

WHAT'S ON

Ushering In Pahela Baishakh
Organiser: Chhayanaut
Venue: Ramna Batomul, Dhaka
Date: April 14

Mongol Shobhajatra
Venue: Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka
Date: April 14
Time: 5am

Chaitra Shongkranti Programme
Title: Phirey Dekha
Organiser: Shaurer Dhara
Venue: BICC

Pahela Baishakh Celebrations
Musical programme
Organiser: Gosthaha
Venue: Sampson Restaurant, Dharmoad 27

Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi
Venue: Dhaka Art Center, H-60, Rd-7/A, Dharmoad
Date: April 12-22
Time: 3pm-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Primitive Periphery
Artist: Nazim Hossain
Venue: Shilpanet Art Gallery H-7, R-13 Dharmoad
Date: April 13-19
Time: 10am-5pm

Group Art Exhibition & Inauguration of the Gallery
Venue: Rajajy, 751 Samrajil Road (Level 11), Dharmoad

Aranyas Spring Exhibition
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya H-42, Rd-16(Nw), Dharmoad
Date: April 5-13

Carnival on canvas



Folk art is characterised by bright, vibrant colours. Artworks by Abdus Shakoor and Samarjit Roy Chowdhury.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Folk art is popular in the sub-continent. This genre of art is rooted in our culture and heritage. Some painters like to portray religious, cultural and folk carnivals. Needless to say, folk elements are in abundance in the works of master painters like Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, Rashid Chowdhury, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury and Abdus Shakoor Shah, among others.

Subjects in his paintings. His lines are intentionally unpolished and many scattered lines are crisscrossed over the canvas. The uneven lines create a unique language, highlighting a rural essence.

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Samarjit Roy Chowdhury is a renowned Bangladeshi artist. He is known for the folk motifs in his works. Kites, fish, birds, animals, wild flowers and boats are recurring

elements in his paintings. His lines are intentionally unpolished and many scattered lines are crisscrossed over the canvas. The uneven lines create a unique language, highlighting a rural essence.

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CHT wears festive hues on 'Biju'

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, *Rangamati*

Artists belonging to indigenous groups from the hills and plains performed at a huge gathering at a cultural event held at Mari Stadium in the town last Wednesday.

The CHT (Chittagong Hill Tracts) Biju, Sangrain, Boisuk, Bishu and Bihu Uddjan Committee organised the event on the occasion of the three-day Biju festival.

As the three-daylong traditional celebration of the indigenous communities got underway from yesterday, the whole CHT is wearing a festive look. Meanwhile, Biju Uddjan Committee has planned a four-day elaborate programme on this occasion, starting from Tuesday, under the auspices of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum's CHT chapter.

The programme includes a rally, live performances, art



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Biplot Mrinal's first solo album "Phul Bhomora" was launched at the capital's Seventh Hill restaurant on April 10.

Emon's movie-signing spree

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Of late Emon has occupied a strong position in the film industry, surpassing the popularity of many of his contemporaries. He is a favorite choice among directors, with many ongoing silver screen features on his plate.

In a month, Emon has penned contracts for six new movies, which include two new films by Chashi Nazrul Islam: "Bhul Jodi Hoy" and "Kothae Achho Kemon Achho". Shooting has already begun for one of these films.

The other four films are Selim Reza's "Na Bola Bhalobasha", Raju Ahmed's "Toboo Tumi Amar", Rafik Shikdar's "Padma Parer Parboti" and Swapan Ahmed's "Kasasha".

On this latest flurry of signing for films, Emon says, "This is without doubt very good news for me. It's also very positive for my career. All the movies have unique stories to tell and I'll play diverse characters. I will try to put in my best efforts and use my talent to try and reach out to the audience."

Earlier, Emon was a frequent face on TV plays, but he has stopped performing for TV. However he continues his modelling work.

Speaking on this shift from TV, Emon says "When I was very occupied with my television work I decided to go for a change and act in films. Eventually, I decided that I would only do films. Now, I intend to make movies and shine in this field."

Apart from the six new projects, Emon has recently

done shooting for the films "Padmo Patar Jol", "Porobashini" and "Payra". Bidya Sinha Meem, Lux superstar Mehzabin and Dipali will be acting opposite Emon respectively in the films.

Recently he has also shot for the new film "Tumi Shondhar Meghmala". Several of his new films are also awaiting release, among them are: "Putro Ekhon Poishawala", "Ei Toh Bhalobasha", "Obujh Bhalobasha" and "Jonakir Alo".

Emon expressed his optimism about the success of these films, adding that the audience will enjoy different facets of him in the films.

Emon made his film debut in 2009, with the movie "Ek Buk Bhalobasha", directed by Ispahani Arif Jahon. So far, 14 of his films have been released, many of which were both commercial and critical successes. The most popular release so far has been "Lal Tip". Emon says, "Lal Tip" brought me recognition among audiences from different strata. The movie was also praised abroad. This is a positive sign for the country's film industry, as well as myself."

"Gohine Shobdo" is another hit featuring Emon. The movie, which the actor terms as a "major turning point" in his career also picked up several awards on the international stage.

Asked what his current goals are, Emon answers, "I have no other dreams but films. I would be happy if our film industry continue to develop."



Chhayanaut's Borsho Boron on TV and online

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chhayanaut's Borsho Boron -- ushering in Pahela Baishakh -- is considered the main cultural event of the day. Those who can't

be at Ramna Park in Dhaka on Pahela Baishakh morning can watch the programme live on www.chhayanaut.org.



PHOTO: ATL AAKASH

A breezy evening of timeless hits

Symphonium's "Blast from the Past"



Melodies and groove galore: Symphonium on stage at The Nest.

FAHIM FERDOUS
Symphonium is not yet a familiar name in the music scene, and naturally so. The band, formed six months ago, has done only a handful of shows. But any doubt over their musical skills vapourised during their sound-check, as the band geared up to host "A Blast from the Past" at The Nest in Gulshan, Dhaka last Thursday night. Led by former Feedback member Zakur Rahman, the seven-piece band did ample justice to the title of the concert, delivering neat performances of a wide range of all-time hits, on a timeline spanning from the '60s to the mid-'90s.

Zakur Rahman, a doctor by profession, said the main reason behind starting the band was: "The music within a musician never dies". Although he remained busy with his professional duties after returning from overseas, Zakur said he gradually got back in touch with a number of musicians, and at one point decided to do something in an organised manner. Sporting the quintessential old-school rock star get-up -- jeans, unbuttoned shirt on a T-shirt with a fedora to top it off, holding a lefty classic sunburst Les Paul, Zakur said that the sound of his band was essentially founded on melody, adding that they were really looking into doing covers of classics from the '70s, '80s and early '90s, a time he feels has gone missing from the playlists of today's young music enthusiasts.

Rajshahi University ready for Pahela Baishakh

M.A. SAYEED, RU

Teachers and students of Rajshahi University (RU) are ready to celebrate Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bangla New Year 1420.

Yesterday on campus, students and cultural activists were seen busy painting images and making masks -- featuring traditional motifs and symbols.

An air of festivity is prevalent at the Fine Arts department, as its students have been busy over the week in preparations for the biggest festival on the Bengali calendar.

The Fine Arts department will also hold a three-day Baishakhi fair featuring art and crafts exhibition and cultural programmes at Charukala Chatter. Popular gambhira songs will certainly add to the attraction, said Shipon Ahmed, a student of the department.

Meanwhile, the Management Studies department will organise a cultural event at Shabash Bangladesh Chatter on the campus while the Marketing department and its cultural organisation Bibartan will jointly celebrate Pahela Baishakh through a concert, an organiser of the department said.

Drama and Music, and Law departments will also hold cultural programmes on the campus. The Pharmacy department will organise a cartoon exhibition at the Physics department premises.

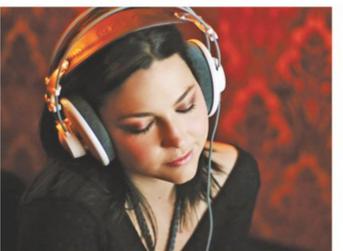
The departments of Public Administration, and Mass Communication and Journalism have already completed their preparations for the big occasion. They will arrange a rally and daylong cultural programmes.

Listening to new music 'rewarding for the brain'

Using MRI scans, a Canadian team of scientists found that areas in the reward centre of the brain become active when people heard a song for the first time.

The more the listener enjoyed what they were hearing, the stronger the connections were in the region of the brain called the nucleus accumbens.

The study is published in the journal Science. Dr Valorie Salimpoor, from the Rotman Research Institute in Toronto, told the BBC's Science in Action programme: "We know that the nucleus accumbens is involved with reward."



tists played 19 volunteers 60 excerpts of new music, based on their musical preferences. As they were listening to the 30-second-long tracks, they had to the opportunity to buy the ones they liked in a mocked up online music store.

ly ing in an MRI machine. By analysing the scans, the scientists found that the nucleus accumbens was "lighting up" and depending on the level of activity, the researchers could predict whether the participant was likely to buy a song.

Dr Salimpoor said: "As they are listening to this music, we can look at their brain activity and figure out how they are appreciating or enjoying this music before they even tell us anything." The researchers found that the nucleus accumbens was also interacting with another region of the brain called the auditory cortical stores. This is an area that stores sound information based on music that people have been exposed to before.

NEW RELEASES

Mone Rekho Prithibi Mixed album
Source: Impress Audio Vision

Phul Bhomora Solo album by Biplot Mrinal
Source: Laser Vision

Ostitto Album of the band Aassort
Source: G-series

Prothoma Solo album by Tanim Mahmud
Source: Deadline Music

BTV	03:05 Bangla Feature Film 05:30 Moner Kotha 09:05 Drama: Chader Hashi 10:30 Prane Moner Ontore	07:45 Music Dot Net 08:15 Pothey Jetey Jetey Maasranga Television
ATN BANGLA	10:30 Bitorke Bikash 03:05 Bangla Feature Film 09:10 Boshakhi Boundary 10:55 Utshab	11:00 Bangla Feature Film Musical Festival Rasjretrai Baiery CHANNEL 9 09:00 Bangla Feature Film 04:30 IPL 6 (Live) 08:30 IPL 6 (Live) 11:30 IPL Power Play
CHANNEL i	01:30 Bangla Feature Film 05:20 Ami Maa Hate Chelchhi 06:20 The Traffic Signal 09:35 Hirdoye Mati O Manush	CHANNEL 24 01:00 Beyond the Gallery 08:15 Circle the Globe 11:00 Muktabak
ntv	08:45 Bangla Feature Film 06:45 Biz Time 09:00 Drama: Muloto Natorek Shuru Ekhan Theke Ha-show	Gtv 06:30 Ayojone Amontan 08:55 World of Glamour 11:00 Gano Phone
ETV	01:30 Bangla Feature Film 05:30 Once Upon a Time 06:30 Annweshan 12:05 Ekushey-er Raat	Fox Movies 03:20 Act Of Valor 05:10 What's Your Number? 07:00 Brave

abc radio FM 89.2	12:20 Campus Campus	02:00 Forti Unlimited
05:30 Kacha Lanka	07:20 GP Luunch	06:00 Back to Back Music
07:20 Kacha Lanka	07:20 GP Luunch	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
07:45 Maja Barata	08:10 Judo	06:00 Green FM
08:10 Live Hour	11:10 Preming	08:30 Good Morning Dhaka
RADIO FOOTBI	08:00 Addabai	04:00 U Turn 07:00 Tobe Tai Hak 10:00 Raat Bhor Gan

Boishakhi Boundary On ATN BANGLA at 09:10pm
Entertainment Show
Host: Nabila

Brave On Fox Movies at 07:00pm
Genre: Animation/Action
Cast: Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly & Emma

Muloto Natorek Shuru Ekhan Theke
On ntv at 09:00pm
Single Episode TV
Play
Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon.

Boishakhi TV	07:10 Good Morning Bangladesh	08:35 Men in Black 11:00 Men in Black II
10:45 Bangla Feature Film	03:00 The Perfect Storm	HBO
03:00 Musical Show (Live)	05:20 The Dilemma	03:00 The Perfect Storm
BANGLAVISION	07:40 Hop	05:20 The Dilemma
11:05 Ami Ekhon Ki Korbo	09:30 Shaolin Soccer	07:40 Hop
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	11:45 Armageddon	09:30 Shaolin Soccer
06:25 Front Line	Star World	11:45 Armageddon
Rtv	03:00 Packed to the Rafters	Star World
12:15 Bangla Feature Film	08:00 Modern Family	03:00 Packed to the Rafters
04:15 Musical Show	09:30 Revolution	08:00 Modern Family
07:36 Drama Serial: Thanar Nam Shonir Akhra	10:30 My Week with Marilyn	09:30 Revolution
11:20 Live Musical Show	National Geographic Channel	10:30 My Week with Marilyn
Desh TV	02:00 Extreme Performers	11:20 Live Musical Show
03:00 Bangla Feature Film	06:00 Most Amazing Moments	02:00 Extreme Performers
06:30 Nupur Rejey Jal	07:00 Explorer Top 125	06:00 Most Amazing Moments
	10:00 Seconds from Disaster	07:00 Explorer Top 125

CHANNEL 1	07:50pm Noorjahan	09:45pm Korfa Kahini
11:30pm Roshni	Rtv	09:55pm Apunghor
ntv	08:15pm Oghoton Ghoton	09:55pm Akshorpur
08:15pm Potoyoshi	BTV	09:55pm Ei Dubshai
ETV	09:30pm Korha Kaje Mil Nai	CHANNEL 24
BANGLAVISION	08:15pm Dul Takar	08:45pm Great Mistake

BTV	12:30am Lead News	Boishakhi TV	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm.
CHANNEL 1	12:30pm Taraka Kothan	News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm.	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
ETV	10:10pm Golpo Shulpo Gaan	ATN BANGLA	BANGLAVISION
Boishakhi TV	09:10pm Shadhin Adda	News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.
11:30pm Nirapad Sarak Chai		News (English) at 9am, 6pm.	News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
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		News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.	News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
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		News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
		ETV	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.

ATN BANGLA	12:30am Lead News	BANGLAVISION	09:55pm Anur Ami
CHANNEL 1	12:30pm Taraka Kothan	Rtv	11:25pm Lal Galap
ETV	10:10pm Golpo Shulpo Gaan	10:40am Tarakal	Our Democracy
Boishakhi TV	09:10pm Shadhin Adda	09:55pm	
11:30pm Nirapad Sarak Chai		10:40am	
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