

**WHAT'S ON**

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

**Group Print Exhibition**  
Title: Chhagal Chhobi-2  
Venue: Galleri Kaya, Uttara  
Date: Jan 19-30  
Time: 11am-8pm

**Chobi Mela VII**  
Festival of Photography  
Organiser: Drik Gallery and Pathshala  
Venue: Drik Gallery, Shilpakala Academy, DU premises and more  
Date: Jan 25-Feb 7

**6<sup>th</sup> International Children's Film Festival**  
Venue: Central Public Library, Shaahbagh  
Date: Jan 19-25  
Time: 11am onwards

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Inspired  
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Shaahbagh  
Date: Jan 9-16  
Time: 10am-8pm

**Theatre**  
Play: Raktakarabi  
Troupe: Nagark Natya Sampraday  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: Jan 17  
Time: 7pm

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

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

# Lipi's bold installation hits international art scene

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, one of the world's top museums, will present "No Country: Contemporary Art for South and Southeast Asia", the launching exhibition of the Guggenheim UBS MAP Global Art Initiative. The Global Initiative is a programme sponsored by the financial services group, UBS.

Recently Guggenheim has announced the names of the 22 artists who will be featured in this exhibition. After New York, the exhibition is expected to travel to venues in Hong Kong and Singapore. Of the 22 artists, 6 are from South Asia: 2 from Pakistan, 2 from India, 1 from Myanmar and Tayeba Begum Lipi from Bangladesh. All the



Tayeba Begum Lipi's "Love Bed".

artworks exhibited at the show will be part of the permanent collection of Guggenheim.

Lipi's piece, "Love Bed", was previously exhibited at Dhaka Art Summit in 2012. The piece is

made of stainless steel and razor blades. Through this bold work, Lipi wants to convey the predic-

aments women face in our society. Nadia Samdani, director of Dhaka Art Summit, said, "This is a very exciting moment for us, and Dhaka Art Summit is a platform for Bangladeshi artists to be discovered. June Yap, the Guggenheim curator, came to Bangladesh a few months back and selected Lipi's work." Lipi's artwork will also be displayed at the Samdani Art Foundation's exhibition at the upcoming 5th edition of India Art Fair (next month). Samdani Art Foundation and international auction house Christie's are also jointly organising a seminar on "Contemporary Art Scene of Bangladesh" in Delhi, during the fair.

# Fifth Selim Al Deen death anniversary observed



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisations observed the 5th death anniversary of playwright Selim Al Deen, who died on January 14, 2008. Selim Al Deen Foundation held a three-day programme that included a seminar, staging of Al Deen's play "Dhaboman", and offering tributes at his grave on Jahangirnagar University campus. The Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University held a daylong programme yesterday at the campus, where Al Deen taught theatre for more than two decades. Theatre troupe Swapnadal held a programme at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy yesterday as well. Selim Al Deen Foundation held a seminar at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, on January 12. Nasiruddin Yousuff, chief of Dhaka Theatre, read out the keynote paper on the search for roots in Al Deen's plays. Among the speakers were theatre

teacher, Professor Afsar Ahmed; Al Deen's widow Begumzadi Meherunnisa; and theatre actor Shimul Yousuf. Veteran theatre director Ataur Rahman chaired the seminar. On the next day, Dhaka Theatre staged "Dhaboman" at the National Theatre Hall. The play has been directed by Shimul Yousuf, and it tells the story of a buffalo cub through human eyes. A daylong programme was held at Jahangirnagar University yesterday. The programme included a rally, reminiscing on Al Deen, rendering songs composed by Al Deen, *Shong Pala*, *Krishna Leela* and a fair. Professor Anwar Hossain, Vice Chancellor of JU, formally inaugurated the daylong programme. Begumzadi Meherunnisa inaugurated the fair. A troupe from Tangail staged *Shong Pala*. Swapnadal's programme, yesterday, included a discussion on Al Deen's works

from the perspectives of young theatre activists. The programme also included a staging of Al Deen's play "Hargoj". Selim Al Deen was born in Noakhali on August 18, 1949. Selim Al Deen's impact has been largely limited to theatre. Although some of his works have been adapted into films or songs, but his presence in mediums other than theatre is not consequential. Filmmaker Morshedul Islam adapted Al Deen's "Chaka" into a feature film and won much acclaim. Fahmida Nabi sang a few songs composed by Al Deen for a solo album. Al Deen was an integral part of Dhaka Theatre and to some extent he became synonymous with the troupe. He worked for the troupe for a very early stage, wrote many plays for it. His plays staged by Dhaka Theatre such as "Nimajan", "Dhaboman", "Hargoj", "Hath Hadai" and "Jaibati Koinnar Mon" are well acclaimed.

# Week-long Sultan Mela starts in Narail



PONUEL S BOSE, Narail

Marking the 88th birth anniversary of internationally noted artist SM Sultan, Sultan Mela-2013 began at Sultan Moncho premises in Narail on January 13. Jointly organised by the SM Sultan Foundation and the district administration, the fair is being sponsored by Grameen Phone and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. The programme features an art competition, exhibition, discussion attended by eminent artists and renowned personalities of the country, conferring of the Sultan Award, bull fight, horse race, *Jari Gaan*, *Kobi Gaan*, *Lathi Khela*, wrestling, recitation, theatre, traditional games and more every night. The fair was inaugurated by Munnunjan Sufian, State Minister for Labour and Empowerment. Also present at the inaugural programme as special guests were Md. Serajul Islam, Additional Divisional Commissioner of Khulna; Advocate Subhash Bose, Administrator, Zila Parishad, Narail; Sardar Rokibul Islam, Police Superintendent, Narail; Shorif Humayun Kobir, Sadar Upazila Chairman; Ashkur Rahman Miku, member secretary of Sultan Foundation; Borun Biswas, principal,

Narail Victoria College; Mainul Islam, territory officer, Grameen Phone. Md. Zohirul Haque, Deputy Commissioner of Narail, presided over the inaugural programme. On January 19, Mihir Kanti Mojumdar, secretary, Ministry of Cooperative, will be chief guest at the fair and hand over the Sultan Award to Hamiduzzaman Khan, former Professor of Dhaka University's Faculty of Fine Arts. Sultan Mancho premises and Shishu Swarga, of Masimdia village, are wearing a festive look on the occasion. There are about 100 stalls at the fair. Md. Zohirul Haque, DC of Narail and President of Sultan Foundation, told The Daily Star that the fair this year is a class apart. He added that about 40 cultural organisations would perform at musical soirees in the fair. The fair is a fitting tribute to the legendary artist SM Sultan. Sultan's paintings have been exhibited alongside Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, George Braque and Paul Klee. He was honoured with Ekushey Padak (1982) and Independence Award (1993) for his outstanding contribution to Bangladeshi arts. According to art critics, Sultan was perhaps the most enigmatic painter of contemporary Bangladesh. He died on October 10, 1994.



Left: Traditional bullfight; Right: Enthusiastic people at the fair.



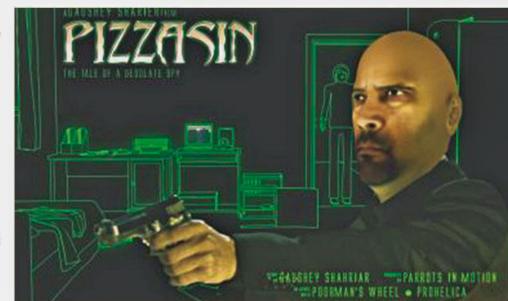
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# Bangladeshi Animators bring out their best

## Dhaka Art Center hosts Animation Film Festival

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Animation has been a very strong medium of expression worldwide for quite a while now, especially in the last decade, with the advancement of computer technology. However, this medium has remained rather low profile in the country. Now, a bunch of young and veteran animators are looking to push it forward to establish animation as a formidable form of expression. At the closing session (January 11) of "The World of Animation" -- an animated film festival celebrating Dhaka Art Center's 3rd anniversary, Bangladeshi animators put their works on display. Be it fictional narrative, poetic imagery, action thrillers, artistic abstractness or a vivid cartoon depiction of a fairytale, the animators brought out the full range of the form of art on screen. Their styles also showed ample variation, from the very modern 24fps 3D-space action renditions to the classic Japanese anime-style, to simplistic cartoon drawings, to flash-based web banners, and the sim-



Poster of animation film "Pizzasin".

plest of forms like stop-motion. Irrespective of style and form, the one thing that they all had in common though was the strong connection of creativity and execution. Speaking at the closing session, animator AFM "Shipu" Moniruzzaman said that his idea to take up animation sprung

after he worked with street children as a student of fine arts, and could not find suitable books for them to enjoy. He went to Japan to study animation, and has now taken a serious target to take animated films forward in Bangladesh. Priyani Iqbal, a class six student, took an interest in stop-motion at a very

young age when she found out that the webcam on her father's Mac can turn images into animation. Gaushey Shahriar, a student of IBA, said that he developed an interest in animation because he wanted to do something creative, but in a form that not too many were working with. His film, "Pizzasin" has already been screened at an international festival and is set to go to a number of festivals abroad, and he is looking forward to starting work on his full-length animated feature film soon. Veteran animator Moshir Rahman Rana informed that his animation firm is looking to produce an animated TV series for children soon, along with starting a school for animation enthusiasts. The festival that ran from January 4 to 11 was divided in two segments, with each day's afternoon session screening films for children from around the world -- starting from the Walt Disney Studios and Warner Brothers to famous Japanese animation studio Ghibli. The evening session featured full-length and short films for adults.

# "Argo", "Les Miserables" win big at the Golden Globes

AP, California

Ben Affleck got some vindication and Jodie Foster made a revelation at the Golden Globe Awards. Affleck's "Argo" earned him best motion picture drama and director honours at Sunday night's ceremony. The awards came just a few days after Affleck was surprisingly omitted from the best-director category at the Academy Award nominations. Affleck also stars in the real-life drama as the CIA operative who orchestrated a daring rescue of six American embassy employees during the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis. These wins seem to shake up the Oscar race, in which Steven Spielberg's stately, historical epic "Lincoln" was looking like a juggernaut. Despite seven Golden Globe nominations, "Lincoln" earned just one award: best actor for Daniel Day-Lewis' intense, richly detailed portrayal of Abraham Lincoln as he fought for passage of the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery. Spielberg's film heads into the February 24 Academy Awards with a leading 12 nominations. The other big winner of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's honours was "Les Miserables". Based on the international musical sensation and Victor Hugo's novel of strife and redemption in 19th century France, it won best picture musical or comedy, best actor for Hugh Jackman and best supporting actress for Anne Hathaway.

Former US President Bill Clinton introduced "Lincoln" as one of the best-picture nominees.



Tina Fey (L) and Amy Poehler co-hosted the event.

out without really coming out and suggested she was retiring from acting. Foster was this year's recipient of the Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award, which is announced beforehand and is usually a pretty respectful and predictable part of the evening. Among the other multiple winners of the night, "Django Unchained", Quentin Tarantino's spaghetti Western-blaxploitation mash-up, earned two awards: for supporting actor Christoph Waltz as a charismatic bounty hunter

and for Tarantino's script. "Zero Dark Thirty", which also has been a major contender throughout awards season, earned Jessica Chastain a best-actress Globe for her portrayal of a driven CIA operative at the centre of the hunt for Osama bin Laden. That film's director, Kathryn Bigelow, also was left out of the best-director category at the Academy Awards even though it's up for best picture -- a result of having nine best-picture nominees and only five best-director slots. Fey and Poehler were also competing against each other for best actress in a TV comedy series. Fey for "30 Rock" and Poehler for "Parks and Recreation". Neither won. Lena Dunham claimed the comedy series Globe for "Girls". After that, Fey and Poehler showed up on stage with cocktail glasses, with Fey joking that it was time to start drinking. "Everyone's getting a little loose now that we're all losers," Poehler said.

# Bangladeshi Idol to hit TV Screens

A CORRESPONDENT

"Bangladeshi Idol", the local version of the world's most popular and successful television reality shows, is set to kick off soon on satellite channel SA TV. Delta Bay Distribution and Production introduced the judges of the show at a press conference yesterday at Hotel Ruposhi Bangla in Dhaka. The judges are: Ferdousi Rahman, Andrew Kishore, Ayub Bachchu and Mehreen. "Idols" have aired in more than 129 series, in about 43 territories so far. It's a knock-out music talent show that follows each contestant's life story and follows it from auditions to the final, thereby involving the audiences into the heart of the format. The auditions for the competition will begin in February. Delta Bay Distribution and production had also launched Bangladesh's first ever international reality show "Ke Hote Chay Kotipoti" (franchise of the globally phenomenal show "Who wants to be a Millionaire") on Desh TV in 2011.

**Beetle Baily** by Mort Walker

**Henry** by Don Trachte

BTV	10:30	Mati O Marush	09:50	Paribar
	12:35	Shukhi Paribar	12:05	Look at Me
	08:40	Drama Serial: Shamudra Mon	03:30	Business Talk
	09:25	Tara Bhora Raat	05:00	Desh TV
			05:00	Gaan R Gaan
			08:15	Durpath
ATN BANGLA	11:20	Business and Finance	08:15	Drama Serial: Radio
	04:20	Baniy Mela Pratidin	09:45	Chocolate
	05:10	Dekha Odekha	01:30	Concert for Victory
	08:00	Drama Serial: Jhulanta Babura	04:30	Diganta TV
			08:10	Business Time Line
			08:30	World Round Up
			09:05	Drama Serial: Village Politics
CHANNEL i	01:05	Ebong Cinemar Gaan	09:05	Chitra Bichitra
	04:20	Amar Chhobi	10:02	Maasranga Television
	07:50	SheraKontha	08:00	Bangla Feature Film
	09:35	Album	08:00	Drama Serial: Kobraj Golapshah
ntv			09:30	Drama Serial: College

**Kamini**  
On TV at 09:30pm  
Drama Serial  
Host: Mom, Shaded

**Peter Pan**  
On HBO at 11:00pm  
Genre: Adventure, Family, Fantasy  
Cast: Jason Isaacs, Rachel Hurd-Wood

**Roshni**  
On Channel i at 11:30pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Moushumi, Lutfur Rahman

11:00	Rupmadhuri	11:00	Modhyaraater Train
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar	11:30	Adda O Gaan
08:15	Achhey	11:30	CHANNEL 9
08:15	Drama Serial: Metro	09:00	Bangla Feature Film
09:00	Glamour World	10:30	Drama Serial: Nishigantha
ETV		11:15	Sports Daily
11:30	Ekushey-er Business	11:30	CHANNEL 24
06:30	Desh Jurey Shanglap	04:30	Musical Launch
07:50	Taal	08:00	Dhrubotara
08:20	Drama Serial: Bhomradah College	09:00	Drama Serial: Ashin
Boishakhi TV		Gtv	
12:15	The Business Show	11:30	Bangla Feature Film
04:15	Shorashori Doctor	05:45	El Shondhyai
08:00	Drama Serial: Boro	08:15	Drama Serial: Bagha Sher
11:00	Reporters Dairy	09:35	Straight Line
BANGLAVISION		01:05	Bangla Feature Film
06:30	Bichitra	05:20	World without End
09:05	Nacho Bangladesh	07:00	Dylan Dog: Dead of Night
11:25	Raat Biratrye	08:50	Kung Fu Hustle
Rtv		10:30	Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within
12:35	Bangla Feature Film	HBO	
09:05	Drama Serial: Boyra		

**DRAMA SERIAL**

ATN BANGLA	09:20pm	To Company	08:15pm	Generation Next Dot
CHANNEL 1	11:30pm	Bahini	08:15pm	Mahabata
Rtv	09:45pm	Ochona Protibandho	07:45pm	Sai Kabon
ETV	09:30pm	Kanis	09:40pm	Maasranga Television
BANGLAVISION			08:15pm	Maasranga Television
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**NEWS BULLETIN**

BTV	(Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 9pm, News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm.	Boishakhi TV	(Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm, News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
ATN BANGLA	News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm, News (English) at 9am, 6pm.	BANGLAVISION	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
CHANNEL 1	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.	Rtv	News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
ntv	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.	Desh TV	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
ETV	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.	Maasranga Television	News (Bangla) at 7pm, 11pm.

**TALK SHOW**

BTV	10:20pm	Shubhobhata	Rtv	11:00pm	On Democracy
CHANNEL 1	12:00pm	Deka Kotha	11:00pm	Shap Kotha	
Hb	11:00pm	G-Story	11:00pm	Maasranga Television	
ETV	12:00am	Bakhey-er Raat	12:00am	Madhyarater Mahabata	
BANGLAVISION	12:00am	Bea Beer	12:00am	Shap Kotha	