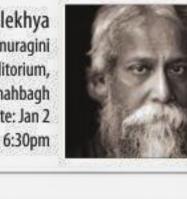
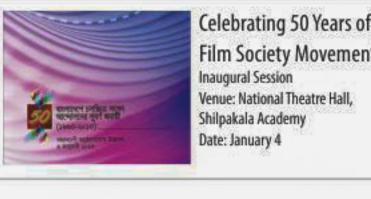
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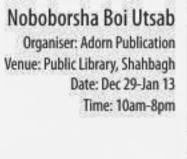
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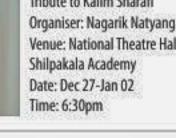


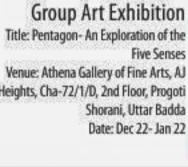
















Across the Table

Meet your favourite celebrities



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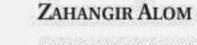
Star Arts & Entertainment brings you the golden opportunity to meet your favourite personalities from the cultural fraternity up close and personal, and ask them what you've always wanted to. Every month, an actor, or writer, or musician or artist will be at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka, and you can join them in conversation.

Drop us an e-mail with a brief note about yourself and your mobile number at culturetds@gmail.com by January 7, 2013, if you want to meet internationally acclaimed filmmaker Farooki. We will choose 10 people through lottery, who will get the opportunity to sit across the table with Farooki, 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.



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, song was on everybody's lips and reached iconic status prior to our independence in

"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 record ing of the song. The film attained huge popularity in Kolkata, India," says the

The artiste's records of "Shob kota ianala khule dao na", "Jonmo amar dhonno holo maa go" and "Ekti Bangladesh tumi jagroto jonotar" has withstood the test of time and unfailingly stirs listen-

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 Beerangana prior to record ing the song 'Shob kota janala khule dao 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 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", "Osru diye lekha", "Shondhar chhaya namey" "Ami achhi thakbo", "Ami rajanigandha" "Chithi dio protidin", "Dukkho amar amar bashor", "Ei prithibir pore",

"Shudhu gaan geye porichoy", "Sundar Remarking on the absence of timeless

"Geetimoy ei din", "O amar mon kandey",

Bangladeshi films, Sabina says, "The making of beautiful films with dramatic social backdrops is waning. That's why creating memorable music has come to a halt. If music is the essence of performing arts, it needs to be nourished with combined artistic hands where lyricists, composers, music directors and producers work together. But the reality is that very little quality music has been created over the years. There is a lack of emerging quality

singers too. Furthermore, the albums that

are in the audio market, fails to deliver a

lasting impact on the listener's mind." music industry since the '70s. The artiste

has so far recorded more than 10,000

Sabina's repute 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, Ekushey Padak, Jatiyo Cholochchitro Puroshkar nalists' Association, India) as deserved recognition for her illustrious musical

Julian Marley and the Uprising



Julian Marley, son of Jamaican reggae legend Bob Marley and a Grammy nominee himself, arrived in Dhaka today to perform at a concert. Julian and his 14-member band, the Uprising, will perform at "Celebrating Bob Marley, Reggae and More", at the Hall of Fame, Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka on January 4.

Tickets will be available at all outlets of Coffee World, Fahim Music, Hot Hut, Western Grill, Cafe Thirty3, Soi 3. The platinum packages will include a Bob Marley memorabilia and will have the opportunity to meet Julian Marley, organisers informed. There will also be tickets at 50 percent discount for students, available at Hotel Ruposhi Bangla and Westin.

Julian Marley is a roots-reggae musician, singer-songwriter, producer and humanitarian. In the same tradition as his father, Julian "Ju Ju" Marley is a devout Rastafarian whose music is inspired by life and spirituality. In 2009, his album "Awake", co-produced with his brothers Stephen Marley and Damian Marley, was nominated for the prestigious Grammy Awards.

Dhaka University production **Shiddhanto** going to NSD fest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manipuri Natpala form.

"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 -

Dhaka Theatre staged its recent production "The Tempest" at the Cox's Bazar sea

on a makeshift stage built like a shampan (traditional boat). Local people enjoyed

beach on December 28. Directed by Nasiruddin Yousuff, the play was performed

the play, while Channel i telecast it live. The play is made in the traditional

Musician Romel Ali (2-R) along with guests seen at the launch of the album

Mazumdar, Habib Wahid, Kona, Babna Karim, Shafin Ahmed and Elita. The album,

"Jibon Jurey". The album of songs composed by Romel features Bappa

released recently, is available on Banglalink Music Station at present.

- 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, Musammat Momotaz, Nadia Afrin and Mohammad Shaifuzzaman. A scene from "Shiddhanto".

Ashigur Raham Leeon designed the set, light, costume and props for the play.



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Born in 1953, Sabina Yasmin, as a child prodigy, started singing for films, radio, television and gramophone companies and has been active in the Bangladeshi

(The National Film Award) and Best Playback Singer Award (by Bengal Film Jour-

and Variety have given rave reviews to the film, terming it a "breakthrough" in South Asian cinema. Written by Anisul Hoq and Farooki, the film has been produced by Chhobial, Star Cineplex and Mogador Film (Germany). Ayub Bachchu, Chirkut and Hridoy Khan have directed the music; Golam Maola Nabir has done the

Farooki's

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Nusrat Imroz Tisha, Mosharraf

Chowdhury will visit cinema

the capital and outside, start-

"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

the movie has been nomi-

nated in the best screen

play and cinematogra-

phy categories at Asia

Pacific Film Festival

The film has already

won a special jury

recently-concluded

Dubai International

Hollywood Reporter,

Screen International

Film Festival. The

mention at the

top film festival, Busan,

ing from January 25.

Television

to hit the big screens this month

Mostofa Sarwar Farooki'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 coun- trywide tour to promote the film. Farooki,

Karim and Chanchal

Blockbusters

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 Dark Knight Rises Directed By: Christopher Nolan Starring: Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Anne Hathaway, Marion Cotillard, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Morgan Freeman

Directed by: Sam Mendes Starring: Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem Ralph Fiennes, Bérénice Marlohe, Judi Dench

Ice Age: Continental Drift Directed by: Steve Martino, Mike Thurmeier Starring: Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Queen Latifah, Seann William Scott, Jennifer

The Twilight Saga: Breaking

Dawn Directed by: Bill Condon Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner

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

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

The Hobbit: An Unexpected

Directed by: Peter Jackson Starring: Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, James Nesbitt, Cate Blanchett, Christopher Lee, Hugo Weaving, Elijah Wood, Andy Serkis

Directed by: Barry Sonnenfeld Starring: Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin, Michael Stuhlbarg, Emma Thompson

Men in Black 3



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, orga ised 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 compe-

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 petition.

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 numanitarian facet of the great maestro,

they concluded.

Later, the chief guest distributed prizes among the 15 winners of the com-

December 21 to 30, 2012. Actors, schol-

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' muchacclaimed 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

The workshop was held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka, from

ars and activists including Mamunur Rashid, Tariq Anam Khan, Khairul Alam Sabuj, Naila Azad Nupur, Jhuna Chowdhury and Saydur Rahman gave lectures on a variety of topics related to

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











The Chronicles of Namia: 10:10 Docu-drama: Charg Shorashori Doctor

From Paris with Love

Two And A Half Men **Discovery Channel** Bangla Feature Fil Drama Serial: Gator Boys

BBC World

DRAMA SERIAL 08:15pm Generation Next Dot 08:15pm Makrasha

08:35 Glamour Guide

BANGLAVISION

08:15pm Pancham

News (Bangla) at 10am,

News (Bangla) at 10am,

2pm, 7pm. News (English) at 9am,

08:20pm Radio Chocolate

NEWS BULLETIN

News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm. News (English) at 10am, ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 11am, News (English) at 9am, CHANNEL i News (Bangla) at 2pm News (Bangla) at 2pm

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1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm News (Bangla) at 2pm.

TALK SHOW

Boishakhi TV 01:00am Onno Dristi 12:00am Zero Hour Desh TV 12:30am Ei Shomoy

12:05am Ekushey-er

11:45pm Shoja Kotha Maasranga Television 12:02am Shamprotik