


WHAT'S ON

Amor Ekushey Book Fair 2015
 Venue: Bangla Academy Premises, Dhaka
 Date: February 1-28
 Time: 3-8pm & 11am-8pm (Fridays)



Chobi Mela VIII
 Organiser: Pathshala and Drik
 Venue: Different locations in Dhaka
 Date: Jan 23-Feb 5
 Time: 10-8pm

CHOBIMELA VIII
 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY BANGLADESH

National Poetry Festival 2015
 Venue: Hakim Chatter, University of Dhaka
 Date: February 1-2
 Time: 10am-10pm



Bangladesh-Malaysia Poets Summit 2015
 Organiser: Kathak, Bangladesh
 Venue: National Gallery Auditorium, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: February 3
 Time: 5:30pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Light, Dark Space
 Artist: Md. Tokon
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: Jan 31-Feb 21
 Time: 12-8pm



NEWS bytes

Jay-Z bids to buy music streaming service



Jay-Z could be taking on Spotify, Deezer and others with a music streaming service of his own. The rapper's company, Project Panther, has bid to take over Sweden-based Aspiro for a reported \$56m. The firm owns WiMP - which rivals Spotify in some countries - and Tidal (which streams music in HD). The move will put Jay-Z in competition with Beats Music, founded by Dr Dre and bought by Apple in 2014. Tidal currently offers users access to 25 million tracks, in addition to 75,000 music videos and other content including artist interviews, for £19.99 per month. That contrasts with Spotify's charge of £9.99 per month for 30 million tracks.

Jay-Z has sold more than 100 million records worldwide and is estimated to be worth \$520m, but as well as being one of the world's biggest selling music artists, he has a range of business interests. If successful, his bid will add streaming to a portfolio including 40/40 Club sports bars, Armand de Brignac Champagne and clothing brand Rocawear.

Source: BBC

Framing life in colours

Ihtisham Kabir's photography exhibition opens



PHOTO: STAR

The exhibition covers a wide range of subject matters and styles.

SAURAV DEY
 Ihtisham Kabir's solo photography exhibition "The Colours of Life" opened in the capital on January 31. Wajma Campos da Nóbrega, Ambassador of Brazil to Bangladesh was the chief guest at the inauguration, while Rokia Afzal Rahman, President, Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs was the special guest.

Beautiful images of various categories, starting from natural objects to moment-based life-style shots, are at the heart of this

exhibit. In other words, it is an exhibition on Bangladesh by a Bangladeshi who extensively travelled throughout this land and captured its natural beauty through the lens. Not only nature, but the photographer also beautifully shot how Bangladeshis celebrated life in different ways.

Even plain landscapes look different in Ihtisham's frames, while the macro of flowers and tree leaves are pleasant to look at. About his photos, Ihtisham said, "All these photos are shot in different corners of Bangladesh,

and I think it reflects the beauty of this country."

Ihtisham is an avid traveler and his photos have an impact on it. The joy of life is clearly visible in his photos, and hence the title "The Colours of Life" does justice to the photos. It was incredibly refreshing to look at the exhibition hanging on the walls of home n Décor, which itself is a beautiful home furnishing house.

Ihtisham, who spent most of his life in USA, taught fine-art black and white image processing in the darkroom in the

University of California Berkeley for a long time. Despite being an electrical engineer, Ihtisham's main interest is in photography and writing. He held his first solo exhibition in Dhaka in 1987 and later he held a number of exhibitions abroad. Ihtisham's images and words are combined together in his columns "Tangents" which appears every week on The Daily Star.

The exhibit will run from February 1-10 from 1am- 8pm except Wednesdays at home n décor, bti Premier Plaza at Pragati Sharani in the capital.

"We will work together in solving the problems of our industry"

- SHAKIB KHAN

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shakib Khan, the undisputed top hero of Dhallywood, became the Chairman of the Bangladesh Film Artistes' Association for a second term, winning the election on Friday for the second time by a huge margin. Amit Hasan became the general secretary, while Omar Sunny and Nader Khan became vice-chairmen.

In his reaction, Shakib said, "I am grateful for the immense love my colleagues have shown for me. The great margin of my victory shows their trust in me." When asked what his plans are as the head of the body, the superstar said, "At any crisis of the film industry, the artistes' association has come forward. We want to work together in solving the problems of our industry, and to play a strong role in its best interest." Shakib also informed that a grand reception party will be held later this month, ushering in the new committee.



IT'S TRUE!



US rock band 3 Doors Down started The Better Life Foundation (TBLF) in 2003, with a goal in mind to give as many children as possible a better life. Since its inception TBLF has supported numerous charities nationwide. In addition to a concert from 3 Doors Down and friends, there is also an auction, which includes numerous items from musical friends, sports icons, and other various supporters of the band and the charity.

Bangla Khayal Utshab held at Channel i

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ustad Yasin Khan received the lifetime achievement award at the first "Channel i-Bangla Khayal Utshab 2015". Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director of Channel i, Shykh Seraj, director and head of news of the channel and noted musician Azad Rahman presented him with the award. To disseminate Bangla Khayal, Channel i organised for the first time such a festival at its Tejgaon office premises on January 31.

The nightlong festival featured both choral and solo recital by several prominent and promising artistes



Dr. Mintu Krishna Paul performs at the festival.

of the country. The festival set off with a choral performance of the khayal "Apon

Bhashaye Apon Gaan", set on Raga Jajiwanti. Artistes also rendered in chorus four khayals

based on ragas -Ahir Bhairav, Bhairav, Bheem Palashree and Mian Ki Malhar.

Swarnamoy Chakrabarty started off the solo rendition presenting "Koro Manab Howar Sadhona", set on Raga Yaman. Ustad Yasin Khan performed "Porom Logon Elo" based on Raga Abhogi while Shameema Parveen sang "Bhulitey Parina Tomaye", based on Raga Kafi.

Emceed by Azad Rahman, the festival had solo performances by Khairul Anam Shakil, Alif Laila, Karim Shahabuddin, Dalia Naushen, Yakub Ali Khan, Salahuddin Ahmed, Sadia Sharif Baishakhi and others.

MD. TOKON'S solo exhibit opens



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Light, Dark, Space", a solo exhibition of paintings by New York-based artist Md Tokon, opened on January 31 at the Bengal Art Lounge. Md Tokon's paintings are pure abstractions, and his style makes great emphasis of color. The painter proceeds by layers: each new coat of color he adds to the canvas brings a new dimension to the overall result. His work has been variously linked to great artistic currents of the past such as Romanticism, Impressionism or Abstract Expressionism. The exhibition remains open till February 21.

"Queen", "Haider", "PK" rule at Filmfare

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bollywood comedy drama "Queen" swept the 60th Filmfare Awards on Saturday night, winning the honours in six categories, including for the best director for Vikas Bahl and Kangana Ranaut the best actress, while Shahid Kapoor secured the best actor honour for his role in modern-day adaptation of Shakespearean drama "Haider".

The runner-up was Vishal Bhardwaj's "Haider" which won awards in five categories including best actress (female) in a supporting role for Tabu and best actor in supporting role for Kay Kay Menon.

"Queen" also won the award for the best film while Sanjay Mishra-directed "Aakhon Dekhi" was adjudged the best critics'

choice film. The romantic comedy "2 States" and the satirical "PK" -- starring Aamir Khan -- won awards in multiple categories.

Shah Rukh Khan's "Happy New Year" and Priyanka Chopra's "Mary Kom" drew blank in the awards.

Veteran actress Kamini Kaushal was the recipient of Filmfare lifetime achievement award. The awards for best screenplay and best dialogue went to "PK" --for director Rajkumar Hirani and Abhijat Joshi.

The best music director's award went to Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy for their compositions for the film "2 States".



"Samrat-er Chhobi" to air on BTV



A CORRESPONDENT

Talented poet and playwright Raju Alim has made a new TV play based on writer and Language Movement veteran Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury's short story "Somrat-er Chhobi".

The special TV play, will go on air on BTV on February 7 at 9pm.

The story of the play zooms in on an aristocratic family of a mufassil. Osman Chowdhury is a descendant of the family that has been carrying out the traditional legacy of the family from the British era. Unlike his father Osman Chowdhury, an educated Mansur Ali holds modern outlook. A conflict between father and son along with some amusing incidents persists in the family. Eventually the modern approach triumphs over.

The cast of the play includes Khairul Alam Sobuj, Mahbuba Rezanur, Hafizur Rahman Suruj, Raju Alim, Shanarei Devi Shanu and others.

Bharatnatyam and folk dance at IGCC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), Dhaka organised an event of Bharatnatyam and folk dance recital by Srishti Cultural Centre at its auditorium in Gulshan, Dhaka on January 31.

Artistes set off with pushpanjali and performed several Bharatnatyam pieces -- jatiswaram, shabdnam, kitanaam and tillana. They also danced to popular Tagore, Nazrul, folk and adhunik songs choreographed by Anisul Islam Hero. The featured dancers of the programme were Anisul Islam Hero, Sabrina Shafi Nisa, Tamim-Ul-Haque, Nafisa Sadat Promi, Rana Wadud, Yeasmin Labonyo, Sanjida Kajol, Hridika Saba and Prantik Dev.

