

Swapno O Droher Jatiyo
Natya Utshab
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Music and Dance Centre & Studio Theatre Hall

Exhibition
Organiser: VIAAN
Title: The Dream's Wear: Influenced by Folk Painting & Music
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Française de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: May 3-16
Time: 3-9pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: The Worship of Nature
Artist: SM Shahriar
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, Dhanmondi
Date: May 10-16
Time: 3-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Prima Donna
Artist: Preema Nazia Andaleeb
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60 Gulshan Avenue, Circle 1
Date: May 4-13; Time: 12-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Impression of Surroundings - 3
Artist: Mohiuddin Ahmed Mohim
Venue: Gallery Cosmos- 2, H-115, R-6, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: May 10-20
Time: 11am-7pm

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SERENADING

Tagore

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinaipur

Tagore's birth anniversary celebrations were held in Dinaipur with a discussion, cultural programme, poetry recitation and plays at Dinaipur Shilpakala Academy premises on Wednesday morning.

Dinaipur unit of Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad (RSSP) organised the programme.

Speakers at the discussion termed Tagore as timeless as the Bengali language. The speakers were Abdul Kalam Azad, eminent citizen of Dinaipur; poet Masud Mostafiz; Rabiul Awal Khoka; and Nurul Motin Saikat, GS of Dinaipur unit RSSP.

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

To celebrate the 152nd birth anniversary of Tagore, Manikganj district unit of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad (JRSSP) arranged a discussion and cultural function at Teacher's Auditorium of Manikganj Government Women's College on Wednesday evening.

Professor Abul Islam Shikder, president of Manikganj district unit of JRSSP, presided over the discussion. Vice president of the organisation Paritosh Acharya, general secretary Professor Nowroz Mohammad Sayeed and joint secretary Professor Ajit Kumer Mandal addressed the gathering, along with Dipak Kumar Ghosh, adviser of Sangskritik Biplobi Sangha.

Later, a cultural function was held, featuring Rabindra Sangeet and poetry recitation.

TVWATCH

A special TV programme "Ami O Ma" on Mother's Day will be aired on Channel 16 tonight at 9:30pm. Hosted by lyricist Rezaur Rahman Rizvi, the participants of the show include noted singer Fatema-Tuj-Zohra, her daughter Toma and grand daughter Amena. The trio will also perform songs at the programme.

The joys of

motherhood



Farzana Chumki



Moushumi Nag



Sharmeen Shila



Putul

Parker arrives in Dhaka

Star Cineplex brings Statham-JLo starrer

SAURAV DEY

"Parker", a crime-thriller by veteran director Taylor Hackford, has arrived in Dhaka. The movie, based on a novel by Donald Westlake, premiered at Bashundhara City's Star Cineplex on Thursday evening. Whether the movie will gain bouquets is open to question as it bombed at the box office in the US where it was released on January 25.

Despite being a weakly-placed thriller, the good news for action lovers is that "Parker" is replete with bone-crunching action sequences, and stands as an out-and-out action film. The film is not all that smart, but suspense moments and heavy-duty fights and shoot-outs keep the audience at the edge of their seats for an entertainment package worth their money.

The film stars Jason Statham as Parker, a ruthless career criminal who takes revenge on hoods who betrayed him and left him for dead. He tracks the ban-



dots down to Florida, where he finds Leslie Rodgers, played by Jennifer Lopez, a local real-estate agent who helps Parker in accomplishing his mission and -quite obviously-falls for him. Although one might be a tad disappointed by the absence of chemistry between Parker and Lesile Rodgers, Lopez --with her glamour and attitude -- is a good foil against the cold-blooded Statham. On the other hand, the bad guy tries to give his best through his wits, moves and manly appearance, but movie junkies can quibble over Hackford's character choice.

All in all, Hackford's attempt to craft a hard-hitting crime-thriller ends up being a fairly enjoyable and -- and totally consumable -- film. Though "Parker" is not groundbreaking by any stretch of imagination, it gives the adrenaline junkies a chance to watch a crime thriller on the big screen, and that is the good news.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Motherhood is a blessing to all women. The caring and loving nature of our mothers has shaped our lives, and the celebrities among us are no different. Some of our favourite stars also happen to be loving mothers.

Farzana Chumki

The joys of motherhood overwhelmed me when my son arrived in this world on November 12, 2006. He was born in Holy Family Hospital, Dhaka. After he cried out for the first time, someone brought him to me and pressed his skin to my cheek. I was half-conscious then, but I remember that feeling. Now my son Mir Farshad is going to school. I'll never forget how it felt to first hear the sound "Ma" in my child's voice.

Moushumi Nag

My son was born on August 31, 2002. I consider this the greatest achievement of my life. My son was born in Saint Joseph Hospital, Canada. I wanted to hold my son when he was born, but when he was brought in front of me, I almost fainted. The feeling of being a mother cannot be expressed in words. I especially cherish two memories -- when my child first called me "Ma", and the day he first went to school. My son is now studying at a Canadian school. All I want is that he succeeds in life.

Sharmeen Shila

My daughter's name is Tasnia Jisan Hridika. She was born on December 5, 1998 at the Monwara Hospital in Dhaka. It often feels like she has been my best friend. It's very hard to describe the overwhelming joy of being a mother.

Putul

My daughter was born on January 6, 2003. Her name is Maliha, which means lucky. When I was a student, I saw an Iranian film which featured a girl named Maliha. Back then, I'd planned to use the name if I ever had a daughter. My daughter is now studying in Darjeeling, India. When she was in the country, she had acted in a drama by Humayun Ahmed. Motherhood is one of the greatest experiences of one's life. Although I believe there need not be any specific day to show your affection for your mother, but I'll be missing her this year as she's not with me on this special day.

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True!



Legendary British thriller director Alfred Hitchcock made cameo appearances in 39 of his 52 films; in his last film "Family Plot" (1976), he appears just in the form of a silhouette (in the 40th minute) -- through the door of the Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Motherhood

in melodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mothers are special; they are the first people we bond with. The expression of love for one's mother has come up in various forms of arts over the years. From film to folklore to poetry and beyond, the various aspects of mother-child relationship have been portrayed by artists. On this Mother's Day, we look back at three of the most popular songs that celebrate the love and affection of a child for his/her mother.



Ma go Ma, Ogo Ma, Amare Banaili Tui Diwana

Written by Gazi Mazharul Anwar and set to tune by Satya Saha, the song was rendered by Khurshid Alam to be picturised on Razzak for the movie "Shomadhi", directed by Dilip Biswas. Talking about the song, Alam recalled that it was recorded in Kakrail's (Dhaka) Ipsha Recording Studio. "Passion and emotions flowed naturally as I recorded what turned out to be a big hit." he said.



Emon Ekta Ma Dey Na

Ferdous Wahid sang this song, written and composed by Dr. Nasir Ahmed, which went on to become widely popular. As it was released, the song created a stir among both urban and rural listeners. "Back in 1974, I was a college student. Noted artiste, the late Firoze Shai insisted that I record this song, as it was suited to my voice," said Wahid. "I loved the lyrics. I remember that I saved my tiffin money to record this song." Asserting that he has a deep emotional connection to the song, Wahid went on: "After listening to the song, Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed congratulated me. He predicted that the song would be just as popular after 30 years. It has now been 39 years since its release, and people still hum this song."



Dosh Mash Dosh Din

This immensely emotional song by James was written and composed by Prince Mahmud, after he lost his mother in 1997. Mahmud said, "After the song was composed, I felt that James would be the best person to sing it. But during the recording, James himself became very emotional and kept crying, as he had recently lost his mother as well. After several attempts, James was finally able to complete the song."

Shilpakala hosts Nat'l

Theatre Fest '13

A CORRESPONDENT

A nine-day theatre festival, titled 'Jatiyo Natyotsob 2013' (National Theatre Festival) began at the Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka on May 9. Film and Theatre Department of the Academy has arranged the grand theatre fest, with the motto of "Promoting our culture and forging connections with global culture".

The festival is the second phase of a programme by the Academy. A total of 64 troupes staged their plays earlier across 64 districts in the first phase.

Throughout nine days of the festival, the troupes -- one from each district -- will perform at different halls of the Shilpakala Academy.

On the opening day, six troupes staged their unique productions at the National Theatre Hall, Experimental Theatre Hall and National Music and Dance Centre Auditorium respectively. On the second day, nine troupes from as many districts came up with their plays. The most significant aspect of the festival is that each day new troupes from different parts of the country are performing for a large audience; it is a great opportunity for most of these local college-based troupes that have not had much exposure to such stages and spectators.

Today, six troupes from six districts will stage their own productions at different halls of the Academy. The shows are open to all, as the Academy is trying to promote theatre through this project. The festival closes on May 17.

জুনিয়রদের সবগুলি দিনই

মায়ের জন্য

ছোট থাকার আনন্দ আর দুঃখের মজা শতগুণ বেড়ে যায় মায়েরদে ভালবাসা, মমতা আর শাসনে। মমতাময়ী, শাসনকারী এই মায়েরদে জন্য সব জুনিয়রদের পক্ষ থেকে আজ 'মা দিবস'-এর শুভেচ্ছা।