into the realm of Rabindra Sangeet by the late Moshad Ali at the tender age of five after which she commenced her formal training in Rabindra Sangeet in 1983 at the music school, Shangeet Bhaban, under legendary Tagore exponent Kalim Sharafi. During her tenure at Shangeet Bhaban, she had the opportunity to train under Bangladeshi musical luminaries like Sadi Mohammad, Rezwana Choudhury Bannya, Aminur Rahman Nijhu and Mridul Kanti Chakrabarti.

Nandita is also a member of the musical organization, Rabiraag, led by her mentor Sadi Mohammad and has performed extensively in Bangladesh and abroad.

Kwanon turns 25

MD MIZANUR RAHMAN HIMADRI

Kwanon celebrated its 25th anniversary with participation of noted elocutionists and poets from Dhaka and Kolkata in the port city on October 4 and 5.

The two-day long programme, marking the silver jubilee of the group of elocutionists, was inaugurated by MA Malek, editor of the daily Azadi, at Chittagong Theatre Institute on Thursday evening.

Earlier, the first phase of the programme, including a procession, came to a halt due to heavy rain.

Chaired by Kwanon president Mostak Khandaker, a discussion was held on the occasion.

Among others, elocutionist Jayanta Chattopadhyay; poet Mahadeb Saha; poet Asad Choudhury; elocutionist and



Kwanon president Mostak Khandaker hands over the crest to Nasim Ahmed.

researcher Nasim Ahmed; poet Nirmalendu Gum; elocutionist Shaaila Ahmed; elocutionist Shaifiquil Islam Bahar; and poet Vaskar Chowdhury from Kolkata, were present at the discussion.

Speaking as the chief guest, MA Malek said, "Chittagong always plays a vital role in any cultural movement and such celebration by Kwanon is the symbol of that".

Nasim Ahmed, also president of Bangladesh Nazrul Parishad, received the prize [worth Tk 50,000] and a crest.

Addressing the discussion, poet Mahadeb Saha said that elocutionists have a lot of contribution in the popular movements.

Following the discussion, "Ekdim Bhor Hobey" was recited by elocutionists of Kwanon to a full house. The performance was directed by Mostak Khandaker.

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Tradition on the decline

Lathi khela in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

To preserve the rural heritage, a 'lathi khela' event was organised recently by Bhulbaria Union Parishad at the local high school. Thousands of villagers from around the district came to witness the traditional mock fight with bamboo sticks.

Bhulbaria Union Parishad chairman Abdul Aziz chaired a discussion prior to the programme. Among those who addressed the gathering was former chairman Amzad Hossain. The speakers focused on the age-old heritage of lathi khela and said that time had taken its toll on the rural sport.

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Saif, Kareena tie the knot

Kareena Kapoor is now Mrs Saif Ali Khan. The star couple have officially wed. The first of two wedding ceremonies is over.

Saif, 42, son of late Nawab of Pataudi and former Indian cricket captain Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi and actress Sharmila Tagore, sealed his relationship with Kareena, 32, at his Mumbai residence through a registered marriage.

"It was a registered marriage with three witnesses Kareena's father Randhir Kapoor, her mother Babita and Saif's mother Sharmila," marriage registrar Surekha Ramesh said.

The couple who started dating in 2007, married in the presence of close friends and family yesterday afternoon.

The couple had officially declared their intention to tie the knot in the beginning of 2012 after the release of their film "Agent Vinod" in March.

Randhir and his elder daughter Karisma later waved to the waiting fans and media from the balcony of the house.

The hoopla over the wedding kicked off



The groom and bride. Saif and Kareena tied the knot in a registered marriage to Amrita Singh, attended the wedding too. Source: Internet

Tina Fey to co-host Golden Globe ceremony

Tina Fey of "30 Rock" fame is to reunite with fellow US comedy star Amy Poehler to host the 70th annual Golden Globes ceremony in 2013.

The "magnetic duo" replace British comedian Ricky Gervais who has been the show's acerbic host since 2010.

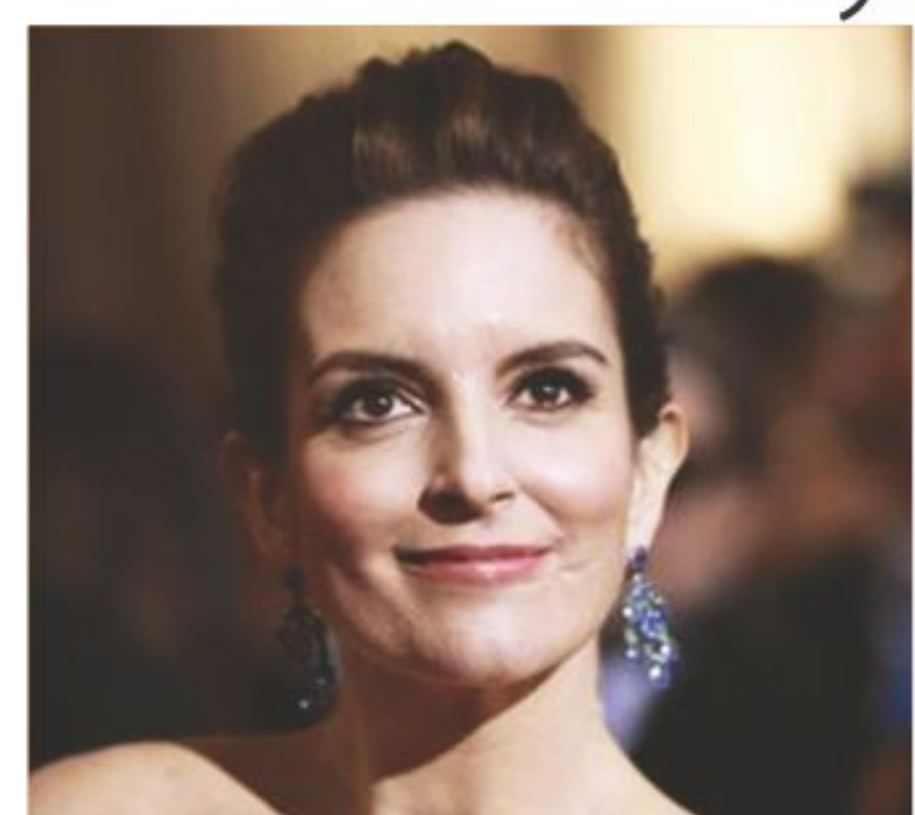
Fey and Poehler previously starred together in the film "Mean Girls" and on "Saturday Night Live".

The awards, voted for by Hollywood's foreign press, will air on January 13, less than two weeks before the Oscars.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association and NBC, who organise the event were "thrilled" to have Fey and Poehler on board, with Paul Telegedy, of NBC describing their involvement as a "major coup".

"Tina and Amy have a proven chemistry and comedic timing from their many years together on 'SNL' to their successful co-starring roles in 'Baby Mama,'" he said.

Poehler's show, "Parks and Recreation" is currently in its fifth season on NBC, while



Fey's "30 Rock" is airing its seventh and final season on the network. The comedic duo previously co-hosted Weekend Update, a satirical news sketch on "SNL", from 2004 to 2006. Source: BBC

Beetle Baily by Mort Walker

WHEN WILL THESE WARS EVER END? STICK WITH IT, BEETLE...

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BOOM! POW!

Henry by Don Trachte

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CHANNEL i 11:05 Sports Time 03:05 Tele-film 07:50 Drama Serial: Alice in Wonderland 11:30 Drama Serial: Roshni	CHANNEL 9 09:00 Bangla Feature Film 07:00 Money Hour 09:25 Gen X 10:30 Drama Serial: Apun Apun Rbha
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Bodile Jao Bodle
On Desh TV at 09:45pm
Talk Show
Host: Mithila Farzana

Dao Michhil
On Desh TV at 09:45pm
Talk Show
Host: Mithila Farzana

The Way Back
On Fox Movies at 02:55pm
Genre: Adventure/Drama
Cast: Jim Sturgess, Ed Harris & Colin Farrell

Nagarik
On CHANNEL 9 at 08:40pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Bappi Ashraf, Tazin Ahmed

07:50 Fashion and Tune 08:20 Drama Serial: Ohongkar 10:10 Docu-Drama: Charge Sheet Report	09:05 Crime Fiction 09:20 my tv 02:10 Bangla Feature Film 08:10 Drama Serial: Dhaka to Sonapur
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Rtv 12:35 Bangla Feature Film 05:00 Cinema R Gaan 09:05 Drama Serial: Boyra Paribar 09:50 Lucky Line	StarWorld 02:30 Grey's Anatomy 08:30 The Simpson's 09:30 Master Chef Australia 11:30 Two And A Half Men
DeshTV 03:00 Gaan R Gaan 05:00 Durpath 07:45 Drama Serial: Saathkathon 09:45 Bodile Jao Bodile Dao Michhil	Discovery Channel 02:30 Breaking Point 05:30 Man vs. Wild 09:30 Wildest Africa

DRAMA SERIAL

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CHANNEL i 09:35pm Boeing 757	Rtv 08:15pm Side Effect
rtv 09:45pm Shanno Shamkaran	DeshTV 08:15pm Radio Chocolate
ETV 09:30pm Kamini	Maasranga Television 08:30pm Khonkhaloy
BoishakhiTV	CHANNEL 9 08:40pm Nagrik

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