


WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition  
Title: Rhythm of Xylography  
Venue: Gallery Cosmos 2, R-6,  
H-115, New DOHS, Mohakhali  
Date: Oct 25-Nov 5  
Time: 11am-7pm



Classical Music Workshop  
and Film Screening  
Venue: Bengal Café, Dhanmondi  
Date: Sep 26- Nov 16  
Time: on every Thursday (3-5pm) & Saturday (10am-12pm)



Solo Painting Exhibition  
Artist: Shabekun Nahar Noushin  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de  
Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road,  
Dhanmondi  
Date: Oct 25-Nov 7  
Time: 3pm-9pm



Urban Youth Festival II  
Organiser: Goethe-Institut Dhaka  
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10,  
Rd 9, Dhanmondi  
Date: Oct 24-31  
Time: 11am-8pm



Duet Exhibition  
Title: When Silence Eats Sound  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60  
Gulshan Avenue, Circle 1  
Date: Oct 30-Nov 13  
Time: 12pm-8pm



## IT'S TRUE!

Ancient Egyptian art is the painting, sculpture, architecture and other arts produced by the civilisation of Ancient Egypt from the lower Nile Valley from about 5000 BCE to 300 AD. It reached a high level in painting and sculpture, and was both highly stylised and symbolic. Much of the surviving art comes from tombs and monuments and thus there is an emphasis on life after death and the preservation of knowledge of the past. Most elements of Egyptian art remained remarkably stable over that 3,000 year period with relatively little outside influence. The quality of observation and execution started at a high level and remained near that level throughout the period. Portraiture in Ancient Egypt, above all of royalty, was highly developed, and represented a complicated mixture of realistic depiction of individuals and stylisation.



## NEWS bytes

### Steve Harris voted 'Greatest Metal Bassist'



After a month-long tournament, Iron Maiden's Steve Harris was named the Greatest Metal Bassist by readers of rock music web site Loudwire. The galloping Maiden mastermind defeated a very worthy opponent, Dream Theater's John Myung, in the final round, earning the title of the Greatest of All Time. Steve Harris' climb to the top of our tournament began with a victory over Helloween's Markus Grosskopf. He then banished Motley Crue's Nikki Sixx from the bracket before triumphing once again over late Slipknot bassist Paul Gray. Harris' win against Gray brought him to the semifinals, where the Iron Maiden legend fought a vigorous match against late Metallica bassist Cliff Burton. The final round was extremely close, with both Iron Maiden and Dream Theater fans rallying for their floor-rumbling heroes, but in the end, Steve Harris emerged victorious with 51.63% of the vote.

Source: Loudwire

# The short-lived genius of timeless classics

### Sukumar Ray's 116th birth anniversary



Born at a time that was the pinnacle of the Bengal Renaissance, Sukumar Ray grew up in an environment that fostered his literary talents. His father, Upendrakishore Ray Chowdhury, was a talented writer of stories and popular science; painter and illustrator extraordinaire; musician and composer of songs; a pioneering technologist and astronomer. Upendrakishore was also a close friend of Rabindranath Tagore, who directly influenced Sukumar. Among other noted family friends were Jagadish Chandra Bose and Prafulla Chandra Roy. Poet-storywriter-playwright Sukumar Ray (1887-1923) is perhaps the most famous practitioner of 'literary nonsense' in the sub-continent till date, often compared to Lewis Carroll of the West. His

works, like collection of poems "Aboltabol", novella "HaJaBaRaLa", short story collection "Pagla Dashu" and play "Chalachittachanchari" are considered nonsense masterpieces equal in stature to "Alice in Wonderland", and are regarded as some of the greatest treasures of Bangla literature. Tomorrow marks the 116th birth anniversary of Ray. Sukumar was trained in photography and printing technology in England and was a pioneer of photography and lithography in undivided India. While in England, he also delivered lectures about the songs of Rabindranath before he [Tagore] won the Nobel Prize. Sukumar had also drawn acclaim as an illustrator. As a technologist, he also developed new

methods of halftone block-making, and technical articles about this were published in journals in England. He took helm of the children's magazine "Sandesh", soon after his return from England, when Upendrakishore passed away. He ran the printing and publishing businesses that his father set up, and the magazine for about eight years. Apart from cultural and creative activities, Sukumar Ray was also a leader of the reformist wing in the Brahmo Samaj. About Ray, noted poet and rhymester Asad Chowdhury said, "Sukumar was an unparalleled genius. He lived a short life but created many valuable literary pieces. It is very significant that Rabindranath Tagore was a great admirer of Ray. He introduced an innovative style and his approach was ground-breaking. His use of language, structure and technique gave a distinct aspect to Bengali literature. His writings are not only popular among the young, but also among adults." According to well-known poet Shihab Sarkar — "Ray's brilliant rhymes still remain unparalleled. He is still unique. It is very disheartening that he did not live long. But if he had, he could have given a new dimension to our Bengali literature." Ray died in 1923 of severe infectious fever, Leishmaniasis, for which there was no cure at the time. His son Satyajit Ray -- who himself went on to become a literary and filmmaking icon -- shot a documentary on Sukumar Ray in 1987, five years before his own death. Close to a century after his death at the very young age of 36, Ray remains one of the most popular among children's writers in both West Bengal and Bangladesh.

Compiled by Correspondent

# Saurav Kumar performs at IGCC

A CORRESPONDENT

Singer Saurav Kumar Nahar recently performed at an evening of Hindustani Classical Vocal Music at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in the city. Saurav held the audience spellbound by playing some hit ragas like Shree, Yaman, Bhairavi and Hansadhvani at the musical rendezvous. The singer was accompanied by Ratan Kumar Das on tabla, Bijon Chandra Mistri on harmonium, Kushal Roy on tanpura and Sharmista Sarker on tanpura. Saurav is an established Hindustani Classical Vocal Music exponent of India. He is currently working as a vocal teacher-cum-performer at IGCC, Dhaka.



## Stich competition and workshop in Jessore

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Jessore

The 4th Hand Stich Competition '13 and design workshop were held at Charupith gallery in Jessore town recently. Art school Charupith and Fashion House Fhore jointly organised the competition with the assistance of Kapatakshha, a Japanese NGO. One hundred and ten contestants competed in three phrases. Mamun-ur Rashed, director of Fhore

said that Jessore is famed for its hand stitches. The event aims to preserve this rich art, he said. Designer Chandra Shekhar Shaha, principal Mahabub Jamal Shamim, craft masters Amina Begum and Tratini Shaha were the juries of the competition. At the inaugural session of the competition, a design workshop was held where participants were provided a design, fabric and training to develop their skills.

## Samina's new solo album hits the stores



Guests with the artiste at the launch of "Cholo Banchi".

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After a long hiatus, popular singer Samina Chowdhury's solo album titled "Cholo Banchi" has been released. The album, featuring a total of 10 songs was unveiled at a function in a city hotel with AKM Arifur

Rahman, chairman of Laser Vision, in the chair last week. Among others, lyricists Md Rafiquzzaman, Kabir Bakul, music director Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul and Kazi Sahed Ahmed, chairman of Jemcon Group, were present in the unveiling ceremony. Nakib Khan, Pilu Khan, Rupankar Bagchi, Joy Sarkar and Raghav Chatarchi has directed music for the album.

### TV WATCH

## Pinjor on Maasranga TV tonight

A CORRESPONDENT

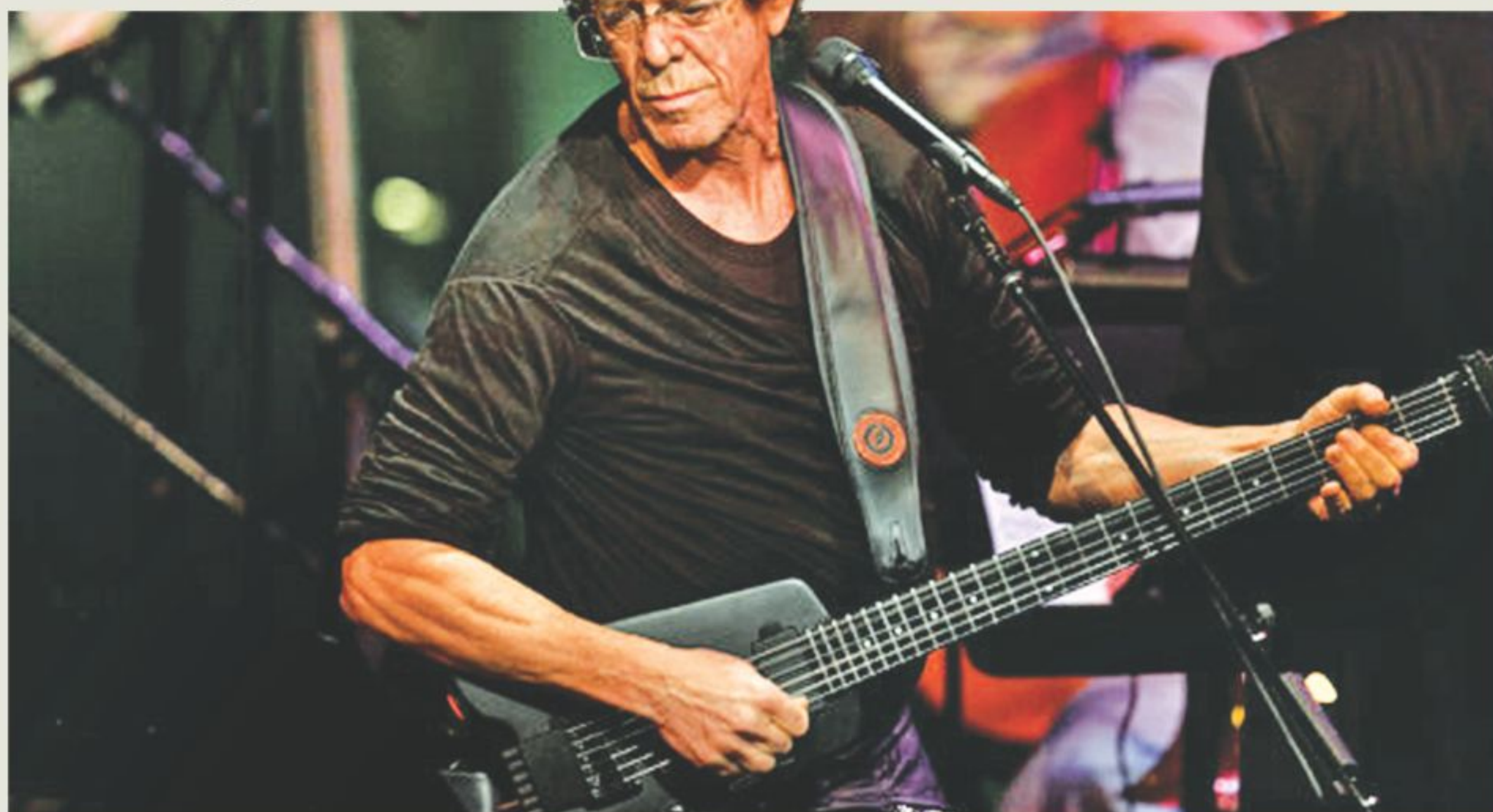
A new TV serial titled "Pinjor" is set to be aired on Maasranga TV tonight. Written and directed by Badrul Anam Saud, the cast of the series forms a long, illustrious list, including Raisul Islam Asad, Subarna Mustafa, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Wahida Mallick Jolly, Chitrakleha Guha, Khairul Anam Sabuj, Bannya Mirza, Shams Suman, Jitu Ahsan, Pran Ray, Deepa



Khandakar and many more. Set in a rural setting, it is the story of Manik Miya who comes back home after being in hiatus for 14 years, on the day of her daughter's wedding. When the village decides he must leave the village for being guilty of absconding, his wife and younger daughter decide to go with him, and the story takes twists and turns from there. "Pinjor" will be aired Sundays and Mondays at 11pm.

## Rock 'n' Roll legend

US singer and former Velvet Underground frontman Lou Reed has died at the age of 71. Known for tracks including "Perfect Day" and "Walk on the Wild Side", Reed was considered one of the most influential singers and songwriters in rock. The Velvet Underground became renowned for their fusion of art and music and for collaborating with Andy Warhol. According to the Associated Press news agency, Reed's literary agent said he died of a "liver-related ailment". Andrew Wylie said the musician died at his home in Long Island, New York, on Sunday morning and had not been well "for a few months". Reed's former Velvet Underground bandmate John Cale wrote on his website: "The world has lost a fine songwriter and poet... I've lost my 'school-yard buddy.'" Other stars paying tribute included The Who, who tweeted: "RIP Lou Reed. Walk on the peaceful side." Iggy Pop said it was "devastating news". Reed had a liver transplant this May after suffering liver failure. The Velvet Underground never achieved commercial success during



their 1960s existence, but their influence on music in later decades was widely recognised. he punk, glam and alternative rock movements of the 1970s, '80s and '90s were all indebted to Reed, whose songs were covered by the likes

of REM, David Bowie, Nirvana, Patti Smith and countless others. Music producer Brian Eno once summed up their influence by saying: "The first Velvet Underground album only sold 10,000 copies, but everyone

who bought it formed a band." The group were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996. After quitting The Velvet Underground in 1970, Reed released his self-titled debut in 1972, but it

## Lou Reed dies

wasn't until the Bowie-produced LP Transformer later that year - which featured both "Perfect Day" and "Walk on the Wild Side" - that he achieved chart success.As a solo artist, he released 20 studio albums. His last, "Hudson River Wind Meditations", was released in 2007. He is survived by his second wife, the musician and performing artist, Laurie Anderson. Others paying tribute included US rock band Weezer, who said The Velvet Underground were "a big influence" when they were starting out. Chic guitarist Nile Rogers said: "I did the Jools Holland show with him last year and we yucked it up. I didn't know he was ill." Meanwhile, singer Marianne Faithfull said: "He was a great friend, musician, songwriter and band leader. One of the most intelligent musicians I've ever known and a great guitarist. "His songs will live for ever... I will miss him terribly." And Def Jam founder Russell Simmons tweeted: "New York lost one of our greatest gifts today."

Source: BBC