

**WHAT'S ON**


**Zainul Quamrul Exhibition**  
Venue: Nalini Kanta Bhattacharya Gallery, National Museum  
Date: Dec 22-Jan 18  
Time: 10am-8pm



**Theatre**  
The Trial of Mallam Ilya  
Troupe: BotTala  
Venue: Natmandal, Dhaka University  
Date: Jan 1-3  
Time: 6:30pm



**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Shilpacharya and his Outer World of Art  
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, H-42, R-16, Dhanmondi  
Date: Dec 28-Jan 8  
Time: 12pm-8pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: City of Rhythm  
Artist: Kazi Salahuddin Ahmed  
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi  
Date: Dec 20-Jan 2  
Time: 12pm-8pm



**Concert**  
Band: Chirkutt  
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1  
Date: Jan 3  
Time: 6:30pm



NEWS bytes

Suchitra Sen in ICU



Hospitalised after a respiratory tract infection, legendary actress Suchitra Sen was shifted to the ICU of a private hospital on Sunday night.

"She complained of breathlessness in the evening after which she was taken to the ICU," a source at the super-speciality Belle Vue Clinic told PTI News Agency.

The 82-year-old actress, who lives a secluded life, was admitted to the hospital on December 23 after she had respiratory troubles. Her granddaughter, actress Raima Sen, however, said she was doing better.

Sources said Sen also has diabetes which complicated the matter further. She was being administered antibiotics and oxygen, they said, until this report was written at 7pm.

Source: Internet

TV WATCH

**"Celebrating New Year" on Desh TV**

On the eve of the New Year of 2014, Desh TV is telecasting a special musical programme titled "Celebrating New Year". Four popular singers, Alif Alauddin, Armeen Musa, Rauma and Neda will usher in the New Year, starting at 9:45pm. The programme is produced by Alamgir Hossain.

"Meet the Celebrity" on Channel 9

At 9:20pm today, Channel 9 will broadcast a special talk show titled "Meet the Celebrity". The stars at the show will talk about their childhood, journey in their field of work, and give the audience a peek into their personal lives with a few tips on becoming a celebrity.

"13 Gelo 14 Elo" on ATN Bangla

ATN Bangla will bid farewell to 2013 and welcome the New Year through a grand programme, beginning at 11pm. Maqsood, Biplob, Hasan, Akhi Alamgir, Baul Shafi Mondal and others will sing at the programme, along with dance performances by Shokh, Sohel and others.

Music roundup for 2013

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Yet another eventful year has come to a close in the music industry. Some singers sparked in 2013, while others struggled to keep up. A number of remarkable musical competitions were held over the year. One of our popular singers also featured in a foreign film. Meanwhile, a few got married.

A look in at the singers who made it this year:

Kishore and Imran were among the singers who stayed at the top; many of their albums hit the audio market and they also created ripples as music directors and composers.

Rinku's s solo album of Tagore songs was received warmly by listeners. He was also seen active in live performances.

Muhin, Pulok, Sabbir, Liza, Zhilik, Naomi, Shashi, Belal Khan, Puja and Anik also did well among the new faces.

Porshi came into the spotlight after the release of her new album, "Porshi-3".

Laila won the *Closeup1* contest this year, outranking around 20,000 contestants.

Mong was crowned the first Bangladeshi Idol.

Sajal left behind many others to take home the trophy of Power Voice, a musical programme on Channel 9.

Kona was seen active in hosting a TV programme, besides singing.

Meanwhile, Mila playbaked in the movie "Saptah" after a hiatus of two years.

Topu sang for acid victims for which he received much acclaim.

Ornob was seen singing in the Kolkata movie "Motamuti Thaka".

Upcoming singer Shithi



Bappa Majumder



Samina Chowdhury



Rinku



Liza



Kona



Hridoy Khan



Konal

Saha also performed in a Tollywood movie.

Dinat Jahan Munni and Hridoy Khan joined forces to release an album.

After a long hiatus, Asif Akbar returned with a solo album.

Some singers came up with new credentials:

Biplob, the main vocal of Prometheus, played a villain in the film "Game".

Singer Akhi Alamgir ventured into anchoring.

Singer and music composer Tanvir Tareque appeared as a TV host.

Closeup1 singers Liza and Nishita were busy emceeing different programmes.

Meanwhile, Konal took to the front of the camera as a dancer.

SD Rubel became a familiar face in a TVC.

SI Tutul emceed a programme.

Despite their low profile over the year, Habib Wahid and Hridoy Khan, both playbaked for a movie and composed music as well.

After a long break, music composer Prince Mahmud worked on an album, titled "Nimantran".

Ustad Niaz Mahmud released an album after 23 years.

Nakib Khan did an album for Samina Chowdhury after two decades.

Kumar Biswajit's 27th solo album was underway.

Papia Sarwar's album with her daughter was released on her birthday.

Ayub Bacchu, along with his band LRB, participated in the South Asia Band Festival held in New Delhi, India.

Fahmida Nabi, Samina Chowdhury, Bappa Majumder and Partha Barua, took part in three concerts in India.

Celebrated singer Runa Laila was awarded the lifetime achievement award at the 8th Citycell Channel i Music Award, alongside legendary singer Sandha Mukhopaddhay.

Chandan Sinha came into the limelight after singing 'Ami Nisha Hoya Jabo' in the film "Purnodhiargho Prem Kahani".

Acclaimed actors Bijori Barkatullah and Intequb Dinar tied the knot.

Closeup1 singers Ronti and Sabbir became proud parents.

Tahsan and Mithila became parents too.

Bangla Academy honours luminaries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangla Academy recently felicitated poets and writers for their contributions to literary arena. An award and fellowship conferment ceremony was a part of the academy's 36th annual general council. The venue of the programme was the academy premises.

Poets Belal Chowdhury and Kazi Rosy were conferred with awards for their outstanding poetry. Professor Dwijen Sharma and AM Harunur Rashid bagged awards their writings on science.

The recipients of Bangla Academy fellowship for 2013 included Syed Hasan Imam for cultural activities; ATM Shamsul Huda as administrator; Ferdousy Priyobhasini as sculptor; Nasiruddin Yousuff for promotion of the theatre movement; Monayem Sarkar for his research work on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman; Abul Hasnat for cultural movement; Shahdat Hossain Khan for classical music and Fakir Alamgir for mass songs.

Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of the academy, and Professor emeritus Anisuzzaman, president of the academy handed over the awards and fellowships to the recipients.

Reliving the Liberation War

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A 45-minute play "Singhjanir Dukkho Gatha Kingba Punojagoron Pala", written and directed by Shamim Sagor, was staged at Zila Shilpaka Academy (ZSA) in Jamalpur on Sunday night. Themed on a torture cell set up by Pakistan army at the degree hostel of Govt. Ashek Mahmud College in Jamalpur town during the Liberation War, the play created shock waves among the audience.

The play was organised by the Shilpaka Academy in association with the local SM Theatre.

Deputy Commissioner Shahabuddin Khan was present as chief guest while Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) Anowar Hossain, Shahidul Islam and Tomal Bosh cultural officers of Jamalpur ZSA and Sherpur ZSA respectively were present as special guests.

Thirteen local artistes, students of Govt. Ashek Mahmud College performed in the play.

Young ones turn painters for a day 100th birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

A painting competition to mark the 100th birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin was held at the Pabna Sadar Upazila Parishad premises on Sunday.

Sixty school children participated in the competition, organised by Upazila Parishad.

The prizes were distributed by chief guest Pabna Sadar Upazila Nirbahi officer, Raihan Uddin.

A discussion was also held, focusing on the works of Shilpacharya. Among the speakers were artist Hosne Zaman Hasu, Sheikh Saidur Rahman and Aksur Rahman Nazmul.

Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin portrayed the pain and sorrows of the people, said the speakers. His evocative paintings encouraged revolutionary thought. He is world renowned and his appeal has not dimmed even today, they added.

Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin's paintings are unique and dynamic. So young artists should follow in his footsteps if they strive for greatness, said the speakers.

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A painting exhibition was held at Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) auditorium marking the 100th birth anniversary of

Shilpacharya at the art gallery premises on Sunday.

The art gallery organised the competition, the third this month marking the birth centenary programme of this master artist.

Students of different educational institutions of the town and Zainul Shishu Charupith, an art school run by the art gallery, took part in the competition in four groups.

Director of Zainul Shishu Charupith and deputy keeper of the art gallery Dr. Bijoy Krishna Banik inaugurated the competition.

Farhad Hossain Tarafder and Mohammad Abdur Rouf of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Fine Arts

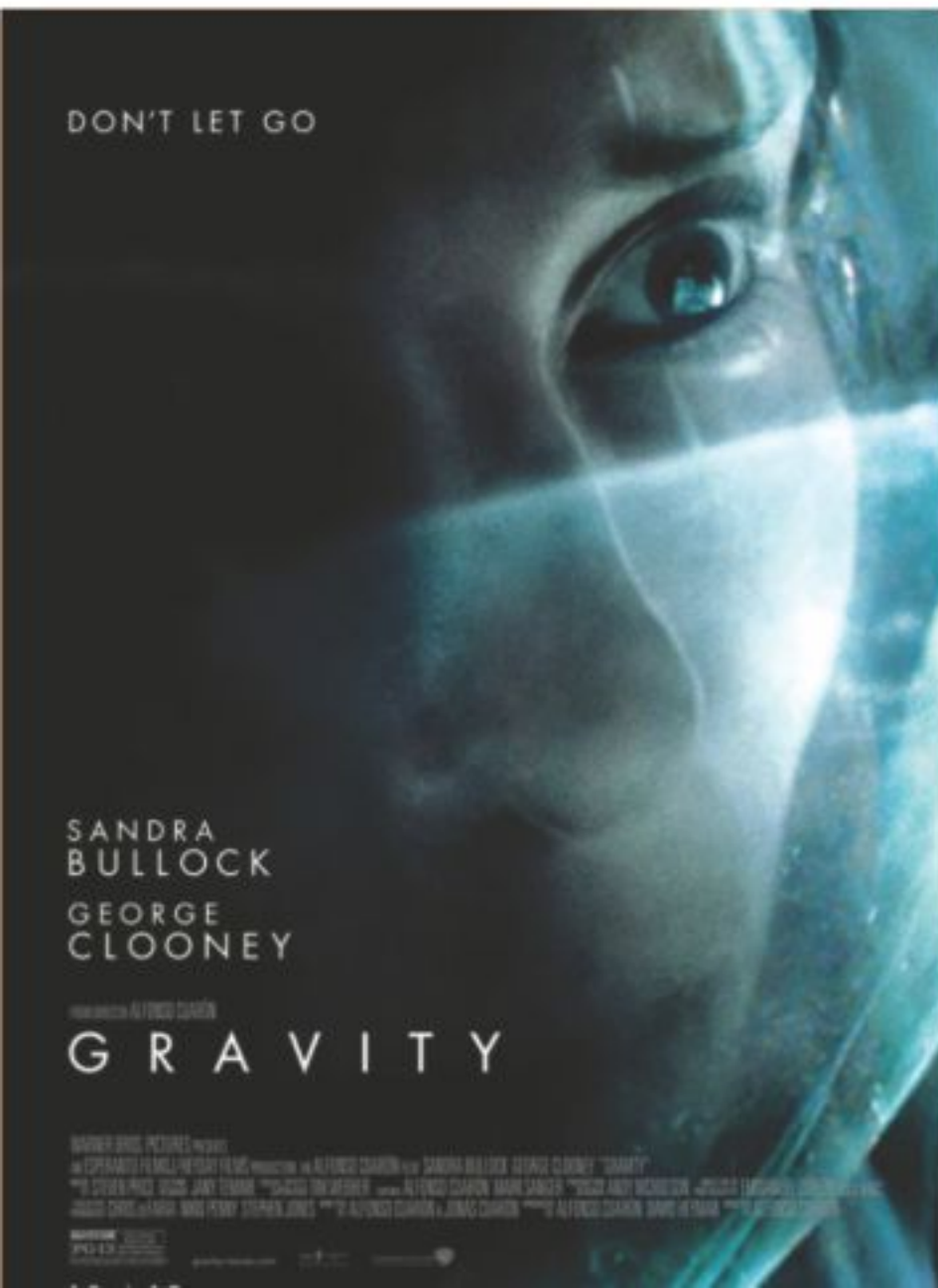
Institute; Md. Habibur Rahman, a trainer of Charupith and artiste Badal Chakraborty were the judges of the competition.

A discussion meeting on life and work of the maestro was also held, with Prof. Dr. Muhi-ut-Allah, the vice-chancellor of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKIUI) as chief guest.

Artiste Siddhartha Dey, lecturer of Fine Arts Department of JKKIUI; deputy keeper of the art gallery Dr. Bijoy Krishna Banik addressed the discussion among others with Md. Firoj Ahmed, additional deputy commissioner (Education and Development) in the chair.

Later, the guests distributed prizes among the winners.

Blockbuster Cinemas premiere "Gravity" 3D



Blockbuster Cinemas -- situated at the Jamuna Future Park in the capital's Kuril -- have been providing a top-notch experience to Dhaka's film aficionados, with their seven-hall multiplex cinema theatre, including 3D screenings, online ticketing and coffee lounge and fast food, since its inception. Their latest film to be released was one of the most hyped films of the year, "Gravity" (in 3D). With the likes of Sandra Bullock and George Clooney in the cast and direction by Alfonso Cuaron, the film -- about a thrilling adventure of a few astronauts in outer space -- has done very well at the Box Office and film markets worldwide, while also receiving critical acclaim.

"Gravity" premiered at the Blockbuster Cinemas on December 30, and will be on the showtime roster from January 1, according to a press release.

IT'S TRUE!

Tommy Emmanuel received his first guitar in 1959 at age four, being taught by his mother to accompany her playing lap steel guitar. At the age of seven, he heard Chet Atkins on the radio. He vividly remembers this moment and says it greatly inspired him.

By the age of six, he was a working professional musician. Recognising the musical talents of Tommy and his brother Phil, their father created a family band, sold the family home and took his family on the road. With the family living in two station wagons, much of Emmanuel's childhood was spent touring Australia with his family, playing rhythm guitar, and rarely going to school. He is, of course, regarded today as one of the greatest acoustic guitarists of all time.



"Tobu Amare Debo Na Bhulite"



To mark the first death anniversary of Nazrul exponent and eminent Nazrul singer Sohrab Hossain, Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad and Bangladeshi Shilpaka Academy (BSA) jointly organised a memorial programme titled "Tobu Amare Debo Na Bhulite" at the music and dance centre auditorium of BSA on Saturday. Nazrul artistes, including his daughter Rahat Ara Geeti and Roushan Ara Shoma; Yasmeen Mushtari, Nashid Kamal, Rebeka Sultana, Iffat Ara Nargis and others performed at the programme, and reminisced on Sohrab Hossain.