

WHAT'S ON

Akira Kurosawa Film Week, Dhaka
Organisers: IAFM & Embassy of Japan
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum
Date: September 19-24
Time: 11am & 6pm (Sep 19-22) & 11am, 3pm & 6pm (Sep 23-24)



Group Exhibition
Only Connect: Edition One
Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
Date: Sep 14-23
Time: 12-8pm



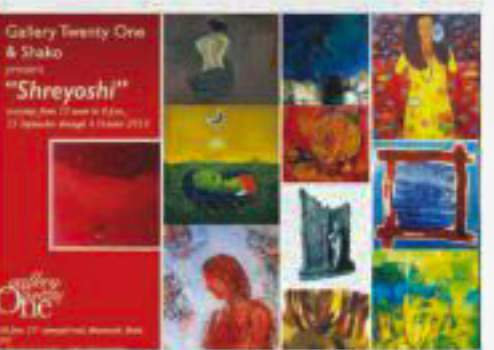
Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Murtaja Baseer
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara
Date: Sep 13-25
Time: 11am-8pm



Stand Up Comedy
by US Comedian Charles Burks
Organiser: Naveed's Comedy Club
Venue: Baridhara DOHS Convention Centre
Date: Sep 26-27; Time: 7:30pm



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Shreyoshi by 11 women artists
Venue: Gallery Twenty One, 11th Floor, 751 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi
Date: Sep 12-Oct 4
Time: 12-8pm



NEWS bytes

Rare Monroe negative sold at auction

A rare negative of legendary movie star Marilyn Monroe, taken during her first professional photo shoot when she was 20 years old, has been sold at auction. The photograph was taken when the unknown Norma Jeane Baker was a factory girl hoping to become a model.

The picture -- taken at Zuma Beach in Malibu, along with the negative and copyright, was sold for £4,250.

Auctioneer Andrew Aldridge, from Henry Aldridge and Sons in Devizes, Wiltshire, said: "It was an exceptionally unusual item and to be able to include the copyright added another dimension as we only usually sell



the physical item."

In 1946, Norma Jeane Baker was working at a munitions factory when a passing military government photographer told her she could be a model. She approached a Hollywood modelling agency, Blue Book, and aspiring photographer Joseph Jasgur was assigned to put her first portfolio together.

The pictures made Jasgur famous and helped create the star who would go on to become Marilyn Monroe.

Source: BBC

IT'S TRUE!



US rock guitarist-vocalist Lita Ford, who was recruited to the all-girl band The Runaways (also featuring Joan Jett) at age 16, had a small role in the 1992 horror/comedy film "Highway to Hell" playing a character called The Hitchhiker. Ford was also asked by VH-1 to join the cast of the seventh season of the reality television program "The Surreal Life" in 2007 but she declined. Ford contributed her likeness and voice to the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and PC video game Brütal Legend. She appears as the character Rima, alongside Jack Black, Tim Curry, Ozzy Osbourne, Rob Halford, and Lemmy Kilmister. Her song "Be-trayal" is also one of the 100+ songs that appear in the game.



"We want to promote Bangla on a global stage" ...Sumi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chirkutt's eclectic compositions defy genre or classification and they have eventually come to be described as an 'Epic Fusion' band. Chirkutt has released two hit albums "Chirkutt-nama" and "Jadur Shohor", and have received a great deal of airplay, performed for television plays and film soundtracks. Their popularity has transcended the borders of Bangladesh and has reached foreign shores. Recently, The Daily Star caught up with the band's vocal Sumi and had a chat about Chirkutt.

When did you appear in the music scene?

Sumi: We began our journey in 2002 but appeared in the music scene in 2010 with our first album. Unfortunately, because of irresponsibility of our producer, the album didn't come out in the market. And nobody knew us back then. Then we decided to do TV shows so that people could know about us. After doing several shows, we gained popularity as a

band and eventually got an invitation to perform in Norway.

Tell us about your achievements as a band.

Sumi: Our performance in Norway received a standing ovation. Then we went to India on an invitation to perform at Indian Music Week – a music festival featuring 50 bands from 17 countries. We were the lone Bangladeshi band at the festival and our performance was so impressive that MTV India decided to air our music videos. Till date, MTV India airs two of our music videos: "Khajna" and "Katakuti". Both of the songs were written and composed by Chirkutt.

How did you all get together?

Sumi: I was then a student at Dhaka University. We were a group and we used to do music. We had plans that we would sing in our own way and began our journey grounding on that mental chemistry. We have been working together for eight years. Currently Chirkutt has Pavel Orin on drums; Emon plays on guitar, mandolin, banjo, ukulele; Pintu on vocal,

violin, flute and percussion, and Tomal and Didar are on bass guitar.

How is Chirkutt doing now?

Sumi: By the grace of the Almighty and our listeners' prayers, we have performed at prestigious festivals in Norway, Sri Lanka and India. We released our first international music video from Oslo with Norwegian rock band Casa Murilo.

Tell us about your musical style.

Sumi: We always lay emphasis on making new songs which are relevant to present times. We take inspiration from many legendary singers and poets though we haven't yet done their music. Our place is challenging but we have been doing well for the last few years. We have also done the background music of a film, "Jalaler Golpo" as a band, which is relatively uncharted territory. We have done playback in the film "Television". Chirkutt has no particular boundary and we want to forge ahead to promote Bangla on a global platform. This will be our small contribution to our country.

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote elects new central body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The general assembly of Sannilata Sangskritik Jote ended on Saturday at the Shawkat Osman auditorium of Central Public Library. Speakers at the programme, called the alliance a movement which speaks for Bangladesh in light of the glorious Liberation War.

A total of 459 councilors from 153 organisations, which are

under the Sannilata Sangskritik Jote, were present at the assembly. Following the assembly, a new central committee of the Jote was formed. Former vice president of the movement, Golam Kuddus was elected as the new president while Hasan Arif was re-elected as the general secretary. Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury was elected as the organising secretary.

Fakir Alamgir, Jhuna

Chowdhury, Sara Zaker, Mohammad Samad, Mannan Hira and Salahuddin Badal were elected as vice-president.

Eminent litterateur Syed Shamsul Haq attended the discussion as chief guest while cultural personalities Ramendu Majumdar and Mamunur Rashid addressed the discussion. Outgoing secretary Nasiruddin Yousuff presided over the programme.

Super Chef final round begins



Contestants await the judges' verdict.

OSAMA RAHMAN

After selecting 24 of Bangladesh's best home-cooks, having visited Sylhet, Khulna, Barisal, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Dhaka, the Rupchanda-Star Lifestyle's Super Chef 2014 now begins its final rounds. Tonight, the first of the final rounds will be televised and adding more drama to the show, all the following rounds will be elimination rounds.

The first final round will see the 24 participants divided into two groups. The groups will be made using a lottery system, with each group comprising of 12 participants. On tonight's episode, of the

12 selected, 6 are touted to be eliminated, with the judge's setting the criteria for elimination.

The final round's judges will be culinary expert and noted author Shawkat Osman, TV personality and food critic Afroza Banu and food expert Shahida Yesmin. These three judges, having appeared throughout the regional rounds, will be the main judges for each of the episode. They will all be marking each participant individually, making the elimination process even more interesting.

The participants will be marked on a number of factors such as food taste, food presentation, participants' x-factor and even how clean their kitchen stations are. The chal-

lenge awaiting them this week will not be the hardest they will face. This week, the 12 participants will have to prepare their signature dish, using the ingredients available in the pantry. The pantry, although well stocked, may not have all the ingredients and this will add another dimension to the challenge.

Furthermore, a two-hour time limit will be set and the participants will have to share utensils and ingredients. How that will turn out only remains to be seen. Will the friendship the participants nurtured over the weeks disappear at the first challenge? Who will be eliminated?

Tune into NTV tonight at 9pm to find out.

Abir at the Zoom Photo Festival Saguenay

A CORRESPONDENT

Renowned Bangladeshi photographer Abir Abdullah's photographic series "The Deadly Cost of Cheap Clothing" has been selected for the prestigious Zoom Photo Festival Saguenay 2014, an international meeting point of photojournalists. The fifth edition of the festival will be held from October 29-November 3 at Chicoutimi in Canada. Abdullah has been invited to attend the opening of the festival.

Fire is a constant threat in the megalopolis Dhaka which houses many garment factories and workshops. Poor working conditions in the factories came to light with the collapse of Rana Plaza in April 2013

that led to over 1,100 deaths. Abdullah highlights the constant danger that loom over four million garment workers. In his series "The Deadly Cost of Cheap Clothing" documenting the Tazreen factory fire, Rana Plaza building collapse and rescue operation, he has captured the daily lives of the survivors.

"It's very important for me as a photographer to show this series to foreign buyers and the public so that they can see and understand how Bangladeshi workers make cheap clothes for them even at the risk of their lives," said Abdullah.

Abir Abdullah currently works in the European Pressphoto Agency as Bangladesh correspondent. He is also a visiting faculty at Pathshala South Asian Media Institute.



An evening of Lalon music Carca Sangskritik Academy holds cultural event

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

A leading cultural organisation of Bogra, Carca Sangskritik Academy, arranged a programme of Lalon songs titled "Ochin Pakhi" on the birth and death anniversary of Lalon Shai on Friday evening.

Noted exponent of Lalon songs, Baul Tapon Kumar Das inaugurated the programme at Zila Parishad auditorium in Bogra town.

Following the inauguration, administrator of Bogra Zila Parsisahd Dr. Mokbul Hossain was honoured.

A short discussion was held prior to the programme to recall Lalon's contribution to folk songs and humanity.

The artistes of the organisation performed a number of Lalon songs and charmed hundreds of spectators. The programme was conducted by the secretary of the organisation Abdul Awal.



Artistes perform at the programme.

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