

**WHAT'S ON**  
 26th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival  
 Organisers: BRSSS & IGCC  
 Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Public Library, Shahbagh  
 Date: May 5-9; Time: 6pm

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**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Painted Love  
 Artist: Dilruba Latif Rosy  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
 Date: May 4-12  
 Time: 3-9pm, 9am-12pm on weekends

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Title: Notation, Reconstructed  
 Artist: Kazi Ghayasuddin  
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
 Date: April 18-May 26  
 Time: 12pm-8pm

**Group Masks Exhibition**  
 Title: Mukh O Mukhosh-6  
 Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sector 4, Uttara  
 Day: May 10-20  
 Time: 11am-8pm

**AB Bank Channel i Rabindra Mela**  
 Organiser: Channel i  
 Venue: Channel i Bhaban, Tejgaon  
 Date: May 8  
 Time: 10am-2pm

**NEWS bytes**

**Courtney Love joins James Franco's 'The Long Home'**

Courtney Love has been cast in "The Long Home", the 1940s Tennessee-set drama based on William Gay's debut novel that James Franco is directing and producing. Josh Hutcherson is the pic, rejoining Franco after they also teamed for the John Steinbeck adaptation "In Dubious Battle".

"Long Home" centers on a young carpenter



(Hutcherson) forced to work for the man responsible for his father's murder years ago and who falls for Thomas Hovington's daughter, who the murderer is trying to groom as a prostitute. Love will play Pearl, Hovington's wife, who is forced to deal with the rapid changes in her life and her world at great personal sacrifice.

Source: Deadline



**Runa Khan's brush with death**

NAHIN TAHER

Popular actress Runa Khan began acting with Nagorik Natya Sampradaya and later took on roles in TV series. Recently, during the Nepal earthquake, she happened to be on a shoot on May 25, from Kathmandu to Nagarkot, in a team of seven members. Reaching there, she went to fix her make up in a cottage and her team was outside. She did not realise what had happened. All she could hear were people screaming, she told The Daily Star in an interview.

"Initially I managed to get out of the cottage. When the next tremor occurred, I was thrown off-guard and fell off the cliff. I broke my arm and ankle. Somehow my team managed to rescue me. They were unharmed because I was the only person who was inside the cottage." "Then we returned for Kathmandu in that condition. The one-hour journey took us five hours. The roads were broken, houses had collapsed; everything was torn and tattered. When we reached the capital I was immediately taken to the hospital. There was nothing left in the city. It seemed that the beautiful place had lost its life. The hospitals were flooded with doctors, nurses and people." "The city lights had gone off. Everything was closed. There were no food shops open. We were all hungry, thirsty and standing outside in the cold. We couldn't return to our hotel because it was almost destroyed. The government had

given a red alert in the city for citizens and tourists to stay out of their homes and hotels. The worst part came at nightfall; it rained incessantly and the temperature plunged. With the combination of lights out and cold, there was a fear of death. It was a sleepless night for all of us. The tremors were continuously going on. And we had nothing but to pray to the Almighty to save our life." "I don't know how I stayed out in the cold with pain in my arm and ankle. I was thankful to the Bangladesh High Commission because we could later take shelter there. We couldn't even return to our country immediately as the airport was closed." "I thought it was the end for all of us. The death toll was increasing and the tremors showed no mercy, and kept on showing their rage. The last call that I made was to my sister, (as I couldn't reach my husband), from there and told her to take care of my five year-old daughter."



On the eve before deadly Nature strikes

**Kalyan recalls the nightmare**

SHAH ALAM SHAZI

Popular small screen actor Kalyan recently returned from Nepal that was struck by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 25. He was there shooting a TV play when the quake hit the Himalayan nation, killing over 6,000 people. The artiste shared the terrifying experience of the tremor with The Daily Star.



"I along with other members of the unit had climbed a mountain for the shoot under the direction of Shahriar Nazim Joy when the powerful quake first hit the country." "At first, we could not understand what had happened but moments after the quake, I felt a tremor. Later, my co-artists had a similar experience. Afterwards, we got together and held each other tightly. At that time, some fell on the ground." "Sometime later, we felt a fresh tremor and saw the mountain shaking dangerously. We then found the quake wreaking havoc around the area. Later, in a few cars we returned to our lodge with great difficulty and saw complete destruction around us." "I remembered my parents profoundly during the situation. On the

first day of the quake, we spent the entire night in the open sky amid great anxiety and uncertainty. I tried several times to contact my family members in Dhaka but there was no connectivity. When I finally got the line, I immediately logged on to Facebook to inform everyone that we were safe." "When we finally left the country for Dhaka, we had to wait at Nepal Airport for about an hour which was very painful." "I can't forget the horrible sight of the Nepal quake. I have been to the captivating mountain country several times on shoots, but its capital now lies in ruins." "Now in Dhaka, I'm again busy shooting TV plays but the nightmare of the Nepal earthquake stays with me."



**IQBAL BAHAR CHOWDHURY'S recitation evening today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent elocutionist Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury will recite selective poems of two great bards -- Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam at Bengal Shilpalaya today at 7pm. Professor Emeritus Dr. Anisuzzaman will attend the event as chief guest.

Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury will perform Tagore poems "Nirjharer Swapnabhangho", "1400 Sal", "Pran", "Hothaat Dekha", "Tomar Sristir Path", "Sonar Tori", "Porichoy", "Proshno", "Balaka", "Oitithi" and "Prithibi". He will also recite several Tagore songs "Bhalobeshe Sakhi", "Tumi Sondhyaro Meghomala", "Krishnakoli", "Emono Din-e Taar-e Bola Jaye" and "Tobu Mon-e Rekho". "My father Mohammad Habibullah Bahar Chowdhury's grandfather Khan Bahadur Abdul Aziz was an educationist who had a close relationship with our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The poet visited his residence in Chittagong in 1926 and 1929. He also wrote several poems -- "Banglar Aziz", "Shishu Jadukor", "Batayan Pashe Gubak Torur Sari", "Sindhu" and "Bahar Nahar", named after my father and his sister Shamsunnahar Mahmud. The Rebel Poet also dedicated one of his poems, "Sindhu Hindol", to my father," said Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury.



The artiste will go down memory lane by presenting poems that Kazi Nazrul Islam wrote at their residence in Chittagong. Alongside, he will perform several other poems -- "Bidrohi", "Nari" and "Samyabadi" at the event. Bengal Foundation will produce Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury's latest recitation album "Praner Joybarta" compiling the artiste's

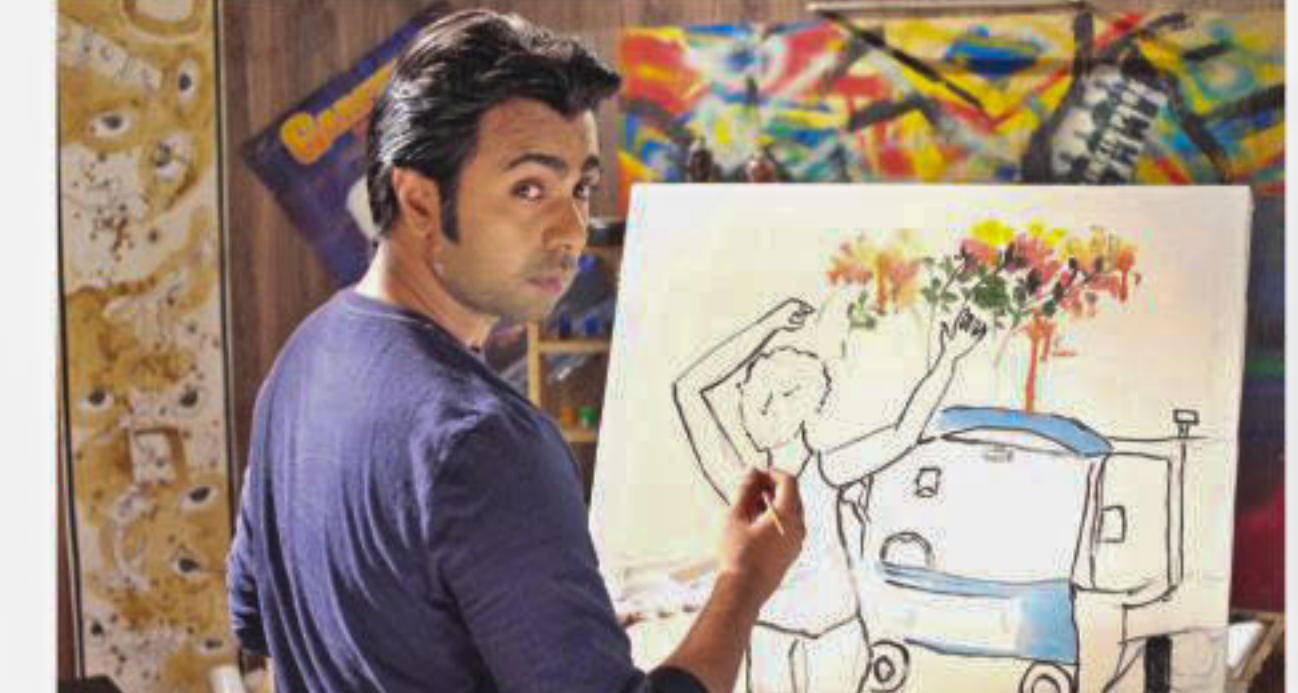
featured performances of today. A few years ago, a pair of CDs, featuring recordings of Tagore songs by Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya and Sadi Mohammad and recitation of Tagore poems by Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury were launched in Dhaka. Featuring records of Tagore songs and poems, another album "Anandalok-e" was launched from Kolkata, India. Noted Elocutionist Soumitra Chatterjee, Modhumonti Moitra and Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury recorded poems while Sree Radha Bandyopadhyay, Nasreen Shams, Smita Adhikari, Sastika Mukhopadhyay, Trishit Chowdhury, Prabuddha Raha, Shantanu Roy Chowdhury and Indranil Sen recorded songs for the album. Another audio cassette titled "Shudhu Tomar Bani", featuring records of Tagore songs and poems by four siblings -- songs by Nasreen Shams and Tazeen Chowdhury; and recitation by Selina Bahar Zaman and Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury was launched in the mid-'80s. Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury started recitation in his childhood through lending his voice to a popular radio programme "Khelaghar" in 1949. He also presented Bangla news in BTV during the mid-'60s while he has a four-decade long news presentational career in Voice of America.

**Five-day National Rabindra Sangeet Festival by BRSSS opens**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (BRSSS) in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) has arranged a five-day 26th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival to celebrate the 154th birth anniversary of Tagore at the Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh in Dhaka. The theme for this year's festival is "...Hou Mrityutoron Uttimo, Jaak, Jaak Bhengey Jaak Jaha Jirno." Poet Asad Chowdhury inaugurated the festival as chief guest on May 5. Sandeep Chakravorty, Deputy High Commissioner of Indian High Commission in Dhaka, graced the occasion as special guest. The organisers honoured seasoned Tagore singer Nasreen Shams on the inaugural day. Artists of BRSSS are celebrating Kobiguru's birth anniversary with renditions of his songs and recitations of his poems and writings everyday. Dance presentations will take place on May 8 and 9. BRSSS will celebrate the 91st birth anniversary of Tagore exponent and artiste Kalim Sharafi on the concluding day (May 9). The organisers will also honour veteran Tagore singer Kazi Shahjahan Hafiz on the day. Noted singer-composer Anup Bhattacharjee and Joyshree Kundu, Director IGCC, Dhaka will be present as special guests.

**"Lake Drive Lane" on ntv**



A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Lake Drive Lane" will on go air tonight at 8:15pm on ntv. Scripted by Mezbah Uddin Sumon and directed by Nazrul Islam Raju, the play captures the struggles of an upper class family. Shahiduzzaman Selim, Sumaiya Shimu, Apurbo, Tania, Sweetey, Syed Hasan Imam, Sabiha Zaman and others are in the cast.



Popular television actress Swagata and cinematographer Rashed Zaman were engaged on Monday evening. Family members of both Swagata and Rashed were present at the engagement ceremony.

**IT'S TRUE!**



Sunidhi Chauhan started her singing career as a child, giving her first performance at the age of four, in a local temple in Delhi. Thereafter, she began to participate in and sing for competitions and local gatherings. Later, a TV host spotted her at a show and convinced the eight-year-old to give Mumbai a chance to develop her talent. Then her family moved to Mumbai so that Sunidhi can find a better platform. She made her debut playback singing with "Ladki Diwani" in 1996 film "Shastra". Microsoft hired Sunidhi Chauhan to sing the "Windows Vista Song" titled "Wow is Now. Sunidhi has studied till 10th standard only.

**Parambrata and Bhabna shoot "Bhoyonkor Sundor"**



A CORRESPONDENT

Parambrata Chatterjee and Ashna Habib Bhabna -- two popular actors of Kolkata and Dhaka -- have paired up for Animesh Aich's latest film "Bhoyonkor Sundor". Animesh Aich, a popular film and television director, has made the screenplay of the film, based on Moti Nandi's novel "Joler Ghurni O Bokbok Shobdo". Parambrata will play Muku in the film. His Bangladeshi co-star Bhabna will be seen as Nayantara. Parambrata said, "I am working with a very good and well-equipped unit. It feels good to be here and I am so touched by the warm welcome of the people of Bangladesh." Bhabna said, "Parambrata is very helpful as a co-actor. He is so friendly that we always feel he is one of us."

Currently the film is being shot at different locations in Dhaka. Though the shoot was scheduled till this mid-May, Parambrata will leave Dhaka for three days to attend the premiere of his film "Kadombori" in Kolkata on May 8.



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**Winners of Quiz-03:**

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5. Samiul Islam, Panthapath
6. Hafsa Rashid, Rajabazar
7. Sabbir Rahman, Kalabagan
8. Sayeed Ahmed, Banani
9. Sumaiya Masood, Baridhara
10. Tabassum Binte Jamal, Mirpur 2

**Quiz No-04**

1. Avengers: Age of Ultron is the sequel of which movie?
2. Who is the producer of Avengers: Age of Ultron?