

WHAT'S ON

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

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Book Launch & Musical Soiree  
Title of Book: Rabindranath Tagore & National Identity Formation in Bangladesh: Essays & Reviews  
Venue: Abdul Karim Sahitya Bicharad Auditorium, Bangla Academy  
Date: May 16  
Time: 6pm

An Evening of Nazrul  
Sangeet  
Artist: Ferdous Ara  
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1  
Date: May 17

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

Celebrating International Museum Day  
Organiser: Bangladesh National Museum  
Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh

# NEWSbytes

## Album "Kaan Petey Roi" launched



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A duet Rabindra Sangeet album, titled "Kaan Petey Roi" by Kamal Ahmed and Priyanka Gope is in the audio market. Under the label of Laser Vision, the album, featuring 10 popular, romantic and melodious numbers, have been recorded in India.

The album was recently launched by DG of BTV, M. Hamid as chief guest. Noted singers Khairul Anam Shakil, Lily Islam and Yasmin Mushtari were special guests.

Kamal Ahmed a director in BTV, is also a music connoisseur. Besides studying at Rabindra Bharati University of Kolkata, India, Priyanka took khayal lessons from Pt. Arun Bhaduri at ITC SRA. The artiste is a lecturer at the Department of Music, Dhaka University.

## Coldplay to receive Silver Clef

Coldplay are to receive the best British act award at this year's Nordoff Robbins O2 Silver Clef Awards.

Since winning worldwide fame with "Yellow" in 2000, the Grammy award-winning band has sold more than 60 million records, had five number one albums and won several awards including eight Brit awards and seven Grammys.

The band will receive their prize at a London ceremony on June 28.

Organisers hope to raise £500,000 from the awards to fund 20,000 life-transforming music therapy sessions for children and adults across the UK.

Ten awards will be presented at the ceremony, including the innovation award to singer-songwriter Labrinth and the classical award to trumpet soloist Alison Balsom.

Source: BBC

## It's True!



Kurt Cobain thanked Quentin Tarantino in the liner notes to his album "In Utero", allegedly due to the musician's love for "Reservoir Dogs". QT returned the favour in the "Pulp Fiction" soundtrack notes by thanking Nirvana. Sadly, the timing of the release meant the thanks were followed by 'RIP Kurt'.

## NOSTALGIA

# Zahid Hasan: Fun and frolic

*I would often skip classes to go near the rail tracks and watch in awe as trains rushed by.*

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

I was born and brought up in Sirajganj. During my early years, I had to shift schools many times, as we were regularly on the move due to my father's government job. I studied at a school in Benapole from class seven to nine, when my father was posted as a customs superintendent at the land port. Later my father was transferred to Sirajganj.

During that time, I got admitted to Sirajganj Hoimobala School, and later Gyandayini High School, from where I completed my SSC exams. I remember many friends from Hoimobala, including Bacchu, Duke, Dollar, Rubel, Taposh. It was a co-ed school, and I had Shirin and Sheuly as friends. We had a senior named Tuku, who I used to call Tuku'di.

I have many fond memories of my school days. When I was in Sirajganj, I used to walk to school with my sisters. We had great fun during those walks. There was a footpath in front of our school, where I once fell and broke my writing slate, and burst out crying.

Chanachur and olive pickles were sold near our school. The potato chops were for 50 paisa a piece which only some kids could afford. My friends and I could afford jut chanachur and pickles.

I was very mischievous in my school days, and often skipped classes to go near the rail tracks and watch in awe as trains rushed by. Sometimes we went to the Jamuna banks, while at other times we visited cinema halls. Our teachers often managed to catch us in the act and wanted to punish us. But since my elder siblings were in the same school, they spoke out in our favour to spare us a beating.

Once, there was jatrapala in the Sirajganj town. Anwar Hossain, Anwara and a large cast from Dhaka came to stage "Nawab Sirajuddoula". The presence of such important artistes caused ticket prices to soar. The cheapest ticket, for a seat on the floor, cost twenty taka. I convinced my father to give me the twenty taka and enjoyed the play from the floor.

Those were the days...



PHOTO: ATL AAKASH

## CANNES '13

# Six films to watch out for at Cannes



Rani Mukherjee in Karan Johar's "Ajeeb Dastaan Hai Yeh" from Bombay Talkies.

With arguably the most illustrious film festival of the year already underway with "The Great Gatsby", all eyes are on the French Riviera city of Cannes. The celebration of the best in global cinema - with a star-studded jury headed by none less than Stephen Spielberg, will continue till May 26.

Here's a selection of six films to watch out for at the festival:

### Only God Forgives

Canadian actor Ryan Gosling and Danish director Nicholas Windig Refn collaborate again in this crime drama set in Bangkok's sleazy, neon-lit underworld - featuring Kristen Scott Thomas as the revenge-thirsty head of a vast criminal organisation.

### Inside Llewyn Davis

Nominated for the Palme d'Or, the latest film from Ethan and Joel Coen follows a week in the life of folk singer Davis, during a bitter New York winter in 1961. Starring Carey Mulligan and John Goodman, the film also features Justin Timberlake, who collaborated with Mumford and Sons' singer Marcus Mumford - also husband of Mulligan - for the film's soundtrack.

### Young and Beautiful

Francois Ozon is a prolific film-maker who has churned out 14 feature films in the past 15 years - but only one has appeared at Cannes once before. Plot details are being kept tightly under wraps

but the official synopsis describes the film as "a contemporary portrait of a teenage girl, in four seasons and four songs."

### As I Lay Dying

James Franco is certainly not one to rest on his laurels. "As I Lay Dying" is his second film this year as both director and star, and he has also appeared in "Oz the Great and Powerful" and "Spring Breakers". His is the first film adaptation of William Faulkner's classic 1930 novel, which follows the journey of an impoverished family through the American South to bury its matriarch.

### Bombay Talkies

Cannes celebrates 100 years of Indian cinema this year with a special programme of films. The centrepiece is Bombay Talkies, which plays out of competition at a special midnight screening. The movie an anthology, made up of four short films by well-known Indian directors and celebrates the diversity of Indian cinema.

### Zulu

Not to be confused with the 1964 film starring Michael Caine, "Zulu" is French director Jerome Sale's first English language movie. Starring Forest Whitaker and Orlando Bloom, the film -- adapted from Caryl Ferey's novel of the same name -- is a conspiracy thriller set in Apartheid-era South Africa. Zulu has been chosen to close the Cannes film festival. Expect a tense cop thriller with a noir edge.

SOURCE: BBC CULTURE

# Spelling Bee: Director's Cut



Hasan Abidur Reza Jewel

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

With the TV rounds of the Spelling Bee starting tonight at 7:50pm on Channel i, renowned musician and director of the show, Hasan Abidur Reza Jewel spoke to The Daily Star about the programme.

He began by explaining how important the Spelling Bee has been to him so far. "The programme is special to me for two reasons - one because it was at a time where I had to prove to myself that I could perform and produce at a level where the audience and my clients are happy. Secondly, working with children, seeing them put so much effort in it, and their innocence really makes this worthwhile," he said.

Jewel then reflected on viewers' feedback to his production. "I wouldn't say I'm the world's best (reality TV show) producer but I can say we have been able to make a positive impact on people who have seen the programme and have taken part in it."

He is happy with how the show has improved in almost all aspects from last year, "I think the quality of the production; the budget and the quality of the participants were better than last year." But he is also willing to add that there is room for improvement, "Money talks at the end of the day. So if the budget was bigger, perhaps the product would be even better. It's a cycle at the end of the day."

Jewel is very hopeful of this sector. "I think social media has been a revelation for our people. They are now showing how creative they can be; I firmly believe our filmmakers and producers will very soon bring national honour and recognition," he concluded.

## TVWATCH

# Maasranga to air telefilm Mayer Chithi



A Correspondent

"Mayer Chithi", a telefilm by Faisal Rajib, will be aired on Maasranga at 8pm tonight. The storyline: Rashed finds a letter which his mother wrote to him a few days before her death. His mother wanted to see him, but Rashed found the letter almost a year after her death. Eventually Rashed discovers that his wife Rupa had read the letter but concealed it so that Rashed did not cancel their planned outing.

The telefilm stars Intekhab Dinar, Mousumi Nag and Sharmili Ahmed, among others.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

Theatre troupes from district towns are staging their productions at four venues of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, as part of the ongoing "Shopno O Droher Natyotsob". The grand theatre festival, featuring plays from all 64 districts, closes tomorrow.

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