

WHAT'S ON

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

An Evening of Rock Music
Band: LRB (Love Runs Blind) led by Ayub Bachchu
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-24, Rd-2, Dharmundi

Musical Soiree
Artists: Nayyer Chowdhury & Joyita
Venue: Main Auditorium, Chhayanagar, Dharmundi
Date: April 27; Time: 7pm
Tickets: Available @ Shaha Kalo & Meena Bazar

Solo Drawing Exhibition
Artist: Syed Jahangir
Venue: Shilpakala Gallery, Dharmundi
Date: May 1-7
Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi
Venue: Dhaka Art Center, H-60, Rd-7/A, Dharmundi
Date: April 12-20
Time: 3pm-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Bangla Shekore Swapno
Artist: Ragunath Chakraborty
Venue: Gallery Cosmos 2, B-4, H-115, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: April 19-28
Time: 11am-7pm

Group Art Exhibition & Inauguration of the Gallery
Gallery 21
Venue: Salmajid Road, Dharmundi
Date: April 5-30

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Swapnagata
Venue: 304, Concord Panorama, H-7, Rd-51, Gulshan-2
Date: April 16-May 4
Time: 4-8pm

NEW RELEASES

Priyo
Bangladesh Mixed album
Source: Agniweena

Rangeela
Solo album by Shireen
Source: Laser Vision

Mon Boley
Mixed album
Source: Sangeeta

Purnata
Self-titled album
Source: CD Choice

SYED SHAMSUL HAQ THEATRE FEST '13

Reliving the best of a master playwright



SAURAV DEY

Hundreds of theatre enthusiasts and activists gathered at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on Thursday evening to watch their favourite artists performing together on stage.

Theatre troupe Prangone Mor arranged a special programme, titled "Natyakar Shanniddhey" as part of their ongoing Syed Shamsul Haq Theatre Festival. The programme brought together some of the biggest names in Bangladeshi theatre who had enacted different roles in Haq's plays over the decades -- to re-enact popular scenes in front of the playwright.

Theatre troupe Nagorik Natya Sampraday began the proceedings, staging scenes from Haq's ground-breaking play "Nurol-din Sharajibon". The play -- after many years -- reunited two powerful thespians, Aly Zaker and Asaduzzaman Noor. Aly Zaker played the role of Nurol-din, and Asaduzzaman Noor appeared as Abbas in the play, which raises voice against injustice through the story of an anti-British Raj activist. Aly Zaker utters the powerful dialogue -- "Jaago Bahe Konthey Shoba" -- a wake-up call to the people to stand up against oppression. In addition, Sara Zaker appeared as Lisbeth and Ataur Rahman enacted the character of Good Lad.

Veteran theatre artiste Ferdousi Majumdar and her daughter Tropa Mazumdar played part of their roles from Syed Shamsul Haq's "Payer Awaj Pawa Jay". Tariq Anam Khan played part of his role from "Ekhon Ekhone", while Nima Rahman enacted the character of 'wife' from the play "Mukhosh".



Aly Zaker and Asaduzzaman Noor reunited for a special performance from "Nurol-din Sharajibon". (Top) Ataur Rahman and Sara Zaker on stage.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

Theatre artistes Lucky Enam, Khairul Alam, Shanta Islam, Bipasha Hayat and Afsana Mimi also played their roles from Haq's other plays.

Throughout the programme, the playwright was present on the stage; with a smile, he observed how his creations were being enjoyed by the full-house. Veteran theatre personality Mamunur Rashid anchored the programme; his

witty remarks and gestures of the artistes further livened up the programme. The last segment of the evening featured recitations of Haq's poems by noted elocutionists, Ishrat Nishat and Hasan Arif. Syed Shamsul Haq also read aloud from his selected writings.

Earlier in the afternoon, a seminar titled "Kaaler Jatra-e Syed Shamsul Haq-er Natok" was held at the seminar hall of the National Theatre Hall. Cultural

personality Mofidul Haq presented the keynote paper on Haq's plays, while theatre personalities Aly Zaker, Ataur Rahman, Sara Zaker, Tariq Anam Khan, Golam Sarwar and Aminur Rahman were present as speakers.

The festival, which began on April 19 will end today with Palakar's staging of Syed Shamsul Haq's play "Narigon" at the Experimental Theatre Hall of the Academy.

Crème de la crème of artistic aptitude

39th Grand Group Art Exhibition at Saju Art Gallery

TAKIR HOSSAIN

The ongoing 39th Grand Group Art Exhibition at Saju Art Gallery in Gulshan-2, Dhaka features a collection of 113 artworks, created by 80 artists.

The exhibition has been dedicated to late painters Maran Chand Pal and Mohammad Fokhrul Islam.

At this year's exhibition, renowned and emerging artists alike are showcasing their artworks. Works of Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan, Aminul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Syed Jahangir, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Monirul Islam and Syed Abdullah Khalid have added value to the collection of artworks on display.

The beauty of riverbanks is captured in Syed Jahangir's "Romancing in Moonlight". The river and sky, with the moon and its reflection, the splashes of water, as well as the hardship in the lives of the fishermen create an affluent pastoral image. He has used blue, silver and gold in the work.

Samarjit Roy Chowdhury has always had a great passion for folk art. At the exhibition, his "Song of Lines" features scribbles and thick lines that crisscross over the painting. The unpolished, uneven lines create a unique language, highlighting a rural essence. The work presents a combination of traditional and modern geometric and abstract forms.

Bangladeshi expatriate artist AKM Alamgir Huque has established some exclusive techniques in printmaking, particularly etching. According to him, air, water and soil are elements that have no dissimilarity, no matter where one goes. The printmaker has not portrayed the nature of any particular region; rather tried to expose universal nature in his print.

When one closely studies Mohammad Eumus' painting at the exhibition, the artist's affinity for rich texture, muted colours and realistic objects become noticeable. Over the last few years, the



Artworks by Monirul Islam and Samiran Chowdhury.

and dense forests are recurring features in his paintings.

Also on display are works of artists like Abdus Shakoor Shah, AKM Alamgir Huque, Ranjit Das, Mohammad Eumus, Ahmed Shamsuddoha, Sheikh Afzal Hossain, Tajuddin Ahmed, Kanak Champa Chakma, Mohammad Iqbal and Anisuzzaman.

Ahmed Shamsuddoha has been greatly influenced by surrealist painters Salvador Dali and Boris Vallejo. At the exhibition, he has used the forms of dry twigs, broken clay pot, branches and a crystal ball. Figures are missing in the painting. His paintings provide the spectators a sense of pleasure.

Sheikh Afzal Hossain likes to portray street children and the underprivileged -- in both rural and urban settings. A particular portion of his canvas often focuses on underprivileged people and their daily chores. At the exhibition, his "Making Food" shows a woman making food in a grimy environment. The painter uses loose brushstrokes to delineate the various elements in his compositions.

Tajuddin Ahmed is known for his abstract and symbolic paintings. At the



exhibition, he portrays changing city, nostalgia and socio-economic structure in a symbolic manner. He has also added some mythological forms and architectural shapes to the painting.

Samiran Chowdhury's "Untitled" (mixed media on canvas) is infused with great spiritual strength and engages the viewers with emotional force and inspiring contemplation. The abstraction in his works is not unpredictable. It comes naturally and he has adopted the language for his unique way of expression.

Other participating painters include Mahmudul Haque, Biren Shome, Kamal Kabir, Mustafizul Haque, Muhammad Moniruzzaman, Ifthikhar Uddin Ahmed, Goutam Chakraborty, Abdus Salam, Anukul Chandra Majumdar, Nagrabashi Barman and Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury. The exhibition will continue till May 20.

Macbeth to be staged today at Shilpakala



"Macbeth" -- one of the most powerful works of Shakespeare -- is a fitting tribute on the bard's birthday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking the 449th birth anniversary of William Shakespeare, Padatik Natya Shangsad (TSC) will stage "Macbeth" at 7pm today at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The theatre troupe has organised the staging of their 36th production, in line with the worldwide celebrations of Shakespeare's birthday.

Organised by the British Council, Dhaka, the troupe will also stage the same production at British Council auditorium at 7pm on April 29.

The fine adaptation of the Shakespeare tragedy takes back the audience into the medieval times and shows how greed and struggles for gaining power have

remained same even after 500 years.

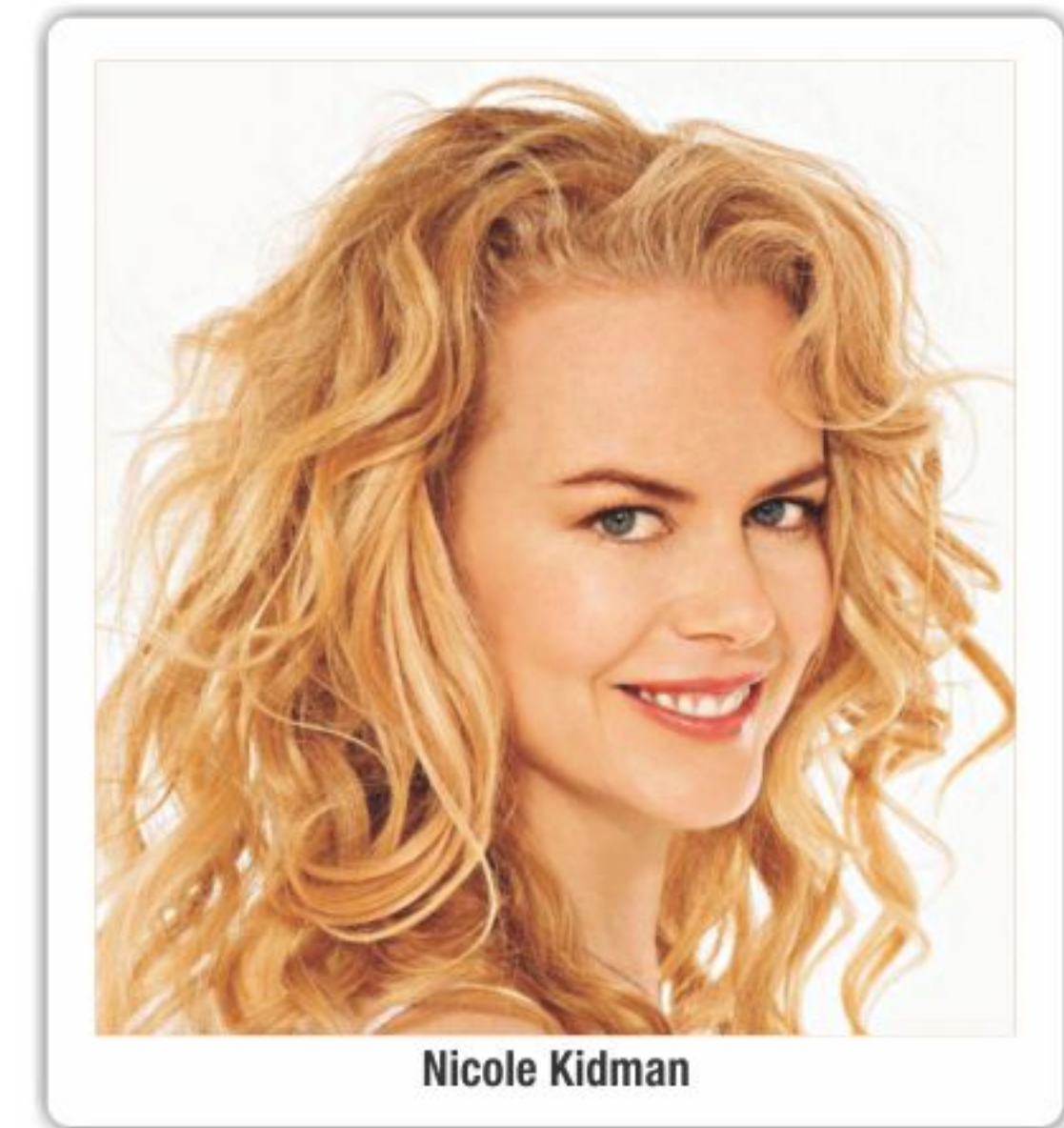
Noted writer, poet and playwright Syed Shamsul Haq has translated the play, while Sudip Chakroborty directed the production. Sudip also designed set for the play.

About bringing the classic to the stage, director Sudip Chakroborty said, "It is an experimental production. I tried to mix the Elizabethan elements with the contemporary. It articulates the theme of plotting and killing to achieve power; the plot is relevant considering the current political situation of the country and the world."

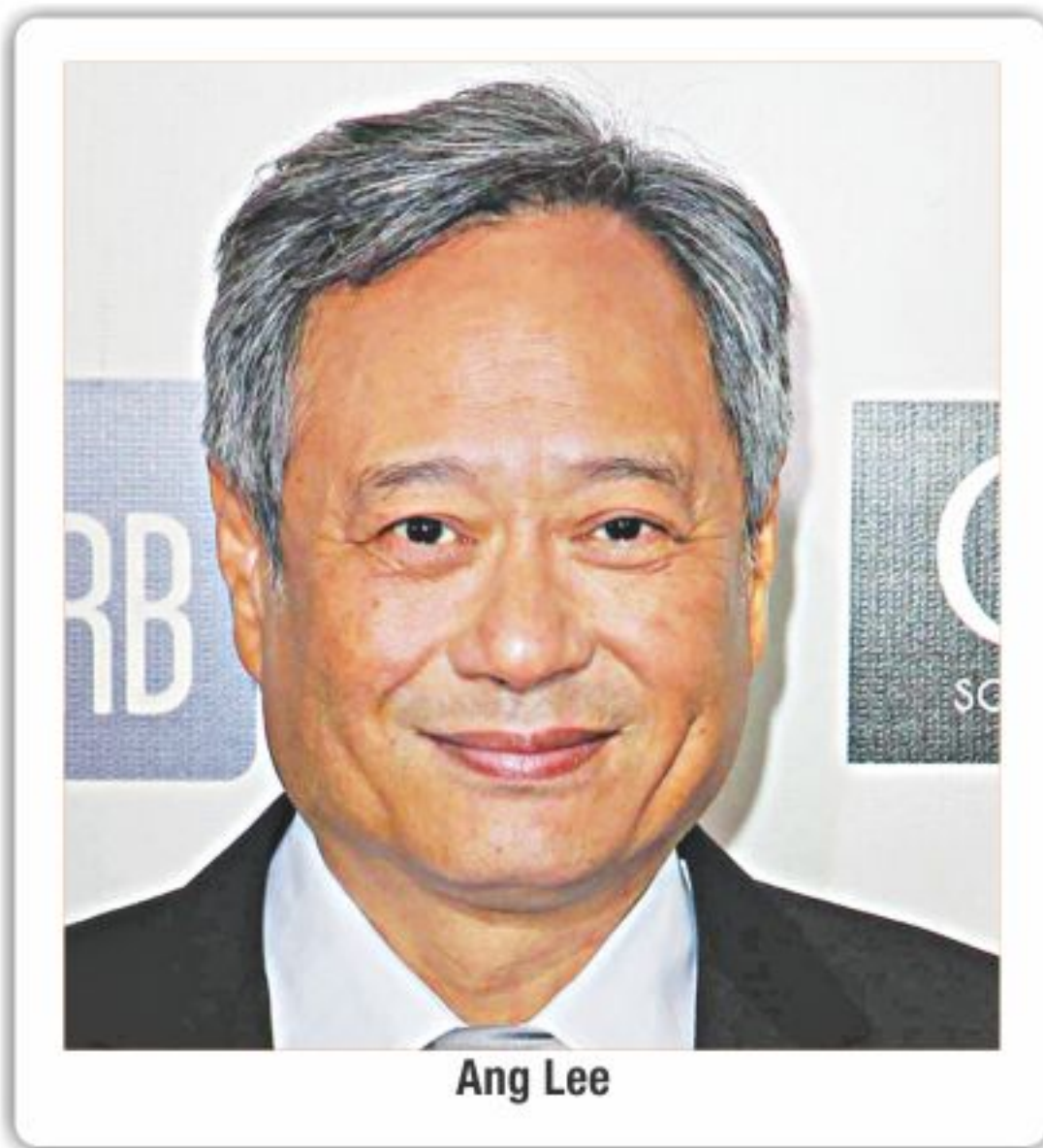
Wahida Mollick designed costumes, Shishir Rahaman directed music and Atiqul Islam Joy designed light for the production.

CANNES 2013

Nicole Kidman, Ang Lee and Vidya Balan join jury



Nicole Kidman



Ang Lee

Might it be the most star-studded Cannes jury in history? The world's most famous film festival has announced that this year's president, Steven Spielberg, will be joined by a cavalcade of heavyweight figures -- including Oscar winners Ang Lee, Christoph Waltz and Nicole Kidman.

The glittering quartet will be joined by Britain's Lynne Ramsay, perhaps with time on her hands after

exiting the Natalie Portman indie-western "Jane's Got a Gun", French cinema icon Daniel Auteuil, Romanian filmmaker Cristian Mungiu, Japanese director Naomi Kawase and Bollywood diva Vidya Balan.

Mungiu, Ramsay, Auteuil and Kawase are all past Cannes award-winners. Ramsay took a Youth prize in 2002 for her elliptical drama "Morvern Callar", while Kawase won the Camera d'Or for "Suzaku" in 1997 and



Vidya Balan

the Grand Prix in 2007 for "The Mourning Forest". Auteuil won the best actor award at Cannes in 1996 for drama "The Eighth Day". Mungiu is the only figure on the jury to have taken home the festival's top Palme d'Or prize, which he won in 2007 for the harrowing drama "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days".

"We have only one criteria and that is already done for the president -- the legitimacy," festival artistic director Thierry Fremaux told the Hollywood Reporter. "So for the jury, Steven Spielberg will be the centre and we are finishing it with great people."

The 66th Cannes film festival runs from May 15 to 26. The only woman ever to have won an Oscar and a Palme d'Or, Jane Campion, will oversee the Cinefondation and short film competitions, while Audrey Tautou will host the opening and closing ceremonies.

Source: guardian.co.uk

BTV	09:05	Drama Serial: Alostpur
11:30	Esho Gaan Shikhi	
02:00	TM: Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe (Live)	
08:35	Aniban	
09:40	Unayone Bangladesh	
ATN BANGLA		
01:20	Prapak	
03:05	Bangla Feature Film	
08:00	Rock & Rhythm	
11:30	Drama Serial: Boiri Bataish	
CHANNEL i		
01:30	Bangla Feature Film	
05:50	Ami Maa Hote Chokhich	
06:20	The Traffic Signal	
09:35	Hidoye Mati O Manush	
nTV		
08:45	Bangla Feature Film	
06:45	Biz Time	
Desh TV		
03:00	Bangla Feature Film	
06:30	Napur Bejay Jai	
07:45	Music Dot Net	
08:15	Pothey Jetey Jetey	
Maasranga Television		
09:00	Mena Cartoon	
02:00	TM: Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe (Live)	
09:20	Chiro Shobuj	
CHANNEL 9		
09:00	Bangla Feature Film	
07:30	Drama Serial: Baskurani	
08:15	Drama Serial: Nagarik	
09:00	Tele-film: Blue	
CHANNEL 24		
01:00	Beyond the Gallery	
08:15	Circle the Globe	
11:00	Muktakab	
GTV		

abcradio FM 89.2	06:00	Bumper to Bumper
12:20	Campus Campus	
05:30	Kacha Lanka	
07:20	GH Louish	
07:45	Megh Barata	
08:10	Adda	
09:30	Love Hour	
11:10	Premong	
RADIO FOOTI		
08:00	Addabasi	
02:00	Footi Unlimited	
10:00	Back to Back Music	
12:00	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6	
06:00	Green FM	
08:00	Good Morning Dhaka	
11:00	World Music	
04:00	U-Turn	
07:00	Take Tai Hak	
10:00	Raat Shor Gaan	
12:00	Hutum Pecha	

Rock & Rhythm
On ATN BANGLA at 08:00pm
Musical Program
Artist: Shakila Zafar

The Hunger Games
On Fox Movies at 07:00pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Stanley Tucci, Jennifer Lawrence

Amar Ami
On BANGLAWISON at 09:05pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Guest: Hridoy Khan, Kona

09:00	Drama: Odhora	06:30	Ayone Amrothan
11:30	Ha-shov	08:55	World of Glamour
ETV		11:00	Gano Phone
01:30	Bangla Feature Film		
05:30	Once Upon a Time	03:05	Spider-Man 3
06:30	Anneweshan	05:25	Brave
10:10	Drama Serial: Megher Kheya	07:00	The Hunger Games
Boishakhi TV		11:20	Vacancy
10:15	Bangla Feature Film		
06:20	Drama Serial: Kajla Union	04:05	Happy Feet Two
08:00	Drama	06:00	Tower Heist
11:30	Drama Serial: Pathorer Kanna	07:55	Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over
BANGLAVISION		11:50	Mission: Impossible-Ghost Protocol
11:05	Ami Ekhon Ki Korbo		
01:05	Bangla Feature Film	02:30	Packed to the Rafters
06:25	Front Line	07:30	Modern Family
12:00	News & Views	09:30	Revolution
Rtv		10:30	The Sweetest Thing
12:15	Bangla Feature Film		
05:30	Rupkotha	02:30	Earth's Extraordinary Journey
07:36	Drama Serial: Thanar Nam Shonar Akhra	07:30	Man Vs. Wild
		10:30	Man Woman Wild

ATN BANGLA		BANGLAVISION	
10:55pm	Scandal	08:15pm	Dui Taka Bahaduri
CHANNEL i		09:45pm	Karta Kahini
07:50pm	Noorjahan		
11:30pm	Roshni	08:15pm	Apnonghor
nTV		09:50pm	Esi Dulabbai
08:15pm	Oghoton Ghoton		
09:30pm	Potiyoshi	08:45pm	Great Mistake
ETV			
09:30pm	Kotha Kaje Mil Mai	08:10pm	Poimanta
		09:35pm	Jonani

ATN BANGLA		NEWS BULLETIN	
12:30am	Lead News	09:55pm	Amar Ami
CHANNEL i		11:25pm	Lal Galap
12:30pm	Tanika Kothan		
ETV		10:40am	Taraklap
12:05am	Ekushey-er Raat	11:20pm	Golebi
Boishakhi TV			
09:20pm	Shuthai Adda	09:45pm	Bela Obela Sharabela
11:30pm	Nazop Nazop Sarak Chai	11:50pm	Shoja Kotha
BANGLAVISION		12:02am	Shangorik

ATN BANGLA		TALK SHOW	
12:30am	Lead News	09:55pm	Amar Ami
CHANNEL i		11:25pm	Lal Galap
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