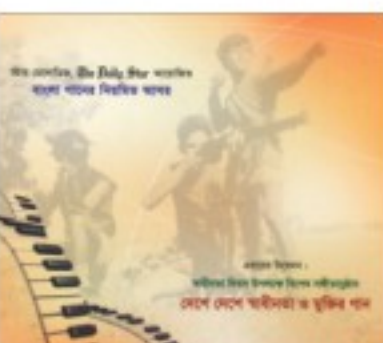


WHAT'S ON

Star Melodies Musical Soiree
 Title: Desh-e Desh-e Shadhinata O Muktir Gaan
 Organiser: The Daily Star
 Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct, The Daily Star Centre
 Date: March 24, Time: 6:30pm



Musical Workshop with Shawjeeb
 Venue: Jatra, 60, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani
 Date: March 24
 Time: 3-6pm



Solo painting exhibition
 Living in Inferno
 Artists: Krishna Chattopadhyay
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery
 Date: March 14-28



Shadhinota Concert
 Organiser: Gonojagoron Moncho
 Venue: Projonmo Chattar, Shahbagh
 Date: Mar 26
 Time: 4pm onwards



Photography Exhibition
 In the name of ...
 Organiser: AMRA
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
 Date: Mar 20-28
 Time: 3pm-8pm



Liberation War in SCULPTURE

Jagroto Chowrongi in Jaidebpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdur Razzaque is regarded as one of the greatest sculptors of our country. He was the first artist to take up sculpture in the independent country. His 'Jagroto Chowrongi' is considered one of the best sculptures in Bangladesh, considering both form and theme, by art critics. Located in Jaidebpur, and constructed in 1973, it is the first post-Liberation War sculpture in Bangladesh. It depicts a freedom fighter with a grenade in his right and a rifle in his left hand. The sculpture is an 18 feet high concrete piece on a 24 feet pedestal.

About the work, noted sculptor Syed Abdullah Khalid said, "After finishing 'Jagroto Chowrongi', Razzaque Sir was encouraged to do many sculptures in different areas of the country. His works are simultaneously of technical excellence and intellectually mature. He liked to work with figures. He has made many semi-abstract and pure abstract pieces. These vary in media, materials and size. As medium he has used cement, stone, steel, iron, bronze and wood. In metals he has used both welding technique and casting. Wood, one of his preferred mediums, was carved and shaped to give a distinct dimension by the touch of his skilled hands."

Women artists' works at Gallery 21

A CORRESPONDENT

Gallery Twenty One and Zonta Club of Greater Dhaka will hold the inaugural ceremony of a group art exhibition of Bangladeshi women artists titled JATRA, to celebrate International Women's Day on March 28 at Gallery Twenty One.

Meher Afroze Chumki, State Minister, Ministry of Women & Children Affairs, will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest. Nasreen Rab Ruba, president, Women Entrepreneurs Association of Bangladesh (WEAB) and Tasmima Hossain, acting editor, The Daily Ittefaq and editor, Anannya will be present as special guests.



Fima: Reminiscing the golden days

A CORRESPONDENT

Nuzhat Islam Fima is known to the audience as the host of the first season of hugely popular musical reality show "Close-up 1". She never intended to be a model-actress but destiny brought her into spotlight, she told The Daily Star.

Why have you been lying low in the media?

Fima: I have been a part of the media for long. But I feel that as a wife and a mother, I should spend time with my family. This is the sole reason why you don't see me in the media any more. Family comes first.

How did you join showbiz?

Fima: I never intended to be a model and an actress. My journey in the media began in 1994, as a soap model. I was only in grade 12. After that, I was out of

the country for six years, in Delhi. When I came back to Bangladesh, I was requested by Shykh Seraj to work at Channel i. From there, I started to get offers for drama and modeling.

Any memorable experiences in your career?

Fima: I have left the glamour world but I still have amazing memories and experiences that I can recall. For instance, a scene of the series "Aaguntuk" was shot in a bus. That's an experience I will never forget.

STAR MELODIES' musical programme today

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

As part of our regular musical programmes, Star Melodies is hosting a special musical evening on the occasion of Independence Day, titled "Deshe Deshe Shadhinata O Muktir Gaan" (Songs of Liberation and Freedom of different countries) today.

The programme, organised by The Daily Star in co-operation with Eastern Bank Ltd. and Simantic Creative Concern, will be held at 6:30pm at The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct at The Daily Star Centre. Noted artistes Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury Moina, Dinat Jahan Munni, Badrunnesa Dalia and Mahmudul Hasan will sing at the event, while clippings of songs of freedom and struggle will also be shown. Sadya Afreen Mallick will comper the programme.



TV WATCH

Serajul Islam Choudhury on "Raat Biratey"

A CORRESPONDENT

Eminent educationist and writer Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury will be the guest in tonight's episode of street show "Raat Biratey", to be aired on Banglavisation at 11:25pm. Chowdhury recalls time past.

The show, hosted by Poet Asad Chowdhury, has been produced by Kaonain Sourav.

Udichi to hold Satyen Sen Ganosangeet Festival

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Udichi is in top gear to hold the Satyen Sen Ganosangeet Utsab and National Ganosangeet Competition on March 27 and 28.

This year Udichi will honour a number of leading singers of Sadhin Bangla Betar Kendra also noted ganosangeet singer Shubhprasad Nandi Majumdar is coming in from India to take part in the festival.

This year's festival is themed on ganosangeet against violence. Meanwhile the Dhaka divisional level competition ended last Tuesday at the National

Music and Dance Centre auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Following the competition, eminent journalist and cultural personality Kamal Lohani handed prizes to the winners. In addition to Dhaka, the competition also took place in other divisions and districts.

All winners from district and divisional levels will participate in the national level competition on March 27.

Every year the programme is held marking the birth anniversary of Satyen Sen (1907-1981), a litterateur, journalist and socio-cultural activist, and the founder of Udichi.



NEWS bytes

Mel Brooks conferred BFI fellowship

Comedy legend Mel Brooks has said he is "deeply honoured" to receive an outstanding achievement award from the British Film Institute (BFI). The 88-year-old was awarded the BFI fellowship at a private event in London on Friday.

"When I was informed that I had been chosen, I was surprised and delighted," Brooks said. "Not many Americans have been offered this presti-



gious award... and for good reason."

The fellowship is the highest accolade the BFI can bestow.

"His brilliant wit and satire have continued to surprise and delight and, sometimes, astonish, as he delights in flouting convention, taking comedy to areas once held taboo," said Greg Dyke, BFI chair.

Mel Brooks began his career as a stand-up comic in the 1940s and went on to make his name as a writer, actor, producer and director. In 1969, he won an Oscar for writing "The Producers".

Previous recipients of the BFI fellowship include Sir Christopher Lee, Dame Judi Dench, Martin Scorsese and Orson Welles.

Source: BBC

IT'S TRUE!



American rock band Modest Mouse derived its name from a passage from the Virginia Woolf story "The Mark on the Wall", which reads, "... for those are the pleasantest thoughts, and very frequent even in the minds of modest, mouse-coloured people ...". After an eight-year hiatus following the release of "We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank", the band released "Strangers to Ourselves" a week ago, on March 17.

Katrina goes missing

One of Bollywood's top leading ladies of the time, Katrina Kaif, went off the radar yesterday, causing a storm among her millions of fans. Since the morning, neither Katrina's phone, nor her manager's, could not be reached.

The news of the diva 'gone missing' spread quickly across the country, causing concern among film lovers, and speculations ran rampant. Entertainment web site Bollywood Hungama reported she was searching locations in Maharashtra on Google maps, although it provided no conclusive evidence to her whereabouts. Sources said she saw Katrina speaking to someone from Ratnagiri (in Maharashtra), asking him about the directions to reach there.

Investigative agencies put their teams on the job, trying to track Katrina's location with the help of cell tracker and also her mobile's IMEI number. They have urged everyone to keep calm and not to spread misinformation.

Source: Bollywood Hungama

