

WHAT'S ON

Group Art exhibition
 Title: Water Rhymes-2
 Venue: Galleri Kaya, Uttara
 Date: Apr 26-May 7
 Time: 11am-8pm



Film Screening
 Film: Jibondhuli
 Venue: Rangamati Shilpakala Academy
 Date: May 4-5
 Time: 3pm, 5pm, 7pm



Group Oriental Painting Exhibition
 Venue: Zainul Gallery-2, FFA, Dhaka University
 Date: Apr 30-May 6
 Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: nature 'n craft
 Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, FFA, University of Dhaka
 Date: Apr 30-May 5
 Time: 12pm-8pm



Rabindra Utsab
 Venue: Chhayanaut Bhaban, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 8-9
 Time: 6:30pm



NEWS bytes

Kevin Spacey in Call of Duty game

The trailer for the next Call of Duty game features a sinister performance from US actor Kevin Spacey. A full-length preview has been released on YouTube and shows the actor pacing around plush offices. The game trailer, which is subtitled as Advanced Warfare, was originally set to be released on Sunday. But publisher Activision and developer Sledgehammer Games posted it early after an online leak. In the video storyline, The "House of Cards" star features as the head of a private military corporation that has attacked the United States. The Call of Duty series began in 2003 on the PC and later expanded to consoles and handhelds. The next Call of Duty game will launch on November 4, 2014.

Source: **BBC**



IT'S TRUE!

In 1979, a teenage Saul Hudson, nicknamed Slash -- decided to form a band with his friend Steven Adler. The band never materialised, but it prompted Slash to take up an instrument. He was originally planned to play the trumpet but since Adler had designated himself the role of guitarist, Slash decided to learn how to play bass. Equipped with a one-string flamenco guitar given to him by his grandmother, he began taking classes. During his first lesson, Slash decided to switch from bass to guitar after hearing his teacher play "Brown Sugar" by the Rolling Stones. A champion BMX rider, Slash put the bike aside to devote himself to playing guitar, practising up to twelve hours a day, and is today one of the greatest guitarists of all time.



The search for roots and heritage

Group exhibition of oriental paintings at Zainul Gallery



Watercolours by Dr. Malay Bala, Dr. Abdus Satter and Gopal Chandra Saha.

SAURAV DEY
 A weeklong Oriental Painting exhibition is on at the Zainul Gallery-2 of the Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka. Oriental Painting Study Group, (OPSG) in association with The Daily Star has organised the exhibition to celebrate the birth centenary (1914-2014) of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin. Professor Emeritus Dr. Anisuzzaman inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest while noted litterateur and art critic Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam attended the opening ceremony as special guest. The convener of OPSG and the curator of the exhibition Dr. Malay Bala delivered the welcome address. The exhibition features 28 artworks by 22 noted and promising artists --such as Tajul Islam, Dr. Abdus Satter, Rofique Ahmed, GC Trivedi, Debashis Pal and Dr. Sushanta Kumar Adhikary. The artists have used watercolour wash technique, tempera, charcoal, acrylic, tapestry and mixed media in their works. From the portrayal of mythical figures to

contemporary socio-political issues to abstract forms, the paintings highlight oriental trends. Ranging from the "Connotation of Shakuntala" to "The Imprisoned and the Free", their diversities represent different ages. The metaphors are not hard to decode, but rather expressive of their originality, incorporating a simplistic approach to lives and a mystic approach to nature. Artist Tajul Islam's work depicts the pooled aesthetics of tapestry and calligraphy, while Dr. Abdus Satter has experimented with diverse aspects of art. Noted oriental painter Rofique Ahmed portrays the rhythmic and colourful forms and female figures of traditional Bengal. GC Trivedi's "Illusion of Line" portrays the everyday story of Bengali people. His depiction of lines is evocative of works by Jamini Roy and Quamrul Hassan. "The purpose of this exhibition is to inspire both artists and art connoisseurs to search for their cultural roots and nurture our art heritage rather than indulging solely in Western trends. The participating artists are

conscious of their own heritage, and have devoted themselves to open up a new horizon of oriental painting in Bangladesh," said convener Dr. Malay Bala, Assistant Professor at the Department of Oriental Art of DU. The style of oriental painting broadly captures the Chinese, the Japanese, the Persian and the Indian sub-continental paintings, ranging from line-based vase paintings of Indus Valley civilisation to present era paintings. Since tradition does not mean sticking to the worn-outs, the artists come out of the stereotypes and experiment in different areas to rejuvenate the old style in light of modernity. The use of bold curves, vibrant colours, figurative compositions, dynamic movements and incorporation of cubism make some of the paintings stand out. The splendid hues of the paintings unfold multiple facets of life, nature and abstractions. Crystal Insurance Company Limited has sponsored the exhibition. The exhibition, opening from 11am to 8pm everyday -- closes tomorrow.

Hawaiian guitar recital by Rehana Matlub

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking the 153rd birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, Manab Shilpa-Sahitya-Sangskriti Goshthi (MSSSG) arranged a solo Hawaiian guitar recital at Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum on May 3. The event titled Sroddhanjali: Sundar Hey Sundar, featured recital of 16 Tagore songs on Hawaiian guitar by noted artiste Rehana Matlub. This was the fourth solo recital by the artiste. With steel bar in her left hand and a pick in right hand the artiste got immersed in producing melodies of the songs "Sarthak Janam Amar," "O Amar Desh-er Mati," "Ohey Sundar," "Ami Tomar Songey," "Pagla Hawar," "Shawan Gaganey," "Kanna Hashir Dol Dolano" and "Hey Nuton Dekha Dik Arbar." The audience received the recital with applause. Tauhidul Islam Khan Sonnet on acoustic guitar, Rashidul Gani on esraj, Prabal Burmon on keyboard, Subrata Kumar Modak on tabla and Rashidul Hasan Jiban on octopad accompanied the featured artiste. Prior to that, Ali Pushpita Mouri rendered two songs "Esho Bondhu Esho" and "Thomke Daray Cacch-er Pata" as homage to the bard while founder-secretary of MSSSG Professor Matlub Ali delivered welcome address at the event.



The artiste performs at the event. PHOTO: STAR

Divisional book fair begins in Rangpur



Asaduzzaman Noor inaugurates the fair.

MEHEDY HASAN, Rangpur:
 A 10-day Divisional Book Fair began at Rangpur Public Library premises in the city on Friday. Rangpur Divisional Commissioner's Office with the assistance of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Jatiya Granthokendra arranged the fair that ends on May 11. Minister for Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor, MP, formally inaugurated the fair as the chief guest. A total of 65 stalls, including 61 of the renowned publishing houses of Dhaka have been set up in the fair. At the inaugural ceremony Asaduzzaman Noor urged that people take to reading to promote an enlightened society and nation. Civil society members, students, teachers, politicians and a large number of local people also attended the function. The fair will remain open from 3pm to 9pm on weekdays and from 10am to 9pm on weekends. Arrangements have been kept for debate competitions, discussions, cultural functions, including poetry recitation and drama to be held every day at the fair. Besides, special cultural programmes will be arranged to observe the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore on May 8, to add special dimension to the fair. A large numbers of visitors are visiting the fair everyday with much enthusiasm.

Bishwajit Roy and Shwapnil Shojib perform at IGCC

A CORRESPONDENT
 Promising Rabindra Sangeet artiste Shwapnil Shajib performed in an evening of Rabindra Sangeet at the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre's (IGCC) Gulshan premises on Saturday. Opening with "Prothomo Adi Tobo Shakti", he went on to sing "Purono Sei Diner Kotha", "Majhe Majhe Tobo", "Aji Jhorer Raate" and "Tomar

Khola Hawa".
 Meanwhile, a musical evening by Biswajit Roy was held at the IGCC recently, where the artiste sang Radharaman songs "Ore Roshik Naia", "Jole Giyechilam Shoi" and "Amar Shyam Jani Koi". Both events were held in association with Asian Paints, IRCON and Marico Bangladesh as part of IGCC's regular cultural events.



Bishwajit and Shojib sing at the programmes.

Children's art exhibition at Shilpakala Academy



Hashem Khan hands award to a winner.

A children's art exhibition was held on May 1 at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Five hundred and fifty paintings were on display at the exhibition, done by children below 12 years of age. The nine best paintings were selected by renowned painter Hashem Khan and Sabyasachi Hazra. The winners were awarded before the inauguration of the exhibition. Former advisor to the caretaker government, Rasheda K Chowdhury and executive director of ACI Logistics Ltd, Sabbir Hasan Nasir were present at the award ceremony, says a press release. The event, titled "Shwapno Aanko", was organised by supermarket chain Shwapno.

"Tin Goyenda" selected



A CORRESPONDENT
 Maasranga TV is making a TV series based on Rakib Hasan's popular adolescent detective adventure series "Tin Goyenda", and the central cast for the series have been finalised. After open call for CVs and several rounds of auditions, Ayon, Kabbo and Badhon were selected to play Kishore, Musa and Robin, the three central characters. The other seven participants of the top ten will also play other roles in the series, shooting for which will begin in Banderban and Cox's Bazar later this month. With screenplay adaptation by Mazharul Haq Pintu, the series is directed by Abul Hossain Khokon.

My mom my biggest support: Jacqueline

Sri Lankan beauty Jacqueline Fernandez, who moved base in India in 2009 to pursue a career as an actress in Bollywood, says her mother has been a strong source of support and inspiration in her life. "My mom always supported me. I miss her a lot. I live here alone without my parents. There are these two people who have been so strong and they have been such an inspiration for me, and it keeps me going," Jacqueline told reporters during an event for a cosmetic brand. "They never stopped me from doing anything. When I told my mom that I am joining the Miss Sri Lanka contest, she said 'Okay, cool' and when I said, 'Mom, I am moving to India,' then also she was like 'Okay'," she added. The 28-year-old was crowned Miss Sri Lanka Universe in 2006. Later, she decided to explore a career in acting in India. Before foraying into acting in Bollywood films, she worked with a TV channel in Sri Lanka. Jacqueline feels lucky that her journey has been through "my own decisions and my mom has always been there to support me." "She never judged me, even on my bad decisions. I will always love her for that," she said, and thanked her parents for giving her the freedom to chart her own life. Meanwhile, Jacqueline has been busy shooting for her next film "Kick", which stars Salman Khan. Besides, she will soon start shooting for Ranbir Kapoor and Arjun Rampal starrer "Roy".



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Quiz No-03
1. Who Brought the Amazing Spiderman 2 Movie in Bangladesh?
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3. Spiderman comics published by ...
Answers of QUIZ 02:
 1. 2nd May
 2. Andrew Garfield
 3. Emma Stone
Winners of QUIZ 02:
 1. Tonmona Tonny Roy, Baridhara
 2. Tasnia Trisha, Shewrapara
 3. Muhtasim Omar Ali, Mohakhali
 4. Nazmul Hassan, Mirpur
 5. Nusrat Semme, Tejkunipara
 6. Sarah Binta Alam Shollee, West Agargaon
 7. Taleba Hosnee Jesmin, New Baily Road
 8. Golam Rabbi, Lalkuthi
 9. Md Sohidduzzaman Jonny, Kataban
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