



WHAT'S ON



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

Group Painting Exhibition
Title: The Paradoxical Now
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya
Date: Feb 10- March 3
Time: 12pm-8pm






Anne Frank Exhibition
Organiser: Liberation War Museum
Venue: National Museum
Date: Feb 23-27
Time: 3pm-8pm

Film Festival
Organiser: Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Int'l Digital Cultural Archive, Shilpakala Academy
Date: Feb 17-28
Time: 6pm





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Musical on Spring
Venue: Chhayanaut Auditorium, Dhanmondi
Date: February 27
Time: 7pm





Birth Centenary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin
Venue: Chhayanaut Auditorium, Dhanmondi
Date: February 28
Time: 7pm

NEWS bytes

Kevin Spacey to get special Olivier award

US actor and director Kevin Spacey will be honoured with a special prize at this year's Olivier Awards. The Oscar-winner is being honoured for his outstanding contribution to the Old Vic, where he became artistic director in 2004. He is widely credited with reviving the theatre's fortunes, and steps down later this year.

The 55-year-old is famous for his film and TV roles in "American Beauty" and "House of Cards".

Spacey's final performance as the Old Vic's artistic director will see him revive his title role in Clarence Darrow, his first one-man play.



Spacey's film work includes "The Usual Suspects", for which he received a best supporting actor Oscar in 1996, as well as "LA Confidential", "Seven" and "Glen-garry Glen Ross". He won a best actor Oscar for "American Beauty" in 2000 and recently won his first Golden Globe, for "House of Cards", after seven previous nominations.

The Olivier Awards, established in 1976 and named after Laurence Olivier, are the UK's most prestigious stage honours.

A tale of two sisters

LAILA HASAN AND DAISY AHMED

A CORRESPONDENT

Star siblings Laila Hasan and Daisy Ahmed are an upbeat duo. Laila a well known dancer and actor, is married to veteran actor Hasan Imam, while Daisy Ahmed, wife of noted actor Bulbul Ahmed, is a singer and actress. Laila and Daisy shared little known tidbits about their great bonding:

Where did you spend your childhood?
Laila Hasan: We are seven siblings. Though we grew up in Dhaka, we stayed in various places before we settled down here, because of our father's profession.

What is the relationship like between you two?
Daisy Ahmed: I am closer to her than my other brother and sisters, as we are immediate siblings. We used to do everything together, though we did have arguments every once in a while. Even today, we share the same taste in clothing and many other things.

Any childhood story you want to share?
Laila Hasan: My sister used to be skinny and I was the chubby one. While sitting in a rickshaw she always refused to keep me on her lap and vice versa. We still enjoy a good laugh when we recall those times.

Have either of you received a scolding on account of the other?
Laila Hasan: Since our childhood, she has



always been a good student. I was constantly scolded because of this.

Daisy Ahmed: My sister was known as the calm and quiet one. She always wanted to share my dresses, which I never liked. I used to get a thorough scolding from my mother



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because of my furious reactions.

Why did one of you choose to be a singer and the other a dancer?

Daisy Ahmed: I chose singing over dancing because Laila is more energetic and enthusiastic. Plus singing takes less physical

effort.

What do you like most about your sister?
Laila Hasan: Her spirituality. Since our childhood, I have appreciated her spirituality and her caring temperament which bound all of us in a common thread.

Daisy Ahmed: Her down-to-earth behaviour amazes me. She is caring and loving even though she is very much an introvert.

What is your view regarding new generation dancers and are you still linked with dancing?

Laila: I hold a very positive view because the new generation is very advanced and keen to explore. Moreover, now I am advisor of Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Shangstha plus I maintain a dance troop that performs in various places.

How did you join acting? Are you still working?

Daisy: I started acting during my college days. Subsequently, the interest kept growing as I studied Bengali literature. After getting married, I got the opportunity to work for my husband's production house. Eventually I got associated with various projects produced by various organisers. Recently, I have worked in various series such as "Aw er golpo", "Pogga Paromita", "House Full", "Radio Chocolate" and others. Other than that, I perform at Bangladesh Betar as well.



Ishana's GAME PLAN

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Former Lux Superstar Ishana's career is skyrocketing. An acclaimed actress and model, she is currently busy with shoots for TV plays. In a recent conversation with The Daily Star, the multi-talented artiste spoke about her many assignment

Tell us about your latest telefilm...

Ishana: I worked with film actor Riaz in the telefilm "Kath Golaper Sunnota", directed by Minhazul Islam Abhi.

Any recent challenges?

Ishana: I recently shot for a TV play where I enacted the roles of Haimonti, Kumu and Maloti --three famous characters drawn from Rabindranth Tagore's works. The yet-untitled TV play was really very challenging.

Is there a character you have played for the first time?

Ishana: I recently enacted the part of a beggar in the play "Tritroto". Though I've always been offered glamorous roles, it was quite a change as I had to act without any make up.

Your mega serial "Khanikaloy" is about to wrap up?

Ishana: It has aired on Maasranga for about three years. It has been amazing and a one-of-its-kind experience. When I was on the sets, it seemed that the cast and crew were my second family.

What about your new serial?

Ishana: I recently signed up for a series "Samrat", directed by Sayed Shakil. Here I will play the role of psycho, co-starring with Apurbo.

What is your game plan career wise?

Ishana: I have no plan. I certainly want to work till the very end but it will all depend on the continued goodwill of my fans and challenging plots.

IT'S TRUE!

Marilyn Monroe, one of the most discussed film stars of all time, was poorly paid throughout her career. Though she couldn't overcome her financial distress, Monroe went on to become of the most popular Hollywood heroines. In 1962, she was fired by Twentieth-Century Fox from the production of "Something's Got to Give" because of her chronic lateness and absence during first two weeks of shooting. Later, just four days prior to her death, Monroe was rehired by Fox on a \$1million deal. She died poor, but at present her estate makes around five million dollars a year.



Play on Altaf Mahmud's life on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

Single episode TV play "Ghumer Deshey Ghum Bhangatey" will air tonight at 11pm on ATN Bangla. Written by Anisul Hoque and directed by Ashrafi Mithu, the play is based on the life of Martyr Altaf Mahmud, who composed the legendary song "Amar Bhai-er Rokte Rangano Ekushey February". The play casts Shimul Yousuff, Hillol, Bhabna and others.



MADONNA falls off Brits stage

Sheeran, Smith take two awards each

The Brit Awards, the annual flagship UK music awards show, brought out stars and industry folks alike in the British capital Wednesday night.

The British version of the Grammys was held at London's O2 Arena where Madonna, Taylor Swift, Sam Smith, Ed Sheeran, Paloma Faith, George Ezra, Royal Blood and Take That were among the performers. Madonna's first performance at the show in 20 years was marred by a nasty fall, as the singer was accidentally pulled off the stage by a back-up dancer. However, she recovered and returned to the stage to finish her song, "Living For Love".

As for the awards, Sheeran and Smith took home two each. Smith won for album of the year, for "X",

and best British male solo artiste, while Smith nabbed British breakthrough act and global success award. Other winners included Swift, Pharrell Williams, Foo Fighters, One Direction, and Mark Ronson. Already announced before the event, was the Critics' Choice winner, James Bay.

British TV personalities Ant and Dec took on the hosting duties this year.

The awards ceremony aired live on ITV in Britain, and was also available to a global audience via a live stream on YouTube.

The Brit Awards are determined by a 1,000-strong academy of music industry folks and fan votes.

