

WHAT'S ON

Animated Film Festival
Organiser: Dhaka Art Center
Venue: Dhaka Art Center, H-60, Rd-7/A, Dhanmondi
Date: January 4-11
Time: 4pm & 6pm

In Memoriam Sohrab Hossain
Organiser: Ohayanaat
Venue: Main Auditorium, Ohayanaat, Dhanmondi
Date: Jan 11

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

Theatre
Play: Shesh Rokhba
Troupe: Natyap
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: January 11-12
Time: 6:30pm

Noborsha Boi Utsab
Organiser: Adorn Publication
Venue: Public Library, Shahbagh
Date: Dec 29-Jan 13
Time: 10am-8pm

Mastercraftspersons Award and Crafts Fair
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: Jan 11-13
Award Giving on Jan 11 at 11am

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Rezwan Plow
Venue: Auditorium Gallery, Dhaka Cantt Girls' Public School & College
Date: Jan 1-23

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

IN CONVERSATION

"We look at the faces in the audience for inspiration"

-- Pandit Kumar Bose



Pandit Bose: I just remember my main guru, the Almighty, and I just want to give the listeners who have taken so much trouble to come to listen to me the best that I can.

What do you feel when performing on stage?
Pandit Bose: Right from the morning on the day of performance, we are in a meditative kind of state.

How busy is your schedule?
Pandit Bose: Winter is very busy for us, as a lot of shows are held at this time in India and Bangladesh.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pandit Kumar Bose was born in Kolkata in a distinguished family of musicians. He has been applauded for developing a distinct style without diluting the purity of tradition.

Classical Music Festival. The Daily Star caught up with him.

How do you find Bangladesh?
Pandit Bose: I am always excited to come here, firstly because I have so many musician friends here whom I get to meet, and secondly because I have my roots here.

What is your opinion of the Bangladeshi listeners and classical musicians?

Pandit Bose: I have always found Bangladeshi listeners to be very keen, and well informed. I think it's equally important for a music culture to have musicians as well as listeners.

love to help. The problems remain logistical -- of visa and accommodation, for us to come here and teach for long periods. Otherwise, there are a lot of promising talents here.

Tell us about your early days of learning.
Pandit Bose: I started learning the tabla at the age of three, under my father Bishwanath Bose. However, I never needed to be told to practice, I did it by myself.

Any message for Bangladesh?
Pandit Bose: I am very happy about the festival; I think it is a huge initiative. I pray that the people of Bangladesh stay happy and healthy, and immersed in music.

How do you get into the mood when you're on stage?

Commemorative programme on Sayeed Ahmed on January 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A commemorative programme on playwright Sayeed Ahmed -- to mark both his 82nd birth anniversary and 3rd death anniversary -- will be held at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka on January 11.



Ahmed's plays. The list of discussants is expected to include theatre personalities Aly Zaker, Nasiruddin Youssif, Ataur Rahman, Liaquat Ali Lucky and Professor Israfael Shaheen.

in the field of theatre. He was born on January 1, 1931 at Islampur in old Dhaka. Among his most notable plays are "Kalbela" (1962), "Milepost" (1965), "Trishnae" (1968), "Ek Din Protidin" (1974) and "Shesh Nawab" (1988).

Role-play comes easy to Badhon

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Badhon reached the top five in the 2006 Lux Channel I Superstar pageant, which built her confidence and paved the way for the realisation of many of her dreams.

She made her debut in "Bua Bilash", a play written and directed by Humayun Ahmed. Badhon says, "I will never forget my first play. It was that play which introduced me to the audience."

She followed up her performance in "Bua Bilash" by working in the 26-episode serial "Chondrokotha", also directed by Humayun Ahmed.

Some of her most notable works over the years include the serials "Chaita Pagol", "Meyeti Dhakae Jachhe", "Ogniroth" and "Chand Phool Omaboshya".

Her first modelling gig was for Sunilk Shampoo; but her fame as a model came on the heels of commercials for Warid and Tibet.

Badhon recently shot a new commercial at BFD, directed by Amitabh Reza, which will be aired on television soon.

Taking a year-and-a-half break after becoming a mother, Badhon returned to acting this year with one-hour plays. Among the three dramas she did after her return, the first two were directed by Chayanika Chowdhury.

Currently, she is working on a 300-episode drama, titled "Akash Meghe Dhaka", directed by Jewel Mahmud. Twenty-six of the episodes have already been shot at Uttara, with the serial scheduled to be aired on SA TV.

Asked why she chose such an extended serial, Badhon says, "I didn't plan on doing a serial now. Director Jewel Mahmud is supporting me a lot. The entire unit is also helping me. Without their assistance, I wouldn't have been able to take on such a huge project."

In "Akash Meghe Dhaka", Badhon plays the role of Bonna. The story revolves around her character, while many facets of Bonna's personality will be revealed throughout the drama.

Asked about her role, Badhon answers, "In the beginning the play will show a spirited young girl. But the turn of events will make the girl a widow and she goes through a change. The role is very challenging for me."

Badhon has no plans of taking on any more serials at the moment. The ongoing serial requires seven-eight days of shooting a month, while she also has to give attention to her daughter. This is the reason why she wishes to limit the number of her projects at the moment.

On "Akash Meghe Dhaka", Badhon says, "It is very hard to get a good character nowadays. Good stories are also slim pickings. Mir Sabir and Pallab are working with me on the serial."

Apart from acting and modelling, Badhon is also a dentist. She studied at Dhanmondi's Bangladesh Medical College. Badhon has plans of opening a dental clinic with her childhood friend Suraiya Iqbal.

Badhon's plans at the moment centre on the 300-episode serial for the next year or so. If there are good scripts available, she is open to working on some one-hour dramas and modelling gigs as well.



Fahim Ferdous
In a Hollywood era of stunning graphics and animation, where action and thrill dominate the audiences' tastes, how well could a silver screen adaptation of a 19th-century novel do, especially at the multiplexes?

Most of the songs performed by the cast were recorded live, as opposed to the common practice of studio recording and lip-syncing, and not just Jackman, who has had a shining career on Broadway, but also Hathaway delivering the goods.

The reviews of the film, released over Christmas, have generally been very high and 4 nominations for this year's Golden Globe Awards, including for best leading male role and best supporting female role is a refreshing wave for the lovers of the genre.

The substantial buzz that it could be the film to dominate this year's Oscars, the first musical in a decade to do so since the 2002's "Chicago", Peter Travers of the Rolling Stone magazine said about the film, "No one expects gussy filmmaking in a musical. But that's just what 'King's Speech' Oscar winner Tom Hooper delivers in 'Les Miserables'. Damn the imperfections, it's perfectly marvellous."

Les Miserables A gutsy musical

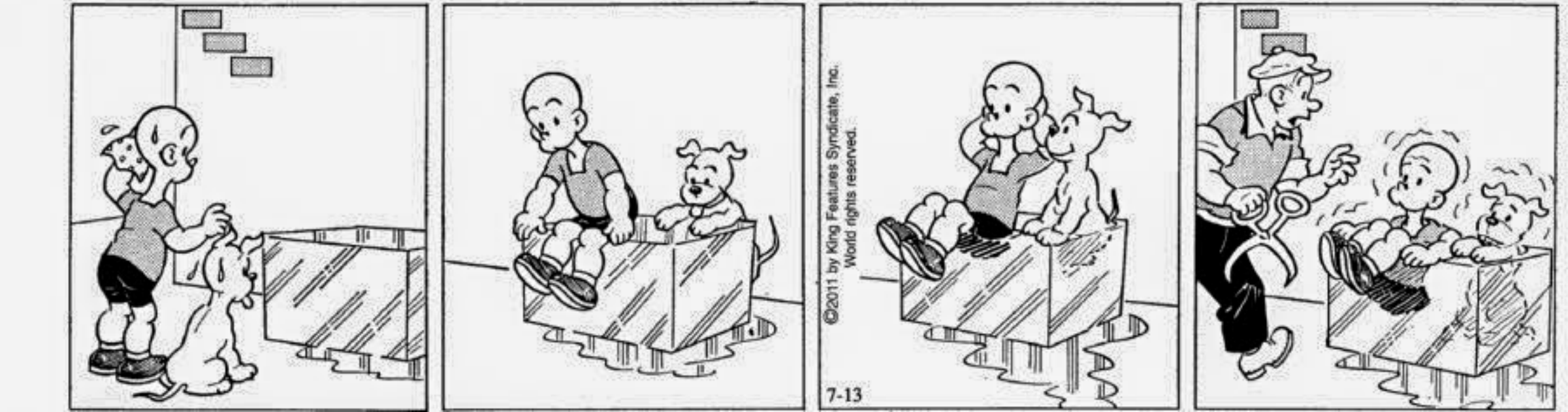
Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway in "Les Miserables".

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Beetle Baily by Mort Walker



Henry by Don Tranchte



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Dance Drama Date: 12 January Time: 5pm Venue: D.C Hill Muktomoncho, Nandankanon CHITTAGONG
Photo Exhibition Inauguration: 11am, 12 January Date: 12 to 18 January Time: 4pm to 8pm Venue: Zilla Shilpokala Academy CHITTAGONG
Film Screening Date: 12 January Time: 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm Venue: D.C Hill Muktomoncho, Nandankanon CHITTAGONG

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