

WHAT'S ON

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Samagan
Artist: Prokanta Kamalakar Budha

Photography Exhibition
Title: Bangladesh: The Price of Freedom
Photographer: Raghya Rai

15th Asian Art Biennale
Venue: Bangladesh Academy, Segunbagicha

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Speed of Life
Artist: Jamil Azad

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Kahu
Title: The Making of Kahu Art-2

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Kallidas Kamalakar
Title: Alkaloid Faces and Diary

Photography Exhibition
Title: Touch the Sky
Photographer: Md. Mubshir

Selina Bahar Zaman
Memorial Speech
Speaker: Litterateur Selina Hossain

Heights of success as an actor

In conversation with Pran Roy

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Pran Roy captured the spotlight with his brilliant portrayal of the character Dublo in the popular drama "Romijer Manush".



It was a challenging role. Any observations on the recent trends in your line of work?

Pran Roy: No drama is becoming a massive hit now. It's probably because the stories are not that strong.

You studied at the Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Do you get time to paint?

Pran Roy: I enrolled in Charukala (FFA) in 1996. Now I don't get time to paint at all.

What was the first theatre group you joined after coming to Dhaka?

Pran Roy: I first worked with Pracheyanat for a couple of years. With the group, I acted in "Dui Boloder Golpo".

Which drama brought you recognition among the audience?

Pran Roy: "Romijer Manush" put me in the spotlight, and made my name known among viewers.

What other dramas brought you acclaim?

Pran Roy: I took a break after doing "Romijer Manush", as everyone was offering me similar roles. I also received many offers from filmmakers.

What is your opinion of the drama "Lolita"?

Pran Roy: Ekushey Television aired "Lolita", where Sumaiya Shimu played the title role. I played the character of Shahrukh.

joined Desh Natok and have been with it since.

Tell us about your work in "Ghetu Putro Komola".

Pran Roy: I'm very lucky to have had the opportunity to work in this film. Before I was offered a role in the movie, I worked in four dramas by Humayun Ahmed.

DVD of Tanvir Mokammel's 1971 launched



(From right) Tanvir Mokammel, Mofidul Hoque and Chitralekhia Guha at the launching ceremony.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The DVD of Tanvir Mokammel's documentary on the Liberation War, "1971", was launched at a programme held at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium.

The documentary, named after the glorious war from Bangladesh's history, predominantly narrates the Liberation war from every aspect.

In his remark, Mofidul Hoque emphasised on the need to preserve the "true history of our Liberation War".

Tobdul Islam Babu, president of the theatre troupe Natyajana, felicitated Mokammel with a bouquet.

Mokammel also spoke at the event and talked about the background of making the documentary.

After the launch, the documentary was screened at the venue. The primary research and shooting for the documentary took nearly seven years.

Apart from direction, Mokammel also did the research and screenplay. The DVD will be available at different outlets.

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Manik Bandopadhyay Treading the alleys of the human mind

December 3 marked the 56th death anniversary of Bengali novelist Manik Bandopadhyay.

Manik is considered one of the leading lights of modern Bengali fiction. During a short lifespan of 48 years, plagued simultaneously by illness and financial crisis, he produced 36 novels and 177 short stories.

Manik was born in 1908 in a small town called Dumka, in the district of Santal Parganas, in the Bihar province in India.

Manik passed the entrance examination for the Midnapore Zilla School in 1926, securing first division with letter marks in compulsory and optional mathematics.

Anwar Hossain was behind the camera as director of photography, while Mahadev Shi did the editing. The background score was done by Syed Shahab Ali Arzu.



Bichar Gaan performance in Faridpur

REZAUUL KARRIM, Faridpur

A two-day programme featuring 'Bichar Gaan' was held at Faridpur City College premises recently.

The programme also included a discussion, a book launch and sarinda playing competition.

Kazi Zainul Abedin, administrator, Faridpur Zila Parishad; Mahatab Ali Methu, Mayor of Faridpur municipal; Sathok Halim Sangeet Smriti Parishad (SHSSP) arranged the programme.

Ward -8, spoke on the occasion. The event was presided over by Md. Lutfor Rahman, president of SHSSP.

ON THE PLAYLIST Maroon 5's "Overexposed" Overexposed indeed

OSAMA RAHMAN

The title of Maroon 5's latest album, "Overexposed", is prophetic in ways and a truthful assessment of the band.

The fact that Adam Levine is a gifted vocalist backed by a talented bunch of musicians, is not debatable. He is easily one of the top vocalists of his generation and Maroon 5 is easily one of the best bands of this decade.

thing to go by, Maroon 5 is suffering from a serious identity crisis. As exciting as the genre-defying sounds they have become famous for are, applying the same formula for the entire album cannot be the smartest of steps.

But you can see the marketing gimmick behind that. Album sales are slowly being overtaken by song sales and of course, Maroon 5, like any other consortium of savvy businessmen, would like to take advantage of the market trend.



tion than a solid album with a dominating or at least recurring theme. The transition from "Love Somebody" to "Tickets" to "Lady Killer" and finally to "One More Night", is confusing.

To top it off, the album is quite boring. There is absolutely no originality in it, bar a few exceptions. The entire LP seems rushed from the start, with Adam crooning lyrics that seem like an assortment of frantically jotted notes on numerous fast-food chain paper napkins.

However, it is still Maroon 5 and not all the talent

is wasted. Wiz Khalifa adds a new dimension to the immensely catchy single "Payphone", while "Love Somebody" and "One More Night" are classic Maroon 5. The band manages to shrug the Coldplay like nature long enough to rival The Script with their single "The Man Who Never Lied".

Anti-drug concert in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A concert was held recently in Ishwardi Municipality Market area to promote an anti-drug campaign.

Secretary of Ishwardi Press Club, Mostak Ahmed Kiron, and others in their speech emphasised the need to imbue the nation with the spirit of the Liberation War.

Bangladesh was liberated from the Pakistani occupation forces through the supreme sacrifice of 30 lakh martyrs during a nine-month war.

We lose several lives every year due to drug abuse. The younger generation is particularly vulnerable to illegal drug use. This has become an endemic in our society after independence.

Among the artists "Close Up 1" contestant Ribu; local artistes Salim Ahmed, Mizanur Rahman Mintu, Sumon Hossain, Mosharaf Hossain and Abdul Halim performed patriotic songs.

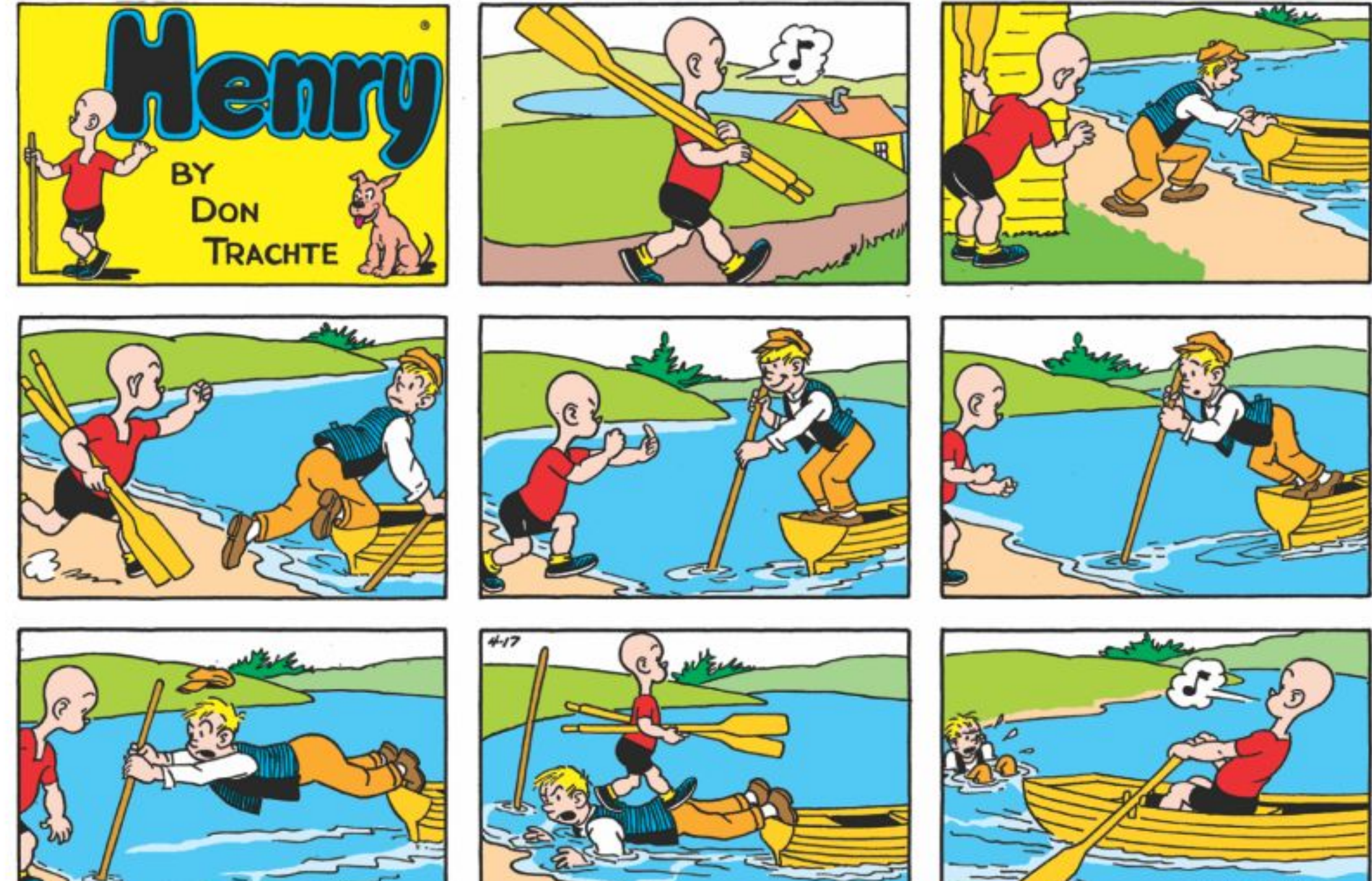
NEW RELEASES

HATIAI A box of four CDs featuring different Bands. Source: G-series

Nekabrorer Mahaproyan Soundtrack of the film Source: Laser Vision

Gaanichill Choice Mixed album Source: Gaanichill

Bhalobash ar Rong Soundtrack of the film Source: Agnivena



THE WEEKLY STRUM Song: Secret Album: Songs about Jane (2002) Lyrics and tune by Jesse Carmichael and Adam Levine

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6:40 Biz Time, 6:45 Operey Studio, 7:00 Drama Serial: 99, 7:00 Shaheb Ali Lane, 7:10 Dehaghari, 7:10 Bangla Feature Film, 7:10 The Diplomat, 7:15 Ekushey-er Raat, 7:10 Boishakhi TV, 7:10 Bangla Feature Film, 7:10 Drama Serial: Ognipath, 7:15 Paban Majhi, 7:15 Shudhui Adda, 7:15 BANGLAVISION, 7:15 Ami Ekhon Ki Karbo, 7:15 Bangla Feature Film, 7:15 Front Line, 7:15 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue, 7:20 Rtv, 7:20 Bangla Feature Film, 7:20 Rupkatha, 7:25 Love Lounge, 7:30 Life in Metro, 7:30 Gano Phone, 7:30 Fox Movies, 7:30 I, Robot, 7:30 Ghost Rider, 7:30 Trespass, 7:30 Drive Angry, 7:30 Superman Returns, 7:30 Blue Crush 2, 7:30 Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over, 7:30 Transformers: Dark of the Moon, 7:30 Star World, 7:30 Packed to the Rafters, 7:30 Grey's Anatomy, 7:30 Revenge, 7:30 Alcatraz, 7:30 Discovery Channel, 7:30 How Stuff Works, 7:30 Man Vs. Wild, 7:30 Superhuman

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