

WHAT'S ON

9th Annual Theatre Fest  
Organiser: Dept of Theatre and Performance Studies, DU  
Venue: TSC  
Date: Dec 1-12  
Time: 6:30pm

Solo Art Exhibition  
Artist: Proshanta Karmakar  
Buddha  
Venue: Café Mango Gallery, H-3/A, Rd-72, Gulshan  
Date: Nov 14-Jan 14  
Time: 10am-10pm

Painting Exhibition  
Title: Monochrome  
Organiser: Bengal Foundation  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
Date: Dec 3-Dec 14  
Time: 12pm-8pm

16th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh  
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: December 1-31  
Time: 11am to 8pm except Fridays (3-8pm)

Theatre  
Play: Sheshrakha  
Troupe: Natyajan  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: December 8  
Time: 6:30pm

# NEWSbytes

## Painting competition on Int'l Anti-Corruption Day

**RABIUL HASAN,**  
*Chapainawabganj*

Sachetan Nagorik Committee (SNC) Chapainawabganj, a unit of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) organised a children's painting competition on Friday.

The competition was held at Shaheed Satu Hall premises in Chapainawabganj town ahead of the International Anti-Corruption Day 2014, on December 9. Some 78 school children took part in the competition.

Present during the competition were Advocate Saiful Islam Reza, president of SNC; its member Gouri Chanda; Shofiqul Islam, area manager of TIB; Shahin Shahi, assistant manager and other members of Youth Engagement and Support (YES) of the SNC.

SNC has also chalked up elaborate programmes like a rally, anti-corruption game show, discussion, prize distribution and cultural function on International Anti-Corruption Day and the winners will be declared on December 9.

## IT'S TRUE!



Matt Damon studied English at Harvard but dropped out 12 credits short of graduating to pursue his acting career. He used to breakdance in the middle of Harvard Square for money as a teenager. He first began acting at the age of 10 while attending Rindge & Latin prep school alongside his neighborhood friend Ben Affleck. One of Damon's first movie roles was a one-line part in "Mystic Pizza" (1988) starring Julia Roberts. Later, Damon starred with Roberts in "Ocean's Eleven" in 2001. Damon and Ben wrote "Good Will Hunting" and sold the script to Miramax for \$500,000. The film was nominated for 9 Academy Awards.



# A man of stature

## Colleagues recall Khalil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khalilullah Khan, a remarkable TV and film actor, breathed his last at a hospital in the capital yesterday at the age of 80, following a heart attack a few days ago. The Lifetime Achievement honours recipient at the National Film Awards 2012 had been suffering from several old-age complications. Three of his peer actors drew on their memories of the powerful actor:

### Razzak

We will all miss him; there will never be another Khalil. He was an actor with rare qualities; acting came most naturally to him. I had a very good relationship with him. He was a jolly man. Lately, the burden of age came upon his shoulder. I pray for the salvation of his soul; wherever he is may his soul rest in eternal peace.

He was nice to everyone and never considered himself senior or superior. He was a great actor, but first of all he was a good man. Many people can have good skills, but all of them are not like minded. Khalil bhai was a soulful man.

He was also close to my sons. He used to come over to my place often. He was an admirer of my wife's cooking. Khalil bhai and I acted together in many films. He was my brother,

my mentor and a good friend. I have lost a friend and companion.

### ATM Shamsuzzaman

Khalil was a true artiste. He had the power to identify with the characters he played. We worked together for a long time, and I feel a vacuum on his demise. The media world doesn't have many actors like Khalil. I am a big fan of his acting as well as his personality. The ever-present smile on his face and his acting prowess always surprised me.

And to speak about him as an individual, Khalil was a man of high stature. He was friendly and could interact with people easily. It hurts me to say goodbye to such a shining star. May his departed soul rest in peace.

### Amjad Hossain

Khalil was a star among a thousand shining objects, a light that went out on his death. He was like a shade over our heads, and now we feel like his death has orphaned us. He was senior to me, and when he came into cinema we were merely outsiders. I became close to him while he was shooting for TV play "Tin Purush" under my son Sohel Rana's direction. We used to often hang out on the shooting sets. I pray that his soul rests in peace.

# Discussion on Qayyum Chowdhury

AMINUL ISLAM, *Mymensingh*

To pay tribute to the recently deceased master artist Qayyum Chowdhury, Bikkhon organised a discussion at its Kachari Ferry Ghat office on the bank of Brahmaputra River on Friday morning.

Bikkhon is a study circle of Mymensingh Sahitya Sangsad.

The programme titled "Qayyum Chowdhury: Bangladesh through his eyes" was addressed by Qayyum's disciple Taposh Majumder, Professor Amirul Islam, graphics designer Masud Rana and artiste Poritosh Majumder.

Prof. Ali Idris presided over the discussion.

Professor Mosharraf Karim, Yazdani Quraishy Kajal, Tareq Salahuddin Mahmud, Swadheen Chowdhury, Horidas Thakur, Awlad Hossain, Abdul Kader Chowdhury, also paid tributes to the maestro at the programme, among others.

The speakers said Qayyum Chowdhury was not only an artist but was formidable creative force.

He sketched Bangladesh and its natural beauty and people in different mediums, reflective of his deep rooted love for the country, said the speakers.

In his drawings, Bengali people's struggle for survival was also depicted, added the speakers.

His ideals and contribution to the country's art should be remembered with deep respect and love, they concluded.

The convener of Bikkhon, poet Sajal Quraishy, presented the programme.



## Bangladesh Bird Club holds exhibition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day photography exhibition titled "A Birdland Called Bangladesh" took place on December 5-6 at Drik Gallery in the capital. The exhibition was organised by Bangladesh Bird Club, an organisation working on the conservation and observation of local birds. The exhibition featured a set of 51 photographs captured by 21 photographers of Bangladesh Bird Club.

Bangladesh is generally referred as a land of river, but the country has always been a heaven for birds. Starting from the familiar Kingfisher to uncommon names like Jungle Babbler, Jerdon's Baza, Green Bea-eater and many more,

the exhibition presented amazing photos of birds to the visitors.

Watching birds and photographing the marvelous creatures in flight have always been a passion for some people, and the exhibition is a result of their curiosity and desire to showcase the birds in prints, as well as in introducing urbanites with the birds of our country. The photos were captured from different regions of the country, including the hill tracts.

The exhibition had some eye-arresting images while some were a little mediocre, but it deserves applause for its appeal for the conservation of birds at a time when birds are being endangered by human beings.

# BGMEA Gorbo grand finale today

A CORRESPONDENT

The grand finale of "BGMEA Gorbo" a musical talent-hunt show featuring garments workers will take place today at 7:30pm at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed will attend the programme as chief guest and distribute prizes among the winners of the competition.

Garment workers under BGMEA in Dhaka, Savar, Narayanganj, Gazipur and Chittagong are participating in the reality show that began months ago, and now has come to the final stage. Four contestants, Sarma Kanti Das, Sohel Arman, Tanvir Ahmed and Faruk Hossain will battle each other to win the crown.

The grand finale event will be telecast on Channel i on December 12 at 4:30 pm.



# Freida Pinto to foray into production

Freida Pinto will foray into mainstream production with two international films. The 30-year-old actress recently disclosed her productions plans during a visit to India to launch the Girl Rising India campaign. The actress has produced a documentary by the same name which focuses on women's education in the country.

The "Slumdog Millionaire" star is simultaneously working on two mainstream English films. As expected, both will be strong, women-centric stories, the first one of which is expected to roll out in March 2015.

Freida has an action-packed 2015 with three Hollywood films in the pipeline --Richard Raymond's "Desert Dancer", Terrence Malick's "Knight of Cups" opposite Christian Bale and a third film which will be announced shortly.

Source: TOI



# Ishita

## to appear on BTV after a hiatus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rumana Rashid Ishita is very popular face on the small screen. She has also ventured into TV direction and emerged as a writer.

After a long hiatus of about eight years, the actress recently hosted a Talk Show for BTV.

The former 'Natun Kuri' artiste hosted the programme centering the-then artistes of the National competition. The programme will be telecast on December 25, marking the 25th anniversary of the state-run television.

"I felt very happy to get an opportunity to anchor the programme," Ishita told The Daily Star.

