

WHAT'S ON
 Shilu Abed Craftperson Award
 Organiser: NCCB
 Venue: BRAC Centre Inn
 Date: March 5
 Time: 5pm



Theatre
 Dhaboman
 Troupe: Dhaka Theatre
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: Mar 4
 Time: 7pm



Solo painting exhibition
 Artist: Laila Anjuman Ara
 Title: Joy of Nature
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
 Date: Feb 27-March 9
 Time: 3pm-9pm



Theatre
 Bangla'r Mati Bangla'r Jol
 Troupe: Palakar
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: Mar 3
 Time: 7pm



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



IT'S TRUE!

Laila Anjuman Ara and the joys of nature

Art exhibition at AFD

US fingerstyle guitarist Andy McKee played his first guitar, an Aria nylon string bought by his father, at age 13. Initially underwhelmed by his guitar lessons, McKee began teaching himself how to play. McKee's cousin inspired him to continue learning, taking him out for his 16th birthday to see a guitarist named Preston Reed perform live. McKee later bought an instructional videotape from Reed and began to learn many of his signature acoustic guitar techniques. Later that year, with his mother's permission, he obtained his GED in order to quit attending high school and continue studying the instrument on his own.



FAYZA HAQ
 If anyone wanted to relax and simply be with nature one had only to go to the "Joy of Nature" exhibit at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD). Laila Anjuman Ara, the artist whose works are on display till March 9, has given her works the harmony of French Impressionistic paintings. One did not get an oil colour effect as the canvases were in acrylic. However the soothing effect of Renoir, Manet and Monet were evident in the light and amazing colours.
 Laila says she is inspired by the colours of stalactites and stalagmites of the caves of Niagara Falls, and naturally the rivers, hills, and quaint houses in the area.
 The choice of the colours of the flowers remained balanced. Professor Abdus Sattar from Dhaka University commenting on Laila's works said that they are reminders of the sun's rays



that are difficult to capture but yet all around us. He complimented her on her "neat work, her pulsating vision and the contrast of light and shade." He

also drew parallels with Zainul Abedin's paintings who believed there was no substitute for nature, and who added and subtracted from nature to

heighten the effect of his works.
 For his part, Asad Chowdhury had words of praise for Laila's use of colours and lines. He spoke of how Oriental art originated in China, Korea and Japan. He also commented that the artist's works were like the French Impressionists, who were optimistic about the world.
 Professor Abdus Satter from the Department of Oriental Art, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka (FFA, DU); poet Asad Chowdhury, Farah Kabir, country director, ActionAid Bangladesh; Hassan Mahmood, cultural secretary of Goethe Institute were among the prominent guests at the opening ceremony. AFD Director Bruno Plasse presided over the opening ceremony.
 In the large crowd were also Maksudul Ahsan and Laila Sharmeen. Much to the delight of collectors, the paintings did not burn a hole in one's pocket.
 The exhibition that opened on February 27 runs till March 9.



Shakib takes on two more New films undertaken by SK Films

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Dhallywood heartthrob Shakib Khan is going to shoot two new films "Prembaj" and "Lagam" with Apu Biswas, under his production house SK Production.
 Of the movies, "Prembaj" will be directed by Badiul Alam and "Lagam" by Shamim Ahmed.
 "Shooting for the films will begin in different locations of Bangladesh and Europe," Shakib Khan told The Daily Star.
 Earlier, Shakib Khan debuted as film producer with his movie "Hero the Superstar" under the production house.

NEWS bytes

Adventure Time movie in the works



Entertainment web site Deadline reported that Pendleton Ward's highly successful Cartoon Network series "Adventure Time" is going to Warner Bros for a full length feature film. Chris McKay, one of the executive producers of "The Lego Movie" is co-producing the film. McKay is an experienced hand when it comes to animation at both Warner Bros and Cartoon Network, as he's worked on "Robot Chicken" and is about to direct "The Lego Batman Movie" for the studio as well.
 Adventure Time is an undeniable hit, with almost five whole years under its belt at the Cartoon Network. And just in time too, as Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Studios' success with "The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water" is as good a case as any in proving how a basic cable series can translate into healthy box office dollars.
 "Adventure Time: The Movie" is only in the developmental stages as of this moment, but there could well be some rapid movement in the coming year.

Source: **Cinemablend**



Redoan Rony set to bring ICE-CREAM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 National award-winning film director Redoan Rony is working on his new film titled "Ice-cream". This is second film by Rony after his first film "Chorabali" became a megahit at the box office.
 Unlike "Chorabali" that boasted a heavyweight cast, "Ice-cream" features new faces in the lead roles. Three youths -- Tushi, Raj and Uday -- will appear for the first time in front of camera.
 "I want to do something with the

newcomers; they are very promising. We are grooming them. They have the potentials to lead the industry in future," Rony said.
 The entire "Ice-cream" team will set out for Saint Martin's Island on March 5.
 The film, being tagged as a modern love story, promises to offer fresh entertainment to the film-goers. The film will release under Ping-Pong entertainment.
 Earlier in 2012, Rony's first film "Chorabali" won National Awards in five categories.

Amazed by Rekha's grace, enthusiasm ... Katrina

Actor Katrina Kaif, who will be seen sharing the screen space with Bollywood's evergreen talent Rekha in upcoming film "Fitoor", says she is amazed by how graceful the veteran is.
 Katrina, who is yet to shoot with Rekha, said: "Every time I have met her, I have been amazed by her warmth, her grace and her immense enthusiasm towards life. I am sure we will have a great time filming together and I am looking forward to it."
 Directed by Abhishek Kapoor, "Fitoor" also features Aditya Roy Kapur.
 After debuting in Bollywood in 2003



with "Boom", Katrina cemented her space in tinsel town by delivering six back-to-back hits in "Namaste London", "Apne", "Partner", "Welcome", "Race" and "Singh Is Kinng". She has featured in some of the best new-age item numbers, and is among the leading actresses in Hindi film industry today.
 Asked about the competition in the industry, Katrina said: "There are enough films being made out there for all of us. The position game is transient so I don't indulge in too much thought about it."
 Source: **IANS**



Art Bazar, a community of creative youths, held an open exhibition in Dhanmondi on February 28, of photos taken with mobile phones. Square-framed and panorama photos were on display on the walls of Dhanmondi 4/A from 3-9pm, while artists also drew free live caricatures of attending audience, while many played live music. The goal of the group is to establish mobile phone photography as an art form, and thus opening it up to the mass people.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED



Marking the birth centenary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, cultural organisation Chhayanaaut arranged a celebration programme, featuring, discussion and musical offerings at its main auditorium on February 28. Dr. Sarwar Ali, vice-president of Chhayanaut, delivered the welcome address while Dr. Sanjida Khatun, president of the organisation gave a speech. Artist Abul Mansur delivered a special presentation on Shilpacharya at the event. Laisa Ahmad Lisa, Dalia Nausheen, Maidul Islam, Chandana Majumder, Kanan Bala Sarkar and Abul Kalam Azad performed songs at the programme.

PHOTO: STAR



Obama leads Leonard Nimoy tributes

US President Barack Obama has led tributes to Leonard Nimoy, the US actor who immortalised Mr Spock in the cult sci-fi series "Star Trek", who has died aged 83.
 "I loved Spock," said Obama, in a statement: "Long before being nerdy was cool, there was Leonard Nimoy. Leonard was a lifelong lover of the arts and humanities, a supporter of the sciences, generous with his time and talents. And of course, Leonard was Spock. Cool, logical, big-eared and level-headed, the centre of Star Trek's optimistic, inclusive vision of humanity's future."
 Nimoy died in Los Angeles on Friday. His son Adam said he died of end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (often caused by smoking).
 His career took in acting, directing, writing

and photography, but he was best known for portraying the half-human, half-Vulcan character Spock.
 Obama's approach to politics has been described as Spock-like. He greeted Nimoy with a four fingered Vulcan salute when the pair met in 2007.
 Among the torrent of tributes on Twitter was a message from NASA, crediting Nimoy and "Star Trek" as an inspiration.
 Other Star Trek cast members gave their praise too. William Shatner, who as Captain Kirk acted alongside Nimoy for years in "Star Trek", said he loved the actor "like a brother".
 George Takei, who played Hikaru Sulu said "He was an extraordinarily talented man but he was also a very decent human being."

Zachary Quinto, who played Spock in a Star Trek prequel, said: "My heart is broken."
 Nimoy played the Spock in all three of the original series of the programme and later in several big-screen spin offs. He did have success outside of his Spock costume, in both acting and directing, and he pursued music, painting, and photography.
 After the end of Star Trek's initial run, he played master of disguise Paris in the hit adventure series "Mission Impossible".
 Later, he directed two of the Star Trek films, "The Search for Spock" and "The Voyage Home", and in 1987 helmed the hit comedy "Three Men and a Baby", one of the highest-grossing films of that year.
 Source: **BBC**