

WHAT'S ON

Syed Shamsul Haq Nasya Utsab
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: Apr 19-27
Time: 6pm

Solo Art Exposition
Title: Existence... The End
Organiser: Samdani Art Foundation
Artist: Khaleel Hossain
Date: Apr 12-19
Time: 3-8pm

Mask Exhibition
Title: Masks of Bangladesh
Venue: Gallery Jolrong, Niketan
Date: Apr 12-25
Time: 10am-8pm

Tagore Song, Sarod Recital & Recitation
Organiser: Deheeta Foundation
Venue: Music and Dance Centre, Shipkalia
Date: April 19

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

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Primitive Periphery
Artist: Munawar Mehedi
Venue: Shikhanur Art Gallery
H-7, R-13 Dhanmondi
Date: April 13-19
Time: 10am-8pm

Theatre
Play: Raja Himadri (Adaptation from the Greek classic "Oedipus")
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shipkalia Academy



Anisur Rahman Milon: From TV to films

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Anisur Rahman Milon, a popular face in TV dramas, has also recently performed for the silver screen, and tried his hand at direction as well. His new movie "Dehorokkhi" was released in cinema halls across the country on April 12. Milon shared his film experience and aspirations with The Daily Star.

What is the film "Dehorokkhi" about?
Milon: It mainly belongs to the action-romance genre. Iftekhar Chowdhury directed the movie. A couple of years back, I had a talk with the director about the plot. It was then that he shared his plans on making a new film. I feel that the story is strong enough to draw crowds to the halls.

Tell us about your role in the film.
Milon: I play an anti-hero. I've always preferred such characters, as an anti-hero doesn't necessarily mean that he is the villain. The plot of the film zooms in on him.

Who else is in the cast?
Milon: Kazi Maruf plays the hero in the film, while Bobby plays the heroine. Other actors include Kazi Hayat and

Prabir Mitra.

What are the differences in acting for theatre, films and TV dramas?

Milon: I've worked in all three mediums, and I feel that each has its unique process. You have to deliver the dialogues in different ways for films, theatre and TV dramas.

What other new films have you worked in?

Milon: I finished shooting for a film named "Pora Mon", where I play a police officer fighting crime. I've also acted in a film called "Shuachan Pakhi".

What are your goals involving films?

Milon: I want to work in films that will be recognised by critics -- both at home and abroad. I worked in the film "The Last Thakur" a couple of years back, which was released in the UK. I went there when the movie was released and received a lot of praise. I'm also set to work with a French director, in a film called "Jol Manob". It will be shot in Bangladesh and released across Europe. I want to do more movies like these.

You've also emerged as a director?
Milon: I made a TV commercial a few months ago for Teletalk. I had much positive feedback for my work.



Many moods, many masks at Gallery Jolrong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group exhibition of masks -- by 27 contemporary artists -- titled "Bangladesh-er Mukhosh" is now on at Gallery Jolrong, Niketan, in the capital. Hamiduzzaman Khan, Professor of Sculpture Department, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka recently inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Sculptor Ivy Zaman and artists Sukumar Paul, Saidul Haq, and participating artists attended the inaugural session.

Artist and creative writer Shaon Akand is the curator of the exhibition.

At the inauguration, Professor Hamiduzzaman Khan said that masks reflect our social conditioning that encourages concealing the real faces. Masks also reveal the current conditions of our society.

The exhibition presents both traditional and modern masks. Earlier on March 8, the gallery arranged a three-week long workshop on mask making. Thirty artists took part in the workshop.

The artists, who are participating in the exhibition with their works, are: Nimai Malakar, Tarun Ghosh, Faruk Ahmed, Sabin Shahriar, Abdul Momen

Milton, Pintu Dev, Nasir Ahmed, Abdur Rahim, Ananya Singh, Rituparna Dhar, Nazma Begum, Joyanta Talukder, Sajib Paul, Tusher Dey, Amanullah Khan, Palash Chowdhury, Shimul Dutta, Amit Coach, Ripon Singh, Tanvir Ahmed, Mahmudul Hasan, Sumona Haque Afrin, Sadia Sharmin, Shakti Noman and others.

Masks have been used since ancient times for both ceremonial and practical purposes. They are a familiar and vibrant element in many folk pageants, festivals and rituals.

The masks on display at the exhibition carry the personal hallmarks and creative perspectives of the participating artists.

At the exhibition, the artists have fashioned faces out of metal, paper and pigment, wood, fibreglass, sawdust etc. The masks seem to follow primitive, tribal, modern, ancient African, Asiatic and alien styles. The faces are not identical and each expresses a unique meaning.

Some masks appear realistic, some semi-realistic, while some are abstract and semi-abstract. Sensual colours and outstanding techniques have given a different look to the masks.

The exhibition ends on April 25.



Masks on display.

Pahela Baishakh celebrations across the country

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Several groups organised cultural functions marking Pahela Baishakh, the beginning of Bengali New Year 1420.

District administration and Sammilito Sangskritik Jote -- under the banner of "Borsho Boron Utshab Udjapon Parishad" -- organised a cultural programme at Shaheb Quarter Park's Baishakh Manchha, where different cultural groups, including the Udichi Shilpi Goshthi performed throughout the day.

Cultural functions staged by the students of Music Department at Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU) in Trishal also performed to a large audience.

Students of the university also staged a

jatra pala, a traditional form of theatre. Marking Chaitra Sangkranti, students of the university also organised a fanush festival on campus.

Celebrating Chaitra Sangkranti and Pahela Baishakh, Mymensingh Sheba Niketan organised a two-day cultural programme at Town Hall Shaheed Minar premises. The programme included rendition of songs, dance sequences, staging of dance-drama, kissa pala and more. Leading cultural groups of the town, including Sandipon Sangskritik Sangthta, Trishaptak Sangskritik Academy, Prattya Sangskritik Academy, Abdur Rashid Miah Smriti Sangsad, Swaralipi, Lokokrishti Sangstha and Chhayanaut Sahitya Sangskritik Dal performed at the programme.

Earlier, a rally was brought out from Mukul Niketan High School in the town by Borsho Boron Utshab Udjapon Parishad in the morning.

Abul Kalam Azad, Minister for Cultural Affairs, inaugurated the rally as chief guest.

A Baishakhi fair was also organised at Shaheb Quarter Park.

Professor Amir Ahmed Chowdhury Ratan, convener of Borsho Boron Utshab Udjapon Parishad and Sammilito Sangskritik Jote's Mymensingh unit said that the enthusiastic crowds at the celebrations testified to the success of the event.

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

On Sunday morning a big rally was

organised by the district administration. Carrying festoons and placards, the masked rally paraded all the important roads of the town. Several thousand people from 30 institutions including cultural organisations and educational institutions took part in the rally.

State Minister for Livestock and Fishery, Md. Abdul Hye, led the rally while Jhenidah Deputy Commissioner (DC), Khaja Hannan; ADC general, Rafikul Islam; SP Altaf Hossain of Jhenidah; sadar upazila chairman Kanak Kanti Das; Poura Mayor Saidul Karim Minto took part in the rally.

Cultural academy Bihanga and other organisations performed Baishakhi songs at their respective premises.



Bijori and Dinar tie the knot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The romance between Bijori Barkatullah and Intekhab Dinar -- both popular faces in TV dramas -- was a ripe topic of discussion in the media over the past couple of months. Their love for each other reached fruition on Pahela Baishakh -- when the couple tied the knot. A small wedding ceremony -- with family members and close ones -- was held at a Dhanmondi restaurant on Pahela Baishakh, a day after the Gaye Holud was held.

Some media personalities were also present at the celebration. Bijori has now moved to Dinar's Uttara residence, while the couple plan to hold their wedding reception on April 19.

Intekhab Dinar said, "We want everyone's blessings." Bijori Barkatullah said, "Through work, I met Dinar and got to know him better."

Although this is the first marriage for Dinar, Bijori was earlier married to music director Shawkat Ali Emon, with whom she has a 13 year old daughter named Urbana.

Puppet show in Tangail Baishakhi fair



MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Though many events were organised at the 10-day Baishakhi fair in Tangail Stadium, a fascinating puppet show attracted the most attention.

The turnout at the show included not only children but people of different ages as well. Bhai Bhai Puppet Dance, of Monohar

Rahman and his group of Kagramara area in Tangail town, was superbly supplemented with drum beats and other musical instruments.

Other items with puppets were "Bhanu Motir Khel", "Moti Malar Biya", "Beeder Meye Josna" and "Joler Nouka Baich O Kumir", among others.

Local magician Abdul Mannan also entertained the children.

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09:30 Drama Serial: Chupi	09:45 Musical Show	Desh TV
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CHANNEL i	09:45 Musical Show	Drama Serial: Restaurant 21
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05:30 Drama Serial: Protishod	09:45 Musical Show	10:12 Bangla Feature Film
07:50 Spelling Bee	09:45 Musical Show	TM: Bangladesh Vs
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04:10 Janar Achhey Balaar	09:45 Musical Show	09:00 Bangla Feature Film
Achhey	09:45 Musical Show	Power Voice
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09:00 Je Gaan Gourabey	09:45 Musical Show	CHANNEL 24
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	09:45 Musical Show	11:45 Drama Serial: Chumbak
	09:45 Musical Show	Gtv
	09:45 Musical Show	11:30 Bangla Feature Film

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05:30 Kacha Lanka	12:00 No Tension
06:30 Mitha Kara	04:00 Dhaka Calling
07:20 GPl Lounge	09:00 Knight Riders
07:45 Megh Barata	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
08:10 Adda	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
09:30 Rock of Ages	12:00 Today's Adda
11:10 Hebo 89.20	04:00 U-Turn
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Shanti Niloy
On ntv at 09:45pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shatabdi Wadud, Nazneen Hasan Chumki

Brave
On Fox Movies at 11:00pm
Genre: Animation/ Action
Cast: Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly & Emma

Local Hero
On ETV at 04:05pm
Tele-film
Cast: Chanchal Chowdhury, Humaira Huma

04:05 Tele-film: Local Hero	06:30 Anyone Amrostan
06:30 Jhumur Ananda	09:05 Crime Fiction
09:30 Gaan-er Opore	09:05 Fox Movies
10:05 Drama: Gaan O Kobita	02:40 Julie & Julia
Boishakhi TV	07:00 X-Men: First Class
10:45 Bangla Feature Film	09:10 Click
04:00 Shorashori Doctor	11:00 Brave
08:00 Drama Serial: Borobarir	HBO
Chhot Bou	04:41 The Island
08:35 Glamour Guide	06:11 Sahara
BANGLAVISION	09:30 Exit Wounds
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	11:46 Armageddon
06:25 Front Line	Star World
09:05 Drama Serial: A-er Golpo	03:30 Arrow
11:25 Music Club	07:30 Mad Men
Rtv	09:30 Packed to the Rafters
12:35 Bangla Feature Film	10:30 One Tree Hill
06:00 Drama Serial: Dure	Discovery Channel
Kothao	01:30 Man vs. Wild

ATN BANGLA	08:15pm Langkakharia
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09:20pm Ognipath	CHANNEL 24
BANGLAVISION	09:10pm Reality Show

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CHANNEL i	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.

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12:30pm Tarika Kathon	Desh TV		
ntv	12:30am Sheja Kotha		
12:30pm Ei Shomey	Maasranga Television		
ETV	12:02am Shamprotik		
12:05am Ekushey-er			