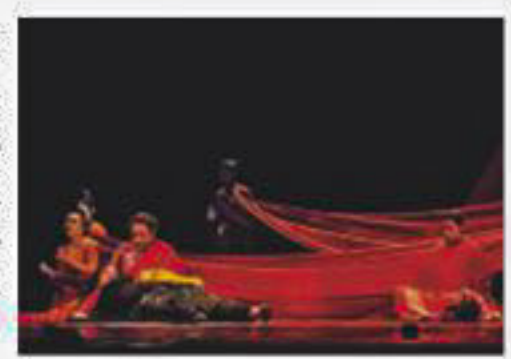


WHAT'S ON

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 Francais de Dhaka
Date: Feb 27-March 9
Time: 3pm-9pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Shiro Sadoshima
Venue: Zainul Gallery-2, FFA, DU
Date: Mar 2-7
Time: 12pm-8pm



Street Theatre Festival
Organiser: Bangladesh Street Theatre Council
Venue: Shaheed Minar
Date: Mar 1-7
Time: 5pm



NEWS bytes

Tintin items up for auction in Paris



Hundreds of storyboards, drawings and books by Tintin creator Georges Remi - better known as Herge - are to go under the hammer in Paris this weekend.

Sotheby's will put 288 items up for sale on March 7, around 50 of which are signed by the Belgian cartoonist.

One of the drawings - used on the cover of a 1938 edition of weekly supplement Le Petit Vingtieme - is tipped to fetch as much as 480,000 euros.

Tintin made his first appearance in the supplement's pages in 1929.

Other items up for grabs include a storyboarded page from Tintin adventure The Castafiore Emerald, which includes a written dedication to screenwriter and novelist Francois Riviere.

Ten more Tintin originals will be offered for auction when Christie's holds its own sale of "bande dessinée" - drawn strips - in Paris on March 14.

Source: BBC



Shiro Sadoshima's rich tribute to Bangladeshi art

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Shiro Sadoshima, a passionate artist and the Japanese ambassador to Bangladesh, paid his rich tribute to our culture, rendering Bangladeshi lives onto his canvases. The self-taught artist's maiden solo exhibition was jointly inaugurated by cultural affairs minister Asaduzzaman Noor and Anjan Chowdhury, chairman of Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art (SPBA) at Zainul Gallery on March 2.

Department of Drawing and Painting of Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), University of Dhaka (DU) organized the exhibition, curated

by Dr. Mohammad Iqbal, an Assistant Professor of the department. Professor Nisar Hossen, Dean of FFA, DU was present among others at the inaugural ceremony.

The artist closely observed simple lives and everyday struggles of Bangladeshi people, and depicted those on his 23 acrylic canvases. The exhibition, titled "The Remembrance of a Country: full of colours, full of shades", is an ode to portrayal of Bangladeshi panorama incorporating aesthetic and meaningful colours, the bliss of leisure of the working class people, the diverse shades of their lives and struggles, and the depiction of rick-

shaws. Shiro Sadoshima has depicted rickshaw with minute detailing. Delineation of Dhaka life, amazing rickshaw rides, rickshaw-pullers and passengers appear alive in his works. The vibrant use of yellow, red, green and blue has shaped those works in artistic realm. The artist's depiction of "Chakma Girls in the Shade" is a treat to the art aficionados -- evoking both expressionist nuances in the portraits and, impressionistic colour use in the nature in the background.

"I was overwhelmed with the abundance of colours and shades and also with the energy

that the struggling people of Bangladesh carry. All those people are full of colours and that attracted me. I got inspiration with those amazing people and took brushes to depict the imageries. First of all, I depicted rickshaws and then tried to represent forms and subjects in the styles of miniature painting. I always kept in mind the fact of inserting Bangladeshi flavour into my paintings with a combination of colours and shades. Long time ago, I started doing watercolours," said Shiro Sadoshima.

The exhibition, open from 12pm to 7pm every day, ends on March 7.

CHIT CHAT

"My songs are meant for my fans" ...Nancy

A CORRESPONDENT

Nancy, a popular singer, started her career in 2002. She has sung several jingles for TV. She became an enlisted artist at Bangladesh Betar in 2002 as a Nazrul, modern and folk singer, but her pop music career has garnered her popularity over the years.

In a recent conversation, she talked about bits and pieces of her life.

What is your hobby?

Nancy: I love reading and collecting books from my childhood. The two things that I love most are singing and being around books, so that I can read whenever I get the time.

Who are the people in your life who matter to you most?

Nancy: My entire family, not anyone specifically. It is just not love, but I also prioritize and respect them the same way.

Something that your fans don't know about you...

Nancy: I don't think there is much mystery about my life I have always been an open book for my family and fans. I believe a person should be open to the world, so that later in life, they don't face hurdles of any kind.

Tell us about your latest album...

Nancy: The reaction to my latest album "Dushtu Chhele" is great. I am happy that my fans loved it. After all, my songs are meant for them.



IT'S TRUE!



By the time Ballet originated in the 15th century, classical Chinese dance had already been around for thousands of years. Ancient statues, carvings, and texts show Chinese dance was deeply embedded in 5,000 years of Chinese history. From the ancient palaces of the Xia and Shang dynasties to the Forbidden City halls of the Qing, each dynasty had its own imperial court dances, which varied greatly in style. Other forms of Chinese dance were passed down and evolved in folk dances and theatrical traditions.

Food Caravan on ntv

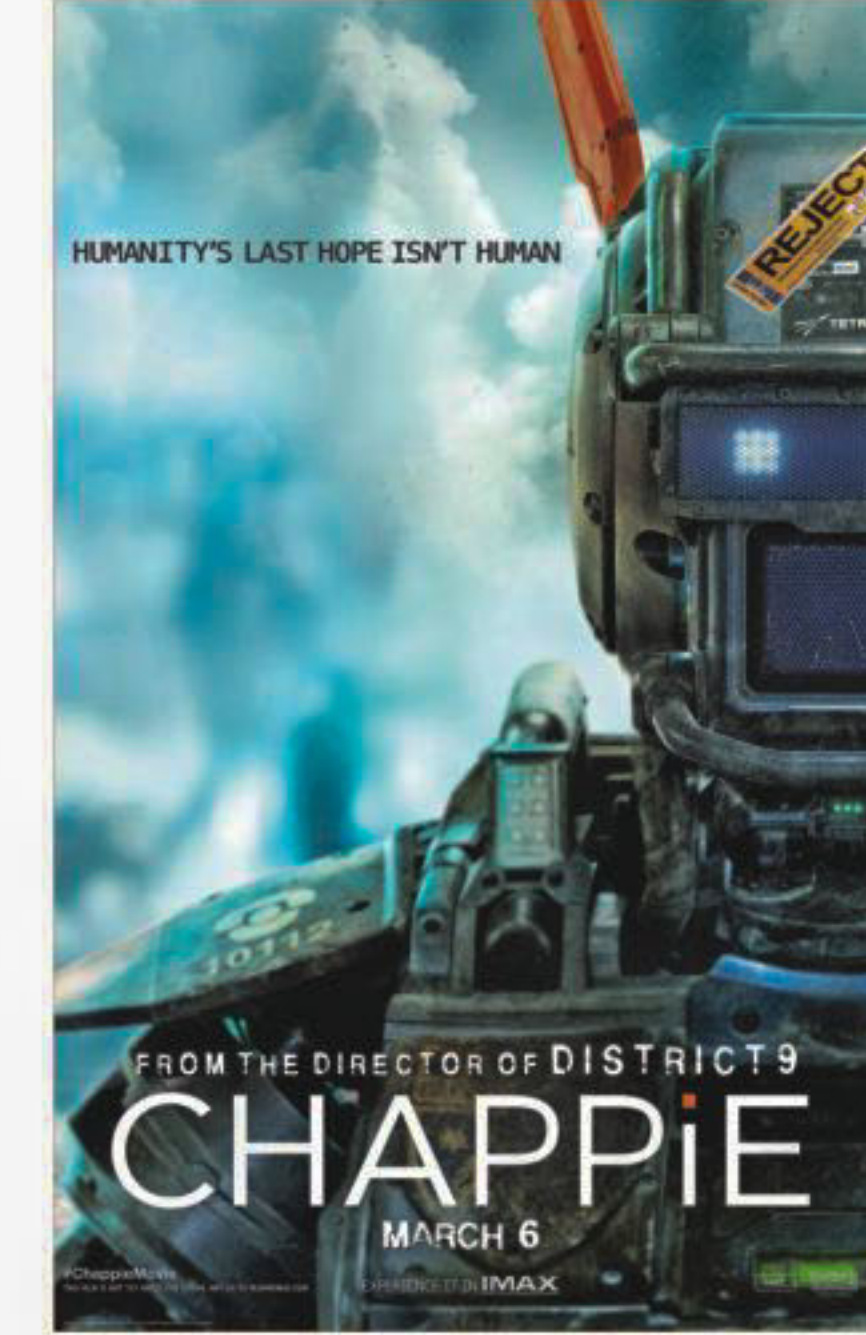


A CORRESPONDENT

Cookery show "Food Caravan" will air tonight at 8:15pm on ntv. Directed by Abu Raihan, the show is divided into three segments -- promoting regional recipes, besides those of Siddika Kabir -- and of a renowned restaurant chef.

The show, hosted by Pinky Chetri, will have Afifa Akhtar Lita as the regular chef.

"Chappie" to release in Dhaka on US release date



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Chappie", a science-fiction film by Neil Blomkamp ("District 9"), is releasing in Dhaka on March 6, the same day as its US release.

Starring Hugh Jackman, Dev Patel ("Slumdog Millionaire") and Sharlto Copley ("The A-Team", "Elysium"), it is about an experimental robot designed to learn and feel, and his struggles for survival. It is based on blomkamp's 2004 short film "Tetra Vaal".

The film, that sees its international release today, will premiere tomorrow at the Star Cineplex, and will be on the show-time roster from Friday.

"Shelai Poribar" begins

TV serial on life of garments workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

New drama serial "Shelai Poribar", based on garment workers' lives, began airing on Channel i yesterday. Rokeya Prachi has written and directed the serial, conceptualised by Syed AK Anwaruzzaman and produced by Anwara Begum, CEO of SM Style Limited (Smartex) --- on behalf of the company.

At an event held at a city hotel yesterday to mark the premiere of the show, Rokeya Prachi termed it a "dream project".

The serial depicts the lives of marginalised RMG workers who toil hard to give an edge to the country's apparel sector in the global export market. It casts Dilara Zaman, Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Ahmed Rubel, Ahsan Habib Nasim, Majnun Mizan, Dihan and others.

The serial airs at 5pm every Tuesday and Wednesday on Channel i.



PRIYANKA CHOPRA plays FBI agent in QUANTICO

Actor-singer Priyanka Chopra is set to play an FBI agent in US TV network ABC's drama pilot "Quantico".

Produced by Mark Gordon, Josh Safran and Nick Pepper, the show centers on a group of young FBI recruits, all with specific reasons for joining, who battle their way through training at the Quantico base in Virginia, Deadline.com reported.

Priyanka also took to Twitter to reveal her role in the American sitcom.

Despite being one of the leading ladies of Bollywood in the last decade or so, Priyanka has recently shifted her attention to the United States, where she has released music, collaborating with various artists and DJs.

Source: Hindustan Times



Shejuti-Aloke Sen go phono-live

Banglavisation Music Club tonight



A CORRESPONDENT

Moumita Haq Shejuti will perform in phono-live music show Banglavisation Music Club, to be aired tonight at 11:25pm on Banglavisation. Singer Aloke Sen will perform along with Shejuti. The singers will present a number of raga-based Bangla songs and a few classics from the golden age.

The show, hosted by RJ Nirob, is produced by Nahid Ahmed Biplab.