WHAT'S ON

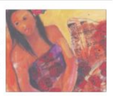
Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Sonargaon
Artist: Proshanta Karmakar Buddha
Venue: Nordic Club, Gulshan-2
Date: Nov 21- Dec17
Time: 9am-7pm

Photography Exhibition
Title: Bangladesh: The Price of Freedom
Photographer: Raghu Rai
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, H-42, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: December 7-16

15th Asian Art Biennale
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segunbagicha
Date: December 1-31
Time: 11am-8pm

Int'l Short Film Fest
Organiser: Bangladesh Short Film Forum
Venue: Central Public Library, Shahbagh
Date: December 13-19

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Kuhu
Title: The Making of Kuhu Art-2
Venue: Radius Art Gallery, Gulshan
Date: Nov 30-Jan 15



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
Title: Alluvial Faces and Diary
Venue: Institute of Art and Culture, Gulshan
Date: Dec 1-20
Time: 10am-8pm

Photography Exhibition
Title: Touch the Sky
Photographer: MA Mohit
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A, Dhanmondi
Date: December 7-14
Time: 12-8pm

Victory Festival 2012
Organiser: Sammilito Shangskritik Jote
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar, Dhaka
Date: Dec 14-16; Time: 4pm

Winners of the awards seen with the organisers.

Awards for 17th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition conferred

Artworks by Rasel Kanti Das, Purnima Mitra and Ruhul Amin Tarek.

TAKIR HOSSAIN

The award ceremony for 17th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition (BYPAC) was held on December 10 at Winter Garden, Hotel Ruposhi Bangla in Dhaka. Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints Ltd, inaugurated the event. In her speech, she said, "Berger Young Painters' Art Competition is one of the significant events in our cultural scene. BYPAC is a platform that recognises young artists and offers them exposure at national level. Berger hopes that this recognition will inspire young talents to work harder and bring pride and glory for the nation."

Young Bangladeshi painters are now experimenting with new techniques and themes. The themes range from the political, economical crises to national and international issues.

Observing the works at the 'Berger exhibition' closely, the themes come across as remarkable and relatable. Social injustice, bigotry, inequality, population growth, deforestation, everyday bliss and woes are some of the prevalent themes. Geometric shapes and architectural are other aspects of the paintings. In their works, the young artists have brought about many symbols and signs of their expressions, denoting realism, super realism or photo-realism, abstraction, semi-realism, abstract expressionism, surrealism and neo-expressionism.

A number of photo-realistic works demonstrate the young painters' contemplative and meditative views. This medium is often used in Western and African art. However, scenic beauty is absent in the works of these Bangladeshi artists. Of late, social issues have replaced landscapes.

The first phase of the award giving ceremony saw the Lifetime Achievement Award going to noted painter Abu Taher. Taher is one of the senior-most and acclaimed painters of the country. His immense contribution and dedication to Bangladeshi art assisted him to attain his current honourable position. The lifetime achievement crest was given to him by noted painter Quayyum Chowdhury.

Taher said, "I am elated. I appreciate the initiative that Berger has taken."

The competition received 563 paintings this year.

Rasel Kanti Das received Taka one lakh as part of the first prize; Purnima Mitra received Taka 75,000 as part of second prize; Ruhul Amin Tarek received Taka 50,000 as part of the third position. The 4th, 5th and 6th prizes went to Faisal Ahmed Mahfuz, Ahsan Mahtab and Abdullah Al Bashir respectively; each received Taka 40,000.

The winners received cheques and certificates from the chairman of the jury committee, Quayyum Chowdhury, and Rupali Chowdhury.

Berger Paints also organised painting competition for autistic children, for the second time. In this competition the winners of first, second and third position are: from group "A", Kazi Inteser Fayed, Tamim Ibne Aris and Md. Tamjid Hossain; from group "B", Adiba Ibnat, Farhan Syed Tanisha and Ahnaf Tahmid Khan. Veteran artist Rafiqun Nabi handed over the prize money and certificates to the winners of these two groups.

At the programme, Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited honoured five young achievers of our country. Among them were: Nishat Majumder and MA Muhit who climbed to the peak of Mount Everest. From Bangladesh, Dhananjoy Biswas, Sourav Das and Nur Muhammad Shafiullah had won medals at the 53rd International Mathematical Olympiad 2012; they received accolades from Berger Paints as well.

The ceremony was followed by musical performances by Ronty Das and Mahdi.

Including the six award winning paintings, Berger Paints has also organised an exhibition of 40 nominated paintings at Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. The exhibition opened yesterday and will continue till December 15.

Innovation in direction

Bansi Kaul in Dhaka

JAMIL MAHMUD

Veteran Indian theatre director Bansi Kaul was in Dhaka recently. His troupe Rang Vidushak staged two plays -- "Saudagar" and "Sidhi dar Sidhi urf Tukke pe Tukka" -- at Theatre Art Unit's 20th anniversary celebration festival. Both plays were directed by Kaul. A brightly coloured stage, clownish costumes and painted faces of the performers in both plays aroused questions -- does the troupe give priority to colours? Is that why they call themselves "Rang Vidushak" (painted wise men, who pretend to be a buffoons)?

The sexagenarian director said that he was impressed to see the many forms of theatre in different corners of India during his job as a "travelling director" in the early 1970s, under a project run by National School of Drama (NSD). And from such impressions, he started to incorporate the form that his troupe follows nowadays. He took elements from folk and tribal traditions.

"We take ideas from tribal and agrarian communities and try to incorporate these elements in our plays. We do not follow the forms, rather we follow the energy and the philosophy to deal with things," says Kaul.

Bansi Kaul paints face of an actor. PHOTO: JAMIL MAHMUD

After completing graduation from National School of Drama (NSD) in 1973, he travelled all over India, over the next 10 years. In 1981 he joined NSD as a professor and started a new department focusing on reaching out to people and giving them theatre lessons instead of inviting them to come to Delhi, where NSD is located.

"I would spend one month in a town and then shift to another. India is a big country and there are so many groups that everybody couldn't come to NSD. I advised them to start a department which would reach people at their homes," says Kaul.

Kaul adds that it was a time when a group of eight to 10 directors felt India needed a new orientation in theatre. Besides him, this list of directors included legends such as Ratan Thiyam, Heisnam Kanhailal and Habib Tanvir.

"We decided to work on different aspects. I chose to work on street forms and non-theatrical forms. I tried to work with acrobatics and martial arts of central India," he says.

They started to arrange a festival with the participation of local people and as a link in that arrangement they founded Rang Vidushak in 1984.

Both of the plays staged in Dhaka had a lot of acrobatics and non-theatrical gestures. Furthermore, there was space for laughter, which the troupe treats as another key element.

"The basic idea behind doing a funny performance is that we do believe laughter is not only for comedy; we believe it can be used as a tool of protest as well," says Kaul.

Behind selecting such name for the troupe, Kaul said that their aim is to see the world through a fool's perspective. "Some see the world through a scientist's point of view. Some prefer a politician's perspective. Why don't we see the world through a fool's eyes?" -- he says.

Feedback to perform at IGCC

One of the leading bands of Bangladesh, Feedback, is going to perform at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The concert will be held on December 14, according to a press release.

Indira Gandhi Culture Centre, High Commission of India, Dhaka in association with the State Bank of India in Bangladesh, and Channel i as media partner, are going to organise the programme.

The performance, to be led by Fuad Nasser, will begin at 6:30 pm. Vocalists Labu Rahman and Shahnur Rahman Lumin will perform at the programme. Enam Elahi Tonty will be on drums and percussions, John S Munshi on bass and Fuad Nasser on keyboards.

Feedback was formed in 1976. It had its first public appearance, organised by Leo Club at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka, on September 25, 1979 and that was a huge success. Since then, Feedback had pioneered Bangla rock music movement in Bangladesh.

The band's albums include, "Feedback" (1985), "Ullash" (1987), "Mela" (1990), "Joar" (1992), "Bangabda 1400" (1994), "Deho Ghari" (1995), "Bauliana" (1996), "Anondo" (1999), "Ei Shatabdir Feedback" (2000) and "02" (2002).

The concert will be open to all.

Anti-corruption Theatre Fest in Barisal ends

SUSHANTA GHOSH, *Barisal*

A two-day Anti-corruption Theatre Festival ended at the Barisal Ashwini Kumar Town Hall on Monday night.

Six plays were staged at the festival, organised by Mobilisation for Alternative Programme (MAP).

MAP executive director, Shuvangkar Chakrabarty, said that they had organised the festival with a view to promoting movements against corruption.

He also said that the festival upheld the spirit of the Liberation War to ensure a corruption-free country.

Yes Natya Dal staged "Shamayer Kotha"; Kheyali Group Theatre staged "Biplober Mrittu Nei"; Pancha Shiri Theatre staged "Bichar Chai"; Barisal Theatre produced "Shironamhin"; Natyam presented "Kadakar"; and Barisal Natak staged "Juddho O Swadhinata" at the festival.

Artistes perform at the programme. PHOTO: STAR

A discussion on 'The role of drama and theatre activists in preventing corruption' was also held in the course of the festival.

Dr. Syed Habibur Rahman, president, Human Rights Alliance, presided over the discussion. Among others, Mintu Bosu, dramatist; Md. Shamsuddin, vice president and Mizanur Rahman Mizan, secretary to Barisal Sangskritik Sangothan Samanya Parishad; Rahima Sultana Kajal, NGO activist; Mofakkar Morshed Khan Chowdhury, programme officer, TIB; and Shuvangkar Chakroborty, spoke at the discussion.

Altaf Hossain, president of Charukala Barisal, handed crests and certificates among the participating teams at the festival.

Cultural programme to generate awareness on gender violence

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, *Pabna*

A discussion and cultural programme organised by Anti Violence Alliance for Women was held in Pabna Town Hall premises recently with the theme, "Ensure safety and protect women from violence".

Administrator of Pabna Zila Parishad, Md. Saidul Haque Chunnu, spoke as the chief guest, while the Deputy Commissioner of Pabna, Md. Mostafizur Rahman, spoke as the special guest. Among others, Additional Police Superintendent, Shamim Ahmed and vice chairman of Pabna Sadar upazila Parishad, Samsunnahar Rekha, also spoke on the occasion.

Women are neglected and denied their due. Women are oppressed at the social and family level, said the speakers. We have to work united to ensure safety for women at home and in society, the speakers added.

A cultural programme was held to generate awareness about women's rights. Shontosh Chakrabarti, Abul Hassem and other artistes gave musical performances at the event.

Wedding bells for **Monalisa**

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Twelfth December 2012 -- a trio of 12s -- makes the day significant on the pages of calendars. Many have made special plans to make the occasion more memorable. The gorgeous and popular model-actress Mojeja Ashraf Monalisa is one of those people, as she had chosen this date to tie the wedding knot.

Asked why she picked the date, Monalisa smiles and says, "The date is special. Such a date (12.12.12) will never come again in my lifetime. Wedding is a memorable event in anyone's life. So we chose this date to make the occasion a bit more special."

She said that the wedding is being arranged with blessings from her whole family, adding that her own preferences were also taken into account.

Asked about her intimate thoughts on the occasion, Monalisa says, "The feelings are completely different. A girl waits for this special day all her life. I feel very happy."

Although the wedding is set to take place today, the Gaye Holud was held yesterday with plenty of celebrations. Monalisa will visit Persona for her special makeover for the wedding. Monalisa -- who will wear a traditional red and gold sari today -- said, "Although I have visited Persona many times before, the wedding make up will be completely different."

Monalisa also asked for blessings from everyone for the new chapter of her life. The wedding event will take place at the Army Golf Club, with family members, relatives and media personalities among the guest list. The groom -- Faiyaaz -- is a non-resident Bangladeshi, currently living in the US. After the wedding, Monalisa will travel to Narayanganj, her husband's home.

International Human Rights Day observed

ZAHANGIR SHAH, *Manikganj*

International Human Rights Day was observed in Manikganj with a seminar, play and songs.

United Nations Information Center (UNIC) in Dhaka, Daffodils International University in Dhaka and Bandutia Aftab Uddin High School(BAUHS) in Manikganj organised the event at the Bandutia Aftab Uddin High School premises on Tuesday.

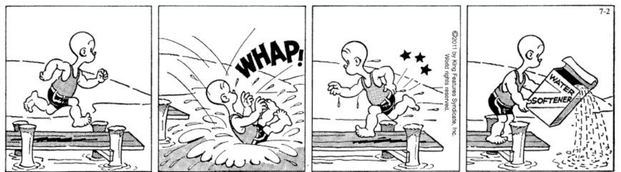
Mossaraf Hossain, acting head teacher of BAUHS presided over the seminar while Md. Aslam Hossain, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Manikganj, Kazi Ali Reza, chief of United Nations Information Center (UNIC) in Dhaka, UNIC's Knowledge management officer its administrative officer Momtaz Begum addressed the gathering.

Anuj Kumer Chakrabarty, Hasanul Humayun Ronny, Alamgir Hossain, Alfasani Shuvbho, Dipak Chandra Shil, Tamzid Siddique, Rabiul Alam Reja, Abida Sultana, ZM Sazzad, Jannatul Sumiya, Minoti Chakma, Ariful Islam, Shaila Siddika, members of All Star group of Daffodils International University staged a play to create awareness on human rights. Later, the members of the All Star group, the students of BAUHS and local artistes rendered solo and chorus song on stage.

The day was dedicated to Malala Yousufzai who was shot by an extremist group in Pakistan for campaigning for girls' education, a basic human right.

Beetle Baily by Mort Walker

Henry by Don Tranchte



Open literary session on Nazrul in Panchagarh

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, *Thakurgaon*

'Sahitya Adda' (an open literary session) on National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, titled 'Nazrul Sandha', was held recently at Nazrul Pathagar (library) in Panchagarh. The event included song renditions, a discussion and recitation.

The programme featured lively exchange of questions and answers between the discussant and literature enthusiasts on Nazrul's life and works.

Nazrul's lyrics, poems and inspiring music against inequality and repression moved the people gathered during the three-hour programme.

The programme began with a Nazrul song, "Phooler Jalshaye Nirab Keno Kobi", performed by a local artiste Satyendranath Roy.

Then came several solo renditions by Trishna Bonik, Dhanesh Chandra Roy and Mostak Ur Rahman.

Nurul Huda read out the remarkable love letter of Nazrul to Nargis that followed a recitation of "Sabyashachi" by Deputy Commissioner Tofazzel Hossain Miah.

Abu Hazzad Tanin, Namrata, Ehteshamul Haque and Mizanur Rahman also recited different poems of Nazrul while Ariful Islam and Ayesha Siddika recited their self-composed poems on the 'Rebel Poet'.

The main discussant of the programme was Deputy Commissioner Md. Tofazzel Hossain Miah, who spoke briefly about the works of the poet and his contributions to uphold human welfare and communal harmony in society.

Former principal and also Professor of Bangla, Md. Giasuddin; president of Panchagarh Sahitya Shangshad, Ariful Islam; and Mokhlesur Rahman participated in the discussion on the poet.

The discussants urged all concerned to take steps to properly evaluate the poet and conduct more research on him.

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The Daily Star STAR Cineplex JAMES BOND QUIZ.
QUIZ: 12
1) In which James Bond movie did Sheena Easton perform the title song?
2) "Kamal Khan" was the villain in which Bond film?
3) According to Bond villain Max Zorin in "A View to a Kill", what is the secret of genius?
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** (All questions refer to the Eon series of James Bond)
Answar of QUIZ 11:
1. GEORGE MARTIN.
2. JOHN GLEN.
3. 1979.
Winners of QUIZ 11:
01. Syed Ridwan Husain - Kakrail, Dhaka
02. Md. Tajdin Hassan - Banasree rampura, Dhaka
03. Mahbuba Siddika Khan - West Malibag, Dhaka

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

BTV
11:30 Anandadhara
05:05 Jatiya Television Bitarko
08:40 Drama Serial: Nona Joler Kabbo
10:50 Gaan-er Jhornatalay

ATN BANGLA
06:15 Kothamala
08:00 Destination Unlimited
08:40 Drama Serial: Chupi Chupi
10:55 Bibeker Kache Proshno

CHANNEL i
11:05 Sherakontha
03:05 Tele-film
06:00 Ashalata
09:45 Drama Serial: Boeing 757

ntv
11:00 Biz Time
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar
09:50 Lucky Line

Desh TV
03:00 Gaan R Gaan
05:00 Durpath
06:30 Durer Janala
07:45 Drama Serial: Saatkahon

Maasranga Television
10:02 Bangla Feature Film
08:00 Drama Serial: Kobiraj Golapshah
09:20 Drama Serial: Maa
11:00 Shera Pratibha

CHANNEL 9
09:00 Bangla Feature Film
08:15 Brama Serial: Nagarik
09:00 Power Voice
10:30 Drama Serial: Nishigandha

CHANNEL 24
03:25 Drama Serial: Jadur

RADIO
abc radio FM 89.2
09:30 Edik Odik
05:30 Kacha Lanka
06:30 Mitha Kara
07:20 GP Launch
07:45 Megh Barata
08:10 Adda
09:30 Rock of Ages
11:10 Hello 8920
Radio Foorti
07:30 Hello Dhaka
10:00 Morning Express
12:00 No Tension
04:00 Dhaka Calling
09:00 Knight Riders
RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
06:00 Green FM
08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
12:00 Today's Adda
04:00 U Turn
07:00 Tobey Tai Hok

Maa
On Maasranga Television at 09:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Joyraj, Farzana Chhobi

Click
On Fox Movies at 07:00pm
Genre: Comedy/ Drama
Cast: Adam Sandler, Kate Beckinsale & Christopher Walken

Nacho Bangladesh Nacho
On BANGLAVISION at 09:05pm
Dance Reality Show
Judges: Shibli Mohammad, Farzana Riya & Ferdous

ETV
11:30 Ekushey-er Business
07:50 Fashion and Tune
08:20 Drama Serial: Bhomradah College
10:10 Docu-drama: Charge Sheet Report

Boishakhi TV
09:10 Bangla Feature Film
04:00 Shorashori Doctor
05:20 Juddho Diner Bondhura
08:00 Drama Serial: Borobarir Chhot Bou

BANGLAVISION
01:05 Bangla Feature Film
06:25 Front Line
09:05 Nacho Bangladesh Nacho
11:25 Music Club

Rtv
12:35 Bangla Feature Film
07:35 Drama Serial: Bhim Roti
09:05 Drama Serial: Boyra Paribar
Achhey
08:15 Roshuighar
11:30 Drama Serial: Chowdhury Villa
Shahar
08:00 Amar Moto Gaan
12:00 Modhyraater Muktabak

Fox Movies
01:35 The Help
04:05 You Don't Mess with the Zohan
07:00 Click
08:50 Shanghai Noon
10:45 Trespass

HBO
01:35 Mr. Bean's Holiday
03:20 Final Destination 2
07:35 The Warrior's Way
09:30 Rush Hour
11:20 The Hangover Part II

Star World
02:30 Grey's Anatomy
04:30 Alcatraz
08:30 New Girl
09:30 Packed to the Rafters
11:30 Two And A Half Men

Discovery Channel
02:30 Extreme Bodies
05:30 Man Vs. Wild
09:30 Wildest Latin America
10:30 Gator Boys

DRAMA SERIAL
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Maasranga Television
08:40pm Khonikaley

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Maasranga Television
News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.

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ATN BANGLA
01:00am Onno Dristi
CHANNEL i
12:30pm Tanoka Kathon
ntv
12:30am Ei Shomoy
ETV
12:05am Ekushey-er Raat
Boishakhi TV
11:00pm Reporters Dairy
12:00am Zero Hour
Rtv
10:40am Tarokalap
Desh TV
11:45pm Shoja Kotha
Maasranga Television
12:02am Shamprotik
Gtv