

WHAT'S ON

**Chobi Mela VII**  
Festival of Photography  
Organiser: Drik Gallery and Pathshala  
**CHOBIMELA 2013**  
Date: Jan 25-Feb 7

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

**National Cake Festival**  
Venue: Coffee House Promises, Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka  
Date: Jan 18-25  
Time: 3-10pm

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

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Bound to the Soil  
Artist: Farida Zaman  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-42, Rd-16(New), Dhamond  
Date: Jan 13-26  
Time: 12-9pm

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Postage - An Exploration of the First Session  
Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, Al Hossain, Cha-72/1/0, 2nd Floor, Project Shorani, Uttor Badda  
Date: Dec 22- Jan 22

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

**Solo Photography Exhibition**  
Title: Buddhist Heritage in South Asia  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, H-40, R-131, Gulshan 1  
Date: Jan 18-26

**Noted Indian Photographer Benoy K. Behl's solo Photography exhibition, titled "Buddhist Heritage in South Asia" began at the Bengal Art Lounge in Gulshan on Friday, and will continue till January 25. Benoy K. Behl is a filmmaker, art historian and photographer who has received numerous accolades world-wide for his work.**

Mithun in his first comedy film



PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

You have seen him as "Disco Dancer" in a typically Bollywood potboiler and also in meaningful roles in Mrinal Sen's "Mrigaya" and Buddhadeb Dasgupta's "Tahader Katha". And now, veteran actor Mithun Chakrabarty is turning up in his first comedy film in Bengali. Mithun will be starring in Ujjwal Chatterjee-directed film "White Mischief". Will the audience accept

100 years of Bangladesh National Museum

A CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate the 100 years of Bangladesh National Museum (BNM), the museum has arranged an eight-month long special programme. The programme features exhibitions, discussion, seminar and more. As part of the celebration, BNM has arranged two theme-based exhibitions, an improvement of information and digital activities of the museum and modernisation of the museum's security services and more. Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith inaugurates the programme today as chief guest at the Main Auditorium of BNM. Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad and Cultural Affairs Secretary Suraiya Begum will be present as special guests. M Azizur Rahman, Bangladesh National Museum's Trustee President; will preside over the programme. Prokash Chandra Das, director general of Bangladesh National Museum will deliver the welcome speech at the programme.



Festival in Shelidah on Tagore's Nobel Prize centennial



Artistes perform to a receptive audience.

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

Atandra Ekattor of Bangladesh and Friends of Bangladesh of India organised the programme. The programme included recitation of Tagore poems, presentation of Tagore songs and a pitha festival.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith inaugurated the programme. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu; Food Minister Dr. Abdur Razzak; advisor to the Prime Minister on foreign affairs Gowher Risvi and Deputy High

A whirlpool of refined melody Classical music conference by Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi (SSPG) arranged a three daylong (January 16-18) 44th winter classical music conference at Bishwa Shahitya Kendra. The conference, featuring both classical vocal and instrumental music performances, was divided into three sessions. Finance Secretary of SSPG Usha Rahman welcomed all and emceed the entire conference. Renowned Ustad Badal Pramanik of Narail set off the music conference with a *khayal* performance on Raga "Shyam Kalyan" on January 16 evening. The session also featured a vocal music performance on Raga "Behag" by accomplished artiste Bizon Chandra Mistry, a jugabandi *khayal* presentation on a spring time romantic raga "Madhubanti" by noted artiste Yakub Ali Khan and his son Yusuf Ahmed Khan and a sitar recital set on Raga "Chandra Nandan" by noted artiste Satyajit Chakrabarty. Rendering a *khayal* on Raga "Yaman" Chowdhury Mostak Hossain began the second session of the conference on January 17. Arju Aktar Baby was next to take the stage. The promising artiste presented a *khayal* on Raga "Behag". Another *khayal* performance set on Raga "Bageshree" came next by emerging vocalist Maidul Islam. Renowned vocalist Karim Shahabuddin performed Raga "Jog" while Ranjit Roy presented a melancholic *dhun* based on Raga "Darbari Kanada" on his flute at that session.



Aloke Kumar Sen sings at the programme.

Noted vocalist Mohammad Shoyeb set off the day long third session of the conference on January 18 morning. He presented a *khayal* set on Raga "Shudh Khayal". Promising vocalist Fayzul Haque Bijoy rendered Raga "Bhairav" while Jabeer Imam Khan Shahi rendered Raga "Shudh Vilawal" on the day. Dr. Fakir Shahidul Islam Suman performed another *khayal* based on Raga "Bilashkhani Tori" while Aloke Kumar Sen mesmerised the audience with a *khayal* performance set on Raga "Mian Ki Tori". Noted artiste Sheuli Bhattacharjee won the hearts of the audience with an evocative performance based on Raga "Jhinjhit" on her violin while talented vocalist Poojan Kumar Das presented a *khayal* on Raga "Patdwip". Renowned vocalist Ustad Anil Kumar Saha wrapped up the music conference with a captivating *khayal* performance based on Raga "Puria Kalyan". BRAC Bank sponsored the music conference.

Sultan Mela attracts visitors

PONUEL S BOSE, Narail

Thousands of SM Sultan aficionados and visitors from different corners of the country as well as locals and people from the neighbouring country have gathered at the annual Sultan Mela, being held at Sultan Mancha premises. In fact Sultan fans are now demanding an extension of the mela (fair) by three more days every year. The Sultan Mancha premises and Shishu Shargo of Masimdia village were in festive mode. Thousands of people and children had gathered at the mela as always. The children could be seen on the Nagor Dola (Ferris wheels). There are about 100 colourful stalls with an array of goods on display.

The mela kicked off on January 13 and will conclude on January 20. The visitors could be seen enthusiastically viewing art competitions, art exhibitions, bull fights, horse race, jari gaan and kabi gaan, lathi khela, wrestling, recitation, theatre and more. Every afternoon a discussion is being held at Sultan Mancha with the participation of noted artists and renowned personalities of the country. On the heels of the meeting, in the evening cultural functions organised by different national and local organisations continue well into the night. When contacted Md. Zohirul Haque, Deputy Commissioner Narail also president of Sultan Foundation, said that this year it would not be possible to extend the mela. He however, added that the authorities have chalked out a plan to extend it next year.



Visitors at the art exhibition.

Afro-Cuban rhythms and tunes

LoKkhi TeRra performs in Dhaka

JAMIL MAHMUD

Music enthusiasts, especially those keen about Afro-Cuban tunes - will be only too aware of the repertoire and reputation of LoKkhi TeRra. The London-based multi-national band was the headlining act at last summer's "London Calling" Olympic and Para Olympic festivals 2012. The band first appeared in Dhaka at a concert in 2009. Since then, they have performed a couple of more times in Dhaka. The band's latest concert in Dhaka was held at Red Shift, Bays Galleria on January 18. The seven-member troupe, along with four local musicians amazed the Dhaka audience for over an hour-long show titled "LoKkhi TeRra: Che Guava's Rickshaw Diaries". LoKkhi TeRra is led by British-Bangladeshi pianist Kishon Khan.



Members of LoKkhi TeRra at the concert.

The seven members and the invited local musicians all together went in for some core Afro-Cuban songs, while also incorporating roots of Bangladeshi music. The group invited Labik Kamal Gaurab, Nazrul, Baby Akhtar and John at times and jammed with them. John, an upcoming singer, went for a traditional song from the hilly region of the country. He said that the title of the song translation in English would be "The Power of the Clouds". Although the lyrics were in an indigenous language, the audience could feel the melody of the song and its new avatar with the Afro-Cuban rhythms. Like John, Baul singer Baby Akhtar also amazed the audience by singing the Hason Raja number "Nesha Lagilo Re". The interlude of trombone by Justin Thurgur during the song was particularly noticeable, although Thurgur was lively during the entire concert. Kishon Khan has a reputation

as a fine pianist-composer but his fellow musicians including two Cubans - percussionist-vocalist Javier Camillo and bassist-vocalist Jimmy Martinez - are accomplished musicians as well. The highlight of the evening was the performance of the song "El Manisero", which - translated literally, means peanut vendor. There were a couple of instrumentals as well as a few more Cuban songs. Labik Kamal and Nazrul collaborated with LoKkhi TeRra on the khamak and dhol respectively. The other performers on the evening were Oreste Noda Fernandez (congas), Tansay Ibrahim (drums) and Jay Phelps (trumpet). The concert was sponsored by Cosmos Group and Systematic Designs UK, and supported by Culturepot Global.

Children's day out

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

School students in Tangail and their parents spent an interesting weekend on Friday, as Anandapath and Sonatori cultural schools arranged different events including a cultural programme and amateur astronomy for children at its campus in the town. Students of the schools performed songs, dances, poetry recital at the cultural event, held on the Salma Bhuiyan Memorial Stage in the school. Earlier, they released a fanush (paper balloon) that fluttered skywards. Artists of Zila Shilpakala Academy in Tangail also performed classical dances at the cultural function. Prominent astrophysicist Dr. Dipen Bhattacharya of University of California of USA attended the event as the chief guest. Among others, former Bangladeshi Ambassador to Spain, Freedom Fighter Anwar-ul-Alam Shahid; director of Anandapath and Sonatori cultural schools Aminul Haque Khan Kaiser; principals of the schools Sanjida Yasmin and Shamsul Alam spoke at the programme. The students were also treated to sighting of the moon and Jupiter with a reflective telescope in the evening. Anushandhitshu Chokro, a group of science enthusiasts arranged the event. The young members of the organisation also displayed different scientific experiments at the daylong programme. Later, another cultural function, storytelling and poetry recital session were held at the Liberation War Museum in the town. District administration officials, including Deputy Commissioner, Tangail, Anisur Rahman Mia, additional deputy commissioner (revenue) Shoyeb Ahmed and upazila nirbahi officer Mallika Khatun were present at the programme.

Beetle Bailey by Mort Walker

Henry by Don Trachte

আপনার মত এক্সপার্ট পৃথিবীর খোঁজেই শুরু হচ্ছে

যেমন কেয়ারিং তেমন ডেয়ারিং ?

১৮ থেকে ৪০ বছরের মেয়েদের বাংলাদেশী পুষ্টি এই প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশ নিতে আসুন

BTV	12:05	Shimana Perley	
10:30	Moti O Manush	Desh TV	
06:00	BPL 2013 (Live)	03:02	Gaan R Gaan
09:35	Digital Bangladesh	06:30	Sanskritir Sharadesh
10:50	Gaan-er Manush Praner Manush	08:15	Drama Serial: Ekhan Prabesh Nishedh
		09:45	Tribute to Legend
ATN Bangla			Maasranga Television
11:20	Business and Finance	10:02	Bangla Feature Film
01:25	Shurer Madhuri	06:30	Binodon Sharadin
06:15	Shushtha Thakun	08:40	Drama Serial: Khonikalo
11:30	Drama Serial: Boiri Batash	11:00	Tele-quiz
CHANNEL i		CHANNEL 9	
02:45	Gorey Gorey Gaaner Ushab	09:00	Bangla Feature Film
06:20	Rupantar	02:00	BPL 2013 (Live)
09:35	Drama	06:00	BPL 2013 (Live)
11:30	Prokriti O Jibon	10:00	Drama Serial: Idiots
ntv		CHANNEL 24	
08:45	Bangla Feature Film	01:05	Musical Programme

RADIO

abc Radio FM 89.2	12:30	No Tension	
09:30	Eskik Eskik	04:00	Dhaka Calling
05:30	Kacha Lacha	09:00	Full Volume
06:30	Mitha Kara	11:00	Back to Back music
07:45	GI Jangshi	06:00	GOOD TOON FM 89.6
07:45	Megh Barista	06:00	Green FM
09:30	Love Hor	08:00	Good Morning Dhaka
11:10	Hindi Hits	12:00	Todays
RADIO FOOTBI	04:00	Ujda	
03:00	Heba Dhaka	04:00	Today Hit Halk
10:00	Morning Express	10:00	Rayer Sher Ghan

Tomakei Khujche Bangladesh On ntv at 09:00pm Musical Talent Hunt Judges: Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul, Fahmida Nabi &

I Am Legend On HBO at 09:30pm Genre: Drama/Thriller Cast: Will Smith, Alice Braga & Charlie Tahan

Red Signal On BANGLAVISON at 09:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Nipun

04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	08:00	Shopping & Cocking Travel Show
06:15	Shubho Shondhya	08:30	Gtv
09:00	Tomakei Khujche Bangladesh	11:30	Bangla Feature Film
ETV		09:00	Harmony
03:30	Ekushey-er Business Documentary: Jibon Britney	09:35	Drama Serial: Jonani
04:30	Desh Jurey Oporadh Porikroma	10:05	Fox Movies
12:05	Ekushey-er Raat	04:35	Julie & Julia
10:45	Bangla Feature Film Fashion Haat	06:20	Kung Fu Hustle (Mand)
08:35	Drama Serial: Ognipnoti	06:20	World without End
09:20	Reporters Dairy	09:40	The Da Vinci Code
11:00	Bangla Feature Film Ebonj Class-er Rairey	09:40	HBO
06:05	Drama Serial: Ladies First	04:05	Johnny English Reborn
08:15	Business Vision	06:15	Cobra
11:25	Bangla Feature Film Drama Serial: Thanar Nam Shonar Akhra Dhruopdi Kahini	07:45	The Grudge
12:35		09:30	I am Legend
07:35		11:30	Source Code
09:50		01:05	Star World
		12:30	Pirates of the Caribbean
		03:30	Grey's Anatomy
		08:30	How I Met Your Mother
		10:30	Eat Pray Love
		02:30	Discovery Channe
		08:30	Man vs. Wild
		10:30	How to Grow a Planet
			You Have Been

ATN BANGLA	08:40pm	Shangshar Shukher Hoy Bedonar Guney
CHANNEL i	07:50pm	Noorjahan
ntv	08:15pm	Oghoton Ghoton Potiyochi
ETV	09:30pm	Poncha Premik
BANGLAVISON	09:05pm	Red Signal
Desh TV	07:45pm	Saakhon
Maasranga Television	08:00pm	Hashi Bari
CHANNEL 9	09:30pm	Nagarik

BTv	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm, News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm, ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm, News (English) at 9am, 5pm, CHANEL i News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm, ntv News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, ETV News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm, Boishakhi TV News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm, News (English) at 9am, 6pm, BANGLAVISON News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm, Rtv News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 8:45pm, 10:45pm, Desh TV News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm, Maasranga Television News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.
-----	--

ATN BANGLA	01:00am	Oro Dristhi	Boishakhi TV	12:00am	Zero Hour
CHANNEL i	12:30pm	Tanika Kothon	ntv	11:30pm	Our Democracy
ntv	12:00am	Et Shomoy	Desh TV	11:45pm	Shoja Katha
ETV	10:10pm	Media Gossip	Maasranga Television	12:02am	Shampatik
CHANNEL 24	12:05am	Modhyater	Gtv		