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



NEWS

Laila Sharmeen to showcase works at Oxford Int'l Art Fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi artist Laila Sharmeen has been selected to showcase her works at the second edition of Oxford International Art Fair, beginning on February 6 at Oxford Town Hall.

Over150 artists from over 30 countries will display their artworks. The major attractions of the fair include sculptures by Peter Hibbard, stylised landscape paintings by Jenny Graham and



Janet Lawrence, Kieran Stiles and Gareth Lloyd.

Laila's works focus on political and social engagement, formal beauty and romance. She is conscious of modern social upheavals. The artist feels that corrupt politicians and religious bigots are posing a threat to progress. She has 11 solos and over 60 international shows to her credit. In 2011, she won a Purchase Prize at the prestigious 16th Space International Print Biennial held at OCI Museum of Art in Seoul, Korea.



An assembly of eccentrics Khamkheyali Sabha anniversary held at BSK

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tagore, the towering figure of Bengali literature and culture, introduced a literary and cultural adda titled "Khamkheyali Sabha" in Calcutta (now Kolkata) in 1897. The Nobel laureate, along with luminaries including Promoth Chowdhury, Jagadish Chandra Bose, Chittaranjan Das, DL Roy, Atul Prasad and Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay would assemble at someone's residence with prior notification through a letter. The assemblage continued for two years.

Avid Tagore enthusiasts of Dhaka, inspired by Bard's initiatives, resumed Khamkheyali Sabha after 115 years. Centring on Tagore creations, the first of the literary and cultural adda set off on January 17,

2014. Inaugurated by Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, the monthly adda featured presentations, discussions and cultural events that shed light on Tagore classics --Chhelebela, Jibonsmriti, Attoporichoy, Chhinnopatra, Russia'r Chithi, various essays on educational affairs, Japan Jatri, Sanchayita, Ghar-e Bairey, Galpoguchchha, Tash-er Desh and Achalaytan and Geetobitan (Puja Parjaye) -- by essayists, discussants and artistes.

Marking first anniversary of Khamkheyali Sabha, its members hosted a celebratory event at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro (BSK) auditorium in Dhaka on February 6. Eminent artist Mustafa Monwar inaugurated the event through lighting candles. Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed

attended the event as chief guest while Abid A Azad was present as special guest. The organisers presented crests to the guests and discussants of the previous year. Apart from the guests, convener Mahmud Hashim, joint convener Ankhi Siddiqa and member-secretary Faisal Ibne Jaman spoke. "Rabindranath is the name of the

emblem and the flag of Bengali culture. But to enrich ourselves as a nation, we must take not only from Rabindranath but also from other litterateurs," said Abdullah Abu Sayeed.

A vibrant adda with a cultural event followed. A visual presentation, showcasing images of Tagore's Khamkheyali Sabha and this one, was screened at the venue at the beginning of the event.

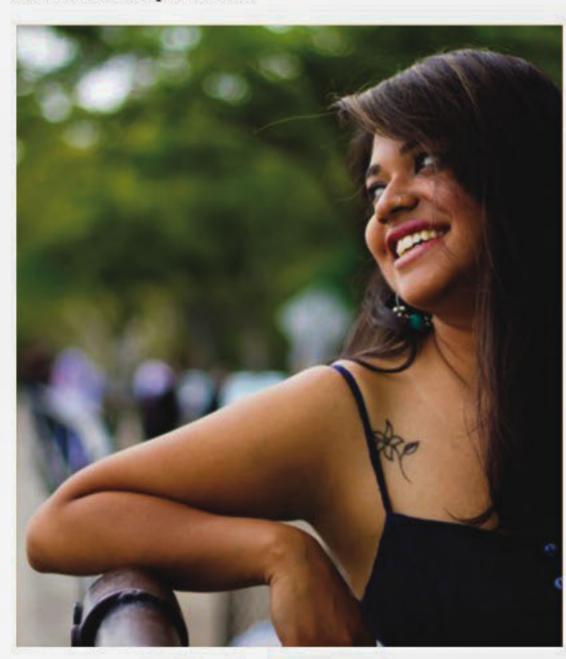
Armeen releases Simultaneously

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Talented young singer Armeen Musa released her new album, "Simultaneously", at the stroke of midnight today. The album, containing eight English songs and two Bangla tracks, is available on her web site -- armeenmusa.bandcamp.com, while it will also be available shortly in CD on online store Rokomari and online creative content sales portal Shurjorajjo. It was released under ME Label, a record label founded by Armeen herself.

The artiste will also do a number of live shows throughout the month to promote her album, at a number of venues across Dhaka, and on radio and TV channels. The details can be found on her Facebook

The album was recorded by Armeen during the course of her studies at the prestigious Berklee College of Music, and features easy-listening, groovy and uplifting songs mostly written by her, mostly dealing with personal reflections. The artiste's vocal versatility is portrayed well, while the arrangement is also neat and pleasant.



TV WATCH

Rabbu Bhai-er Bou on Channel 9

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Rabbu Bhai-er Bou" will air tonight at 9:30pm on Channel 9. The comedy drama, directed by Imraul Rafat runs

from Saturday to Monday every week. Jainal Jack who plays a comedy character, has come in spotlight though this serial. Partho Barua, Aparna, Toya, Tawsif Mahbub, Safa Kabir and others are in the central cast.

MADONNA

premieres new music video — on Snapchat!

Social photo-messaging app Snapchat's new Discover feature is barely a week old, but it just got the platform's first big exclusive: Madonna's first music video from her new album just premiered on the company's own Discover channel. The video is directed by the French duo J.A.C.K., who have made commercials for brands like Converse and IKEA. The video was for the song "Living for "Rebel Heart" which was actually





CHITCHAT

Maznun Mizan: In for the long haul

A CORRESPONDENT

Maznun Mizan is a very popular face among television viewers. Beginning his career 15 years ago on stage, his dedication has made him a regular on TV. The actor recently spoke to The Daily Star, about his profession and beyond.

You're most treasured possession?

Manzun Mizan: There is no doubt that my most treasured possession is my work. And through my work, I am recognised as an actor. I personally feel that any character I play, entertains or inspires the audience in some way, and teaches them to be someone.

After all this time in the profession, what keeps you motivated?

Manzun Mizan: I love my work. I truly value it because I have worked hard to get where I am now. Being an actor is not something that I decided overnight. I wanted to be an actor since I was in grade four. It has been a struggle but in the end it was worth it. I believed in myself, and made others believe in me, too.

Something you have always wanted to achieve, but you are yet to?

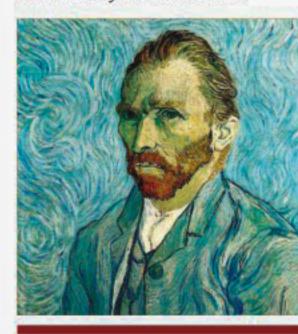
Manzun Mizan: I have always wanted to do something good for my nation. In the near future, I

will be portraying the role of a freedom fighter on screen. Let see where that takes me.



TRUE!

Vincent Van Gogh - the Dutch post-impressionist artist considered one of the most influential in the world -- did not begin painting until his late twenties, completing many of his best-known works during the last two years of his life. In just over a decade, he produced more than 2,100 artworks, consisting 860 oil paintings and more than 1,300 watercolours, drawings, sketches and prints. However, he remained largely unnoticed in his lifetime and even after his death in 1890 (at age 37), and his fame peaked much later, near the time of World War I.



"Baby" to return with a sequel



The makers of the recently released critically-acclaimed Hindi action thriller, "Baby", have decided to come out with a sequel.

The film will roll out in early 2016 after director Neeraj Pandey has wrapped up the MS Dhoni biopic, starring Sushant Singh Rajput. That project is slated for a 2017 release.

Confirming the news, Neeraj said, "The concept of the franchise and sequel were clear in my head

even while I was writing 'Baby'. I am excited that my cast and producers

"Baby" opened on January 23 across India, and despite a lukewarm start, has picked up numbers, stacking over 68.5 crores in two weeks.

are bringing the film back."

The maker and producer are hopeful that the sequel will be an even bigger adrenaline rush than the first.

Source: Internet

"Bilashi" staged in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

...... Theatre troupe Natyalok Sampraday recently staged "Bilashi", based on a short story by timeless novelist Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay at Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

The second staging of the play was held marking the 77th death anniversary of Sarat Chandra.

The play, adapted by Delwar Hosssain Rony and directed by SA Apurbo, drew a huge audience.

The cast of the play were Swadhina Akhtar, Prashanto Sarker Taposh, Hasibur Rahman Tushar and Moniruzzaman Sohagh. A discussion was also held

marking the occasion. Terming Sarat Chandra a social reformer, a visionary and progressive writer, the speakers said through his writings, Sarat Chandra raised his voice against injustice, superstition, social ignorance and other social problems of the time.

