

Amor Ekushey Book Fair
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan and
Bangla Academy
Date: Feb 1-28
Time: 3pm-9pm



Photography Exhibition
Title: War and Colonies 1914-1918
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance
Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: Feb 25-Mar 9
Time: 3pm-9pm



Duet Art Exhibition
Title: Dui Bangla
Artists: Hashem Khan and
Mohammad Iqbal
Venue: Gallery Twenty One,
Dhanmondi
Date: Feb 6-Mar 1



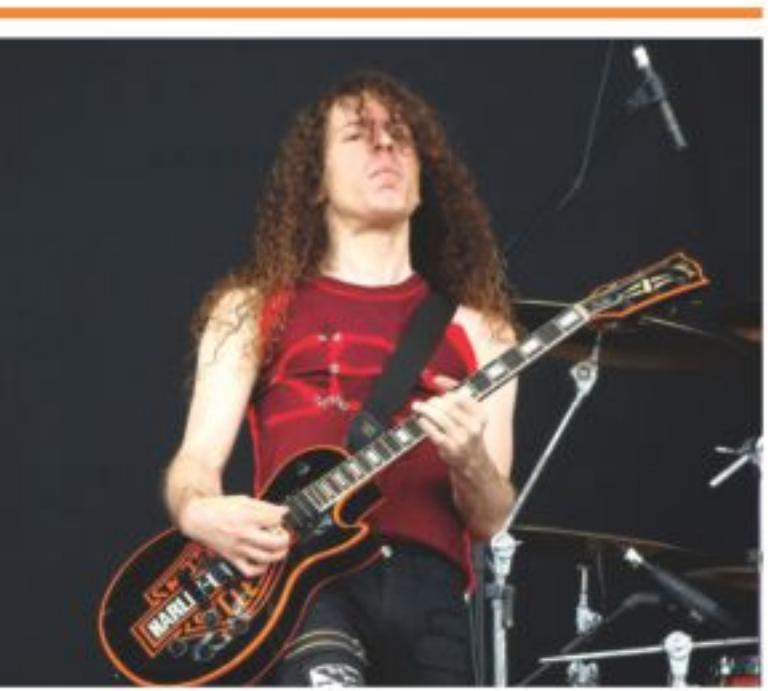
Film Screening and
Photo Exhibition
Venue: National Art Gallery
Auditorium, Shilpakala Academy
Date: Feb 25-27
Time: 11am-7pm



Theatre
Play: Prometheus
Troupe: Mohok Natyo
Samprada
Venue: National Theatre Hall,
Shilpakala Academy
Date: Feb 27, Time: 7pm



NEWS bytes



Marty Friedman, a former member of heavy metal giants Megadeth, will release his latest solo album "Inferno" on May 27 in North America.

"I'm extremely proud of the work I've done with Cacophony and Megadeth, but I was never interested in looking back or stopping there," Friedman says. "Inferno" is the album that fans of my work with those two bands have always wanted me to make. I've finally made it, and completely on my own maniacal terms."

The album features numerous guest appearances, including Danko Jones, Children of Bodom frontman Alexi Laiho, guitarists Rodrigo y Gabriela, Skyharbor's Keshav Dhar, the Shining's Jurgen Munkeby and Revocation axeman David Davidson.

Friedman will also embark on a European tour with fellow guitarist Gus G beginning in May.

Source: Loudwire

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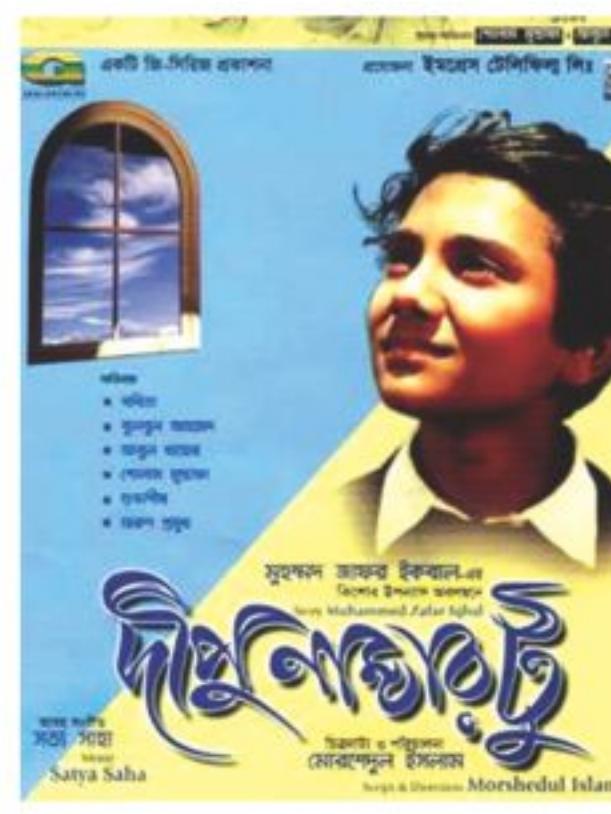
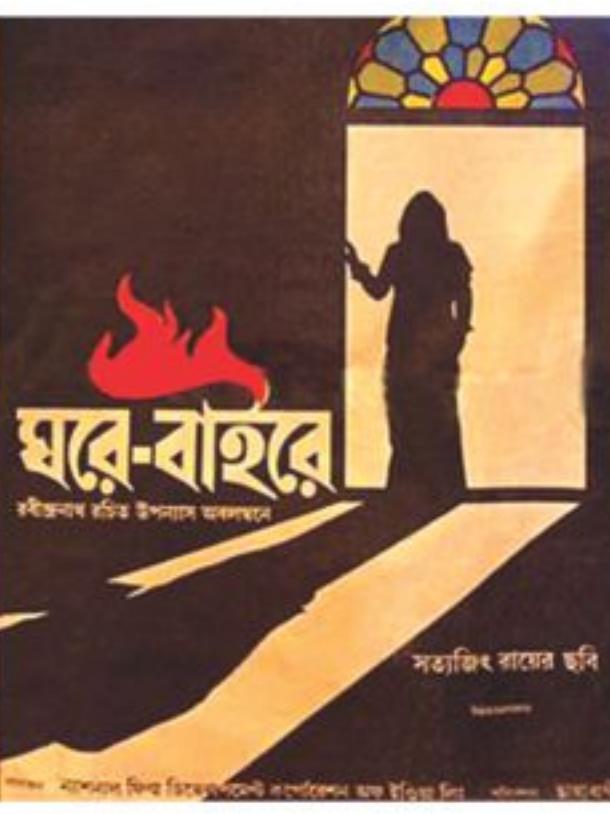
At the 2013 Cannes Film Festival, actresses Adèle Exarchopoulos and Léa Seydoux were also awarded the Palme d'Or -- as the stars of "Blue Is the Warmest Colour", alongside director Abdellatif Kechiche, in an unorthodox move by the Steven Spielberg-headed jury. These choices were due to a Cannes policy that forbids the Palme d'Or winning film from receiving any additional awards, which would prevent the Jury from rewarding the film's two main actresses. According to Spielberg, "Had the casting been 3% wrong, it wouldn't have worked like it did for us."

Bangla Film festival at TSC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To mark the International Mother Language Day, Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS) has organised a six-day film festival. The festival, titled "Amar Bhasha'r Cholochitro", is currently being held at the TSC auditorium of Dhaka University. The festival began on February 22 which was inaugurated by AAMS Arefin Siddiqui, vice-chancellor of Dhaka University.

The festival features 25 Bangla films of prominent Bangladeshi and Indian filmmakers. The festival demonstrates different genres of films like Shahidul Islam Khokon's "Bangla", Rokeya



Prachi's "Baonner Michhil", Morshedul Islam's "Agami", Satyajit Ray's "Ghore Baire", Ritwik Ghatak's "Bari Theke Paliye", Mrinal Sen's "Kolkata 71", Amit Ashraf's "Udhao", Mostofa Sarwar Farooqi's "Television", Giasuddin Selim's "Monpura", Srijit Mukherjee's "Baishe Sraban", Basu Chatterjee's "Hotath Bristi", Redoan Rony's "Chorabali", Sohanur Rahman Sohanur's "Keyamat Thekey Keyamat", Abdul Jabbar Khan's "Mukh O

Mukhosh", Morshedul Islam's "Dipu Number Two" and others. Four films -- at 10am, 1pm, 4pm and 6:30pm are being shown everyday till Thursday.

The festival also pays tribute to recently-demised film personalities like Anwar Hossain, Suchitra Sen and Rituparna Ghosh through screening of films like "Nabab Siraj-ud-Daula", "Sare Chuattur" and "Chokher Bali". DUFS has been organising film festivals annually since 2002, with the current name and format prevailing since 2007. This is the 13th edition of the festival, with some 307 screenings of more than 250 Bangla films held over the years.

Kiran Chandra Roy performs at IGCC

A CORRESPONDENT

Well-known folk singer Kiran Chandra Roy recently performed at a musical soiree at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in the city.

The singer held the audience spellbound with songs like "Jar Ja Dharmo Tar Anugoto Pran", "Mohasindhu Opar Theke", "Anugoto Jone Keno Koro Eto Probonchona", "Ke Jach Re Bhatir Gaan Gaiya", "Subol Re Bolo Bolo Tai", "Kobe Sadhu Chorono Dhuli", "Dudiner Duniaye Re Musaphir", "Jante Chai Doyal Tamar Naam Ta Ki", "Ki Chomotkar Phul Go Guru", "Majhi Baiya Jao Re", "Bhalo Aachi Bhalo Theko" and "Neem Teeta Nishindha Teeta" at the programme.

The singer was accompanied by Iftekhar Hossain Sohel on keyboard, Md Saeed Hasan Babu on flute, Ratan Kumar Roy on dotara, Dipak Kumar Das on tabla, Doshorat Das on dhol and Alamgir Hossain on octopad at the solo musical soiree.

IGCC, in association with Asian Paints, IRCON and Marico Bangladesh, organised the event as part of its regular cultural programmes.



Cultural news from across the country

PONUEL S BOSE, Narail

Marking the 89th birth anniversary of legendary artist SM Sultan, a eight-day long Sultan Mela began on the premises of Government Victoria College at Sultan Mancha in Narail town yesterday.

SM Sultan Foundation and Narail district administration have jointly organised the fair with support from Grameenphone and the cultural affairs ministry.

Asaduzzaman Noor, Minister for Cultural Affairs inaugurated the fair as chief guest. Among others, Kobilur Haque, MP Narail-1; Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, MP, Narail-2 and Adv. Subash Chandro Bose, administrator, Narail zilla parishad, were present as special guests.

The fair has been taking place annually for more than a decade, not only to celebrate the birth anniversary of the artist, but also to patronise indigenous art and culture. The seven-day programmes include art exhibition, art competition, children's art camp, local artists' art exhibition, bullfight, horse-cart race and other sports. The village area is decorated in festive mood due to the fair.

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

A painting competition, discussion and prize-giving ceremony were held on International Mother Language Day, by several cultural organisations and the Press Club of Bogra town recently.

The event was presided over by the president of Bogra Press Club, Rejaul Hasan Ranu, with lawmaker Abdul Mannan presiding as chief guest.

Later, the guests also unveiled a book on Ekushey, titled "Swaran Patra".

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Alokchitra Shilpi Sangsad (Ashis) organised a two-day photography exhibition at Momunnesa Govt. Mohila College in the town recently.

The exhibition titled "Ekushey Chetona" was organised marking Amar Ekushey and

International Mother Language Day.

Mustakim Billah Faruqui, Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh inaugurated the exhibition.

Over 150 photographs on the Language Movement, War of Liberation, nature, environment and daily life of the common people were displayed at the exhibition, which saw attendance in hundreds.

A discussion was also held

with principal of the college Khorshed Uddin Thakur in the chair. Such exhibitions organised at educational institutions will surely benefit the young generation, opined the speakers.

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

The National Children's Task Force (NCTF) of Bogra arranged a painting competition for underprivileged children on Shaheed Dibosh and International Mother

Language day at Seujigari of Bogra town recently.

The participating children were given painting materials to put their imagination on paper, and the winners were awarded in three categories.

News editor of Daily Karato Prodip Bhattacharjawa Shankar, District Children's Affairs Officer Shah Eshaque Ali and NCTF Bogra president Jawadul Karim Jishan were present at the programme.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A competition of writing Bangla letters and distribution of alphabet books was held at Barisal central Shaheed Minar recently. More than 300 children from different educational institutions of the city participated in the competition.

The programme was organised by "Karak Natya Samprada". At the end of the competition, the children were awarded prizes.

Yusuf Kalu, a language movement veteran, Principal Imanul Hakim and fine arts teacher Asaduzzaman distributed awards among the winners and participants.

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Habiganj

To mark International Mother Language Day, a 3-day book fair titled Ekushey Boi Mela was held at the Puroshabha field, under Sayestagan area in Habiganj.

Arranged by Boi Mela Utdajan committee, Habiganj, the fair was inaugurated by Habiganj Police Super Kamrul Amin.

The inaugural programme was followed by a cultural programme, where local artistes performed.



Clockwise (from top): Children take part in writing competition; awardees with guests at the programme and visitors at the exhibition.

Hasan Imam's six decades on screen



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amra Surjamukhi, a socio-cultural organisation recently celebrated 60 years of acting career of veteran actor Syed Hasan Imam. The programme was held at the Sufia Kamal Auditorium of National Museum in the city.

Several cultural organisations of the country -- Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangsta, Bangladesh Sangeet Sangathan Sammanoy Parishad, Khelaghara, Jatiyo Nabanno Utsab Udjapan Parishad -- among others wished him with flowers, books, sweets and others gifts for his immense contributions to the cultural arena of the country.

Cultural personalities, political and social activists including president of Communist Party of Bangladesh Mujahidul Islam Selim, chairman of National Human Rights Commission Mizanur Rahman, Barrister Amirul Islam, actor Dr Enamul Haque, former army chief Lt Gen (retd) Harunur Rashid, rights activist Ayesha Khanom, and Imam's wife Laila Hasan delivered speech on the life and contributions of Hasan Imam. The discussion was presided over by Shafiqul Islam Selim, president of Amra Surjamukhi. The discussion session was followed by solo musical performance by singer Biswajit Roy.

TV WATCH

"Khoborer Khobor Ache"

on Channel 9

A CORRESPONDENT

A unique satire show titled "Khoborer Khobor Ache" will be aired tonight at 10pm on Channel 9. A humourous take on news analysis, in the format of a talk show, will feature Alisha Pradhan and Ishtiaq Nasir as guests. Produced by Rahul Tapash, the programme is hosted by Iqbal Khandakar.



Hobbit

sequel dominates Empire Awards nods



Jennifer Lawrence has two nominations at the awards. The Empire Awards are known for being more fan-focused than the Baftas and the Oscars, and the 2014 nominees make no exception. "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" dominates proceedings with seven nominations, beating Oscar favourite "12 Years A Slave", which has six.

Peter Jackson's series has been ignored outside the technical categories by the bigger awards shows. The first instalment had won best fantasy at last year's Empire awards. It also gained a best actor prize for its Martin Freeman, who plays Bilbo Baggins.

The Empire awards are chosen by readers of the monthly film magazine, allowing big budget blockbusters to rub shoulders with more serious awards fare. Real-life piracy thriller "Captain Phillips" has an equal number of nominations to action movie "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" -- five.

Captain Phillips director Paul Greengrass will also pick up an inspiration prize, in recognition of his work on films like "The Bourne Supremacy", "Bloody Sunday" and "United 93".

This year's shortlist sees the introduction of best supporting actor and actress categories, with "12 Years" stars Michael Fassbender and Lupita Nyong'o among those in the running, along with Hobbit's Richard Armitage and Evangeline Lilly.

Jennifer Lawrence, meanwhile, gets a nomination for her scene-stealing turn in "American Hustle", alongside a best actress nomination for "The Hunger Games".

Sci-fi thriller "Gravity" received four nominations, including best film, best director and best actress for Sandra Bullock.

The awards will be presented at a star-studded ceremony in London on Sunday, March 30. The public can vote for the shortlisted nominees at the Empire website.

Last year's big winner was Bond movie "Skyfall", which received best film and best director for Sam Mendes, while Dame Helen Mirren was handed the Empire Legend award.

Source: BBC