

WHAT'S ON

Rabindra Alekhya Title: Kobi Anuragini Venue: Main Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh Date: Jan 2 Time: 6:30pm

Celebrating 50 Years of Film Society Movement Inaugural Session Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: January 4

Solo Art Exhibition Title: Life in Abstraction, Abstraction in Life Artist: Biren Shome Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dharamdidi

Mohammad Kiloria Print Fair Title: Print for All Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-46, Rd-7/A, Dharamdidi Date: Jan 1-5

Noboborsha Boi Utasab Organiser: Adom Publication Venue: Public Library, Shahbagh Date: Dec 29-Jan 13 Time: 10am-8pm

Theatre Festival Tribute to Kalim Shakarj Organiser: Nagarik Nyayangan Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: Dec 27-Jan 02 Time: 6:30pm

Group Art Exhibition Title: Pottagan - An Exploration of the Five Senses Venue: Adama Gallery of Fine Arts, 43 Haghata, Cha-72/10, 2nd Floor, Progoti Shomai, Uttar Hadda Date: Dec 22-28 2012

Solo Art Exhibition Title: The Making of Kabu Art-2 Artist: Kabu Venue: RADIUS Art Gallery, Gulshan

Across the Table

Meet your favourite celebrities



Star Arts & Entertainment brings you the golden opportunity to meet your favourite personalities from the cultural fraternity up close and personal, and ask them what you've always wanted to. Every month, an actor, or writer, or musician or artist will be at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka, and you can join them in conversation. Drop us an e-mail with a brief note about yourself and your mobile number at culturearts@gmail.com by January 7, 2013, if you want to meet internationally acclaimed filmmaker Farooqi. We will choose 10 people through lottery, who will get the opportunity to sit across the table with Farooqi, engage in a lively conversation and get an autographed poster of his new film "Television". The transcript of the conversation will be published in The Daily Star.

Sabina Yasmin weaves magic with her voice



Sabina Yasmin is a household name in Bangladesh. Renowned for her patriotic songs as well as her playbacks for Bangladeshi films, her appeal as an iconic musical figure extends far and beyond Bangladesh's borders.

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Who would have known that Sabina Yasmin's recording of "Amar Shonar Bangla" in the film "Jibon Theke Neya" by Zahir Raihan would in the near future become our national anthem? Even before it became our national anthem, the song was on everybody's lips and reached iconic status prior to our independence in 1971. "I have proud memories of those times. I recorded the song in a higher octave than usual. Credit goes to Ata Bhai (Khan Ataur Rahman) who directed the recording of the song. The film attained huge popularity in Kolkata, India," says the artiste.

ers to a sense of patriotism, such is the intensity of her voice and rendition. "Indeed, I have recorded many patriotic songs; but, with the passage of time, those numbers have become songs of the masses. I visualised Freedom Fighters coming from the battlefield and the grim faces of many Beerangina prior to recording the song 'Shob kota janala khule dao na'. Nazrul Islam Babu composed the song," said the artiste. "I would record songs in FDC throughout the night; take part in rehearsals with many artistes at radio station, and come morning, attend college and university. Those were really hectic days for me," said the diva. The mellow numbers recorded by the artiste still have a hold on numerous music enthusiasts. We fall into melodic nostalgia while hearing songs like "Eki shonar aloe jibon bhoriye dile", "Ei mon tomake dilam", "Keu konodin amare tho

katha dilo na", "Katha bolbo na", "Osrui diye lekha", "Shondhar chhaya namey", "Ami achhi thakbo", "Ami rajanigandha", "Chithi dio protidin", "Dukkho amar amar bashor", "Ei prithibir pore", "Geetmoy ei din", "O amar mon kandyer", "Shudhu gaan geye porichoy", "Sundar subarno" and many more. Sabina's repete went form strength to strength throughout the late '70s and early '80s with numerous patriotic songs and folk songs as well. Over the years she has recorded songs with noted Indian singers including R.D. Burman and a duet with famous Indian singer Kishore Kumar. She has received prestigious awards including Shadhinota Padak, Ekushy Padak, Jatiyo Cholochchitro Puroshkar (The National Film Award) and Best Playback Singer Award (by Bengal Film Journalists' Association, India) as deserved recognition for her illustrious musical career.



Musician Romel Ali (2-R) along with guests seen at the launch of the album "Jibon Jurey". The album of songs composed by Romel features Bappa Mazumdar, Habib Wahid, Kona, Babna Karim, Shafin Ahmed and Elita. The album, released recently, is available on Banglalink Music Station at present.



Dhaka Theatre staged its recent production "The Tempest" at the Cox's Bazar sea beach on December 28. Directed by Nasiruddin Yousufi, the play was performed on a makeshift stage built like a shampam (traditional boat). Local people enjoyed the play, while Channel I telecast it live. The play is made in the traditional Manipuri Natpala form.

Dhaka University production Shiddhanto going to NSD fest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Shiddhanto", an adaptation of German playwright Bertolt Brecht's "The Measures Taken", produced by Department of Theatre, University of Dhaka will participate in a festival arranged by National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi, India. The play, translated by Shahman Moishan and directed by Professor Israfil Shaheen, will be staged at the 15th Bharat Ranga Mahotsab on January 10. As pre-festival preparation, the department has arranged shows of the play - over four days - at the Natmandal auditorium on DU campus. The first show was held yesterday. Everyday, plays will be staged at 6:30 pm till January 4. "The Measures Taken" is considered to be one of Brecht's most political plays; the core message is that the communist discipline must be accepted without question. Critics have frequently attacked the play. The play portrays the ill fate of a young comrade who sacrifices (or forced to sacrifice) himself for the interest of communism. At its initial phase, the play was designed like a traditional jatra pala. However, to take part in the NSD fest, the play has been re-designed in proscenium form. The cast includes Imam Abdullah Hakim, Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, Sultana Yeasmin, Nasrin Islam, Nila Saha, Musammam Mototaz, Nadia Afrin and Mohammad Shaifuazzaman. Ashiqur Raham Leon designed the set, light, costume and props for the play.



A scene from "Shiddhanto". PHOTO COURTESY: DEPT OF THEATRE, DU

Farooqi's Television to hit the big screens this month

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Mostofa Sarwar Farooqi's much-anticipated film "Television" is set to release across the country on January 25. The director and cast of the movie are also set to go on a seven-day countrywide tour to promote the film. Farooqi, Nusrat Imroz Tisha, Mosharraf Chowdhury will visit cinema halls in Dhaka, Chittagong, Comilla, Rajshahi and Jessore.



"Television" -- a story of family, relationships and the crises within -- has already created a massive stir. After being received very well as the closing film of Asia's top film festival, Busan, the movie has been nominated in the best screenplay and cinematography categories at Asia Pacific Film Festival. The film has already won a special jury mention at the recently-concluded Dubai International Film Festival. The Hollywood Reporter, Screen International and Variety have given rave reviews to the film, terming it a "breakthrough" in South Asian cinema. Written by Anisul Hoq and Farooqi, the film has been produced by Chhibial, Star Cineplex and Mogador Film (Germany). Ayub Bachchu, Chirkut and Hridoy Khan have directed the music; Golam Maola Nabir has done the cinematography.

Blockbusters of 2012 The most-watched movies from Hollywood



- The Avengers Directed by: Joss Whedon Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner, Samuel L. Jackson
The Amazing Spider-Man Directed by: Marc Webb Starring: Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Rhys Ifans, Denis Leary, Irrfan Khan, Martin Sheen, Sally Field
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted Directed by: Eric Darnell, Conrad Vernon, Tom McGrath Starring: Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Sacha Baron Cohen, Frances McDormand
The Hunger Games Directed by: Gary Ross Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Woody Harrelson, Liam Hemsworth
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey Directed by: Peter Jackson Starring: Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, James Nesbitt, Cate Blanchett, Christopher Lee, Hugo Weaving, Elijah Wood, Andy Serkis
Men in Black 3 Directed by: Barry Sonnenfeld Starring: Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brodin, Michael Stuhlbarg, Emma Thompson



Child participants at the competition. PHOTO: STAR

Tribute to Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Painting competition held

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A painting competition was held recently at the premises of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery). Zainul Shishu Charupath, an art school run by the art gallery with the support of the National Museum, organised the competition marking the 98th birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, a maestro of modern art. Forty one children of Zainul Charupath participated in the competition in five groups. Dr. Bijoy Krishna Banik, deputy keeper of the art gallery inaugurated the competition. Poritosh Majumder, an art expert at National Academy for Primary Education (NAPE); and Mohammad Abdur Rouf of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Fine Arts Institute judged the paintings. A discussion on the life and work of Zainul was held at art gallery hall room in the afternoon. Principal Reazul Islam was the chief guest while principal of Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam College AKM Abdur Rafiq and Professor Bimol Kanti Dey were the special guests. Former principal of Teachers Training College artiste Amirul Islam and Md. Aminul Islam, a lecturer in English, were the discussants. The guests at the meeting said that the younger generation should learn about Zainul, the pioneer of the modern art movement in the country. Zainul sketched many of his works on nature and human sufferings, especially on the famine that depicted the hard reality of that time, said the speakers. To be a great artiste like Shilpacharya, today's artistes should nurture the humanitarian facet of the great maestro, they concluded. Later, the chief guest distributed prizes among the 15 winners of the competition.

Theatre troupe Aarshinagar to make its debut with Khoabnama

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new theatre troupe, Aarshinagar, will make its stage debut with an adaptation of Akhtaruzzaman Elias' much-acclaimed novel "Khoabnama". According to the troupe sources, the play will be staged within a couple of months. Recently the troupe arranged a workshop with an aim to choose actors for the play. The workshop was held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka, from December 21 to 30, 2012. Actors, scholars and activists including Mamunur Rashid, Tariq Anam Khan, Khairul Alam Sabuj, Naila Azad Nupur, Jhuma Chowdhury and Saydur Rahman gave lectures on a variety of topics related to theatre. Akhtaruzzaman Elias' "Khoabnama" (The Book of Dreams) -- on the Liberation War, through the eyes of rural population -- is considered one of the greatest literary works to come out in the country in recent past.



Table with TV channels and their programs: BTv, ATN Bangla, Channel I, ntv, abt radio FM 89.2, Radio, Desh TV, Maasranga Television, Channel 9, Channel 24.

Advertisement for Nishigandha Drama Serial Cast: Fazelur Rahman Bano, Bonyra Mirza

Advertisement for Lethal Weapon 2 On HBO at 05:25pm Genre: Action/Thriller Cast: Mel Gibson, Danny Glover & Joe Pesci

Advertisement for Progga Parmita On ATN BANGLA at 08:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Sharmili Ahmed, Shajida Pritee

Table with TV channels and their programs: ETV, Boishakhi TV, BANGLAVISION, Rtv.

Table with Drama Serials: ATN BANGLA, BANGLAVISION, CHANNEL I, ntv, 09:45pm, 09:30pm, 09:20pm.

Table with News Bulletin: ntv, ETV, ATN BANGLA, BANGLAVISION, Rtv.

Table with Talk Show: ATN BANGLA, CHANNEL I, ntv, ETV.