

**WHAT'S ON**

**British-Bangladesh Jazz-Folk Evening**  
Organiser: British Council  
Venue: Rabindra Sarobar, Dharmditi  
Date: January 15; Time: 6:30pm

**Noboborsho Boi Utsab**  
Organiser: Adom Publication  
Venue: Public Library, Shaahbagh  
Date: Dec 29-Jan 13  
Time: 10am-8pm

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

**Theatre**  
Play: Sheeh Bikkha  
Troupe: Natyion  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 11-12  
Time: 6:30pm

**Premiere**  
Film: Shunte Ki Pao  
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library, Shaahbagh  
Date: Jan 12

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

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Artist: Rezaan Pliow  
Venue: Auditorium Gallery, Dhaka Cantt Girls' Public School & College  
Date: Jan 1-23  
Time: 10am-7pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: The Making of Kuhu Art-2  
Artist: Kuhu  
Venue: Radius Art Gallery, Gulshan  
Date: Nov 30-Jan 15  
Time: 10am-8pm



# NCCB and Bengal Foundation honour Master Craftspersons



Award-winning craftsmen with the guests including Commerce Minister GM Quader (seated, 2-R) and litterateur Selina Hossain (seated, 2-L).



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FAHIM FERDOUS

The National Crafts Council Bangladesh and Bengal Foundation yesterday honoured craftsmen from across the country, in four categories, at the Mastercraftspersons Award and Crafts Fair 2013. The event was held at the Bangla Academy premises.

Four master craftsmen received Taka 50,000 each, while 32 others were given certificate of appreciation for their work. Commerce Minister GM Quader was the chief guest at the award-giving programme. Noted writer Selina Hossain and Director General of Bangla Academy, Dr. Shamsuzzaman Khan, were special guests.

The winners were: Md. Arifuzzaman from Rangpur for *shatranji* (crafted floor mats); Pradip Kumar Das from Kushtia for bamboo and cane crafts; Subodh Chandra Pal from Rajshahi for *tepa putul* (handcrafted clay dolls); and Md. Shariful Islam from Kushtia for *darushilpo* (wooden crafts). The programme also includes a crafts fair that will continue till January 13 from 10am to 8pm, where artisans of various crafts are displaying their products in some 20 stalls.

Winner in the wooden crafts category, Shariful, said that he was a furniture carpenter

before, and took up the crafts of making folk musical instruments such as *dotara* from his love for music. Although business is not great, the mental satisfaction is what pushes him to pursue the crafts, he said, adding that over time, he has also learned to play the instruments. He also hoped that with this fair, more people would come and get introduced to their crafts, and grow appreciation and interest in it.

Director General of Bengal Foundation, Luva Nahid Chowdhury, said that the initiative aims to bring the actual craftspeople forward, to meet the buyers face to face instead of selling them to dealers. She thanked the National Crafts Council for its work in finding the artisans at the grassroots level, but said that the network needed to be stronger and wider to find talented craftspeople of dying crafts from remote places. She also said the long-term plan of the initiative is to link these craftsmen to trade and investment forums so that they can be financially solvent and the crafts are developed and diversified. She also pointed out the need for more exposure of these crafts -- both locally and internationally, design institutes, and documentation, urging the government to come forward in the initiatives along with the foundation.

## Robi pays tribute to Pandit Ravi Shankar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mobile operator Robi Axiata Limited organised a music ensemble (sitar orchestra), as a tribute to sitar maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar, at its corporate head office in Gulshan-1, Dhaka on January 10.

Michael Kuehner, chief executive officer of Robi, was present along with distinguished guests at the event.

Pandit Ravi Shankar, the legendary musician and composer, died on December 11 last year in USA.

At the programme, a group of Bangladeshi sitarists offered their musical homage to the sitar maestro, who initiated the "Concert for Bangladesh" in New York in 1971 and drew global attention to the Liberation War.

Satyajit Chakraborty, Mohiuddin Babar, Abul Qasem, Abdul Hamid, Nurul Amin, Sabuj Ahmed played sitar at the programme. Gopinath on tanpura, Oviit Chakraborty on tabla and Alamgir Hossain on percussion accompanied the sitar players.

Robi believes great things happen when people come together, and recognises the initiative of every individual who supported Bangladesh during the Liberation War.



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PHOTO: ATL-AKASH

## "Amina Shundori": Chittagonian folklore moves Port City audience

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

Theatre enthusiasts here, on Thursday, attended a staging of "Amina Shundori", a folk tale popular in the Chittagong region, at Muslim Hall auditorium.

On the occasion of 103rd birthday of Binod Bihari Chowdhury, a revolutionary who was a close aide to Master-da Surja Sen, Shonkho-Dyang, a cultural troupe working on Chittagong's folklore, organised the show.

Directed by Milon Chowdhury, the production featured local songs that narrated the tale of Amina.

In 1976, renowned writer Sucharit Chowdhury composed the play "Amina Shundori", based on a 17th century Chittagonian folk tale. Until then, the story was narrated orally, in the form of songs.

The play was first staged at Muslim Hall auditorium in 1976, and later in 1994. Eminent researcher and manuscript collector Ashutosh Chowdhury compiled it from folk singers in the 1920s.



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Shonkho-Dyang staged the play to celebrate Binod Bihari Chowdhury's birthday.

The play follows the fate of a young village belle, Amina, who lives by the Shonkho river. Naser, Amina's husband, goes to Burma (now Myanmar) for work, promising to return in six months. But six months turn into six years and Amina faces immense hardship.

The programme started with a short discussion on the life of Binod Bihari Chowdhury. Later, the organisers accorded a reception to

Chowdhury. Abul Momen, resident editor of the daily Prothom Alo, spoke on the folklore. Expressing his gratitude to Shonkho-Dyang Parishad for arranging the programme, Binod Bihari Chowdhury said, love and affection are universal and "Amina Shundori" depicts that truth. "Binod Bihari is not only a revolutionary, but is also a living part of our history," Abul Momen said.

## British-Bangladeshi jazz-folk concert in Dhaka

The British Council is organising a British-Bangladeshi jazz folk concert on January 15 at Rabindra Sharobar in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The event will feature award-winning British jazz musician Sam Lee, with Francesca Ter-berg, Jonah Brody and Camilotomas Tirado. Bangladeshi artists set to perform at the concert are: Shayan Chowdhury Arnoh, Labik Kamal Gaurab, Nobonita Chowdhury, Rob Fokir, Tarek Bin Taher, Arko, Saadul Islam, Shofik Mia, Jalal Ahmed and Bart Nandit Areng. They are also set to hold a three-day collaborative workshop in Cox's Bazaar, ahead of the event, according to a press release.



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# CELEBRATING LIFE FESTIVAL

### 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 : Zilla Shilpokala Academy CHITTAGONG

Partners

**TAKE 2 music** **CHANNEL 9**

**ENTRY is FREE**

### NEW RELEASES

**Bhalobashar Brishti**  
Mixed album  
Source: G-Series

**Triumph of the Villain**  
Studio album  
Source: Mirrorblaze Music

**Ontorer Gohiney**  
Mixed album  
Source: Audio X

**Ekhono Tomai Bhalobashi**  
Solo album  
by Hafiz Montu  
Source: Impress Audio Vision

**Mort Walker's beetle bailey**

**Henry**  
BY DON TRACHTÉ

09:00 Drama Ha-show

11:30 ETV

10:02 Dehagari

01:30 Bangladesh Feature Film The Diplomat

07:50 Ekushey-er Raat

12:05 Bangladesh Feature Film Drama Serial: Ognipath

03:00 Amar Chokhe Ami

08:00 Drama

11:05 Ami Ekhon Ki Karbo

01:05 Bangladesh Feature Film Front Line

06:25 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue

09:45 Rtv

12:30 Bangladesh Feature Film Rupkotha

05:30 Drama Serial: Capsule

08:15 Love Launch

Desh TV

03:00 Bangladesh Feature Film Nupur Beje Jai

06:30 Music Dot Net

07:45

08:15 Pothey Jetey Jetey

Diganta TV

12:30 Duranto Khobor

03:05 Music Hour

08:10 Drama Serial: Hajat

11:15 Shobar Upore Desh

Maasranga Television

09:00 Mina Cartoon

06:30 Puppet Show

08:00 Houseful

11:00 Musical Programme

CHANNEL 9

09:00 Bangladesh Feature Film Drama Serial: Bakurani

07:20 Zen X

11:15 Daily Sports

CHANNEL 24

09:30 Housewife

08:00 Drama: Great Mistake

abc radio FM 89.2

12:20 Campus Campus

05:30 Kacha Lanka

07:20 CP Lunch

09:45 Megh Barata

08:10 Adda

09:30 Love Hour

11:10 Preming

RADIO FOOTK

08:00 Addabazi

02:00 Foorti Unlimited

06:00 Bumper to Bumper

10:00 Back to Back Music

RADIO TODAY FM 89.6

06:00 Green FM

08:00 Good Morning Dhaka

11:00 World Music

04:00 U Turn

07:00 Tobe Tai Hok

10:00 Rait Bhor Gaur

Housefull On Maasranga Television at 08:00pm

Game Show (Grand Final) Host: Alamgir

We Are the Night On Tv Movies at 11:55pm

Genre: Drama/Horror

Cast: Karoline Herfurth, Nina Hoss

Eti Dulabhai On Rtv at 09:50pm

Drama Serial: Drama Serial Cast: Saju Khadem, Nafiza

Gtv

04:45 Mahajagatik

08:30 Drama Serial: Paimonta

11:00 Gano Phone

Fox Movies

05:15 The Muppets

07:00 I Don't Know How She Does It

08:35 Shanghai Noon

11:55 We are the Night

HBO

05:25 Mr. Bean's Holiday

07:10 Bridesmaids

09:30 Johnny English Reborn

11:55 Push

Star World

03:30 Packed to the Rafters

08:30 Melissa & Joey

09:30 Last Resort

10:30 The Social Network

Discovery Channel

02:30 Secrets of the Dinosaur

05:30 Mummy

Man Woman Wild

### DRAMA SERIAL

ATN BANGLA

08:00pm Nirbikar Manush

09:20pm DB

CHANNEL 1

09:50pm Noorjahan

11:30pm Rozni

rtv

08:15pm Oghoton Ghoton

Potiyoshi

ETV

09:30pm Dhol

08:15pm Dui Takar Bahaduri

Rtv

09:05pm Aleshpur

09:50pm Eti Dulabhai

CHANNEL 9

08:15pm Nagarik

10:30pm Idiots

Gtv

### NEWS BULLETIN

BTV

News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.

News (English) at 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.

News (English) at 8am, 6pm.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.

News (English) at 8am, 6pm.

CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.

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News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.

ETV

News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.

Bolshakhi TV

News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm.

News (English) at 9am, 6pm.

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.

News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.

Rtv

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

Desh TV

News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.

Maasranga Television

News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.

### TALK SHOW

ATN BANGLA

12:30am Lead News

CHANNEL 1

09:45am Tinto Matra

10:10pm Golpo Sholpo Gaan

Bolshakhi TV

09:20pm Shudhiti Adda

11:00pm Nirapad Sarak Chai

BANGLAVISION

09:05pm Amar Ami

11:25pm Lal Golap

Rtv

10:40am Taraklap

11:30am Our Democracy

09:45pm Bela Obela Sharabela

11:45pm Shuja Kotha

Maasranga Television

12:02am Shamprotik