

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



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



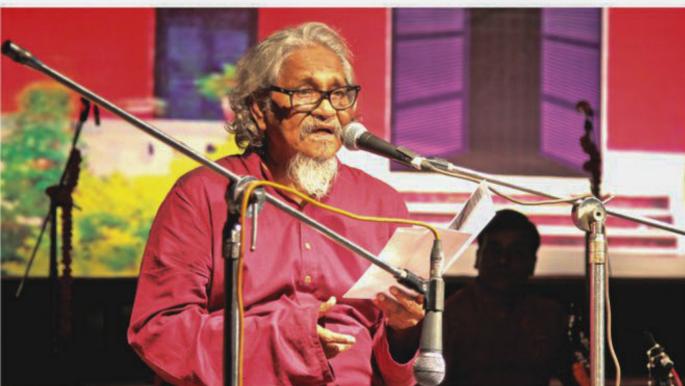
Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Notation. Reconstructed
Artist: Kazi Ghayasuddin
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: April 18-May 26
Time: 12pm-8pm



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



BRSSS celebrate TAGORE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY at public library

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Promising Tagore singers entertained music lovers on the opening day (May 5) of the five-day (May 5-9) Rabindra Sangeet festival held at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium of Central Public Library, Shahbagh in the capital. Indrani Karmakar set off the soiree with her melodious rendition of the song "Amar Ja Achhey". Mamun Zahid Khan next performed "Dibosho Rajani Ami Jeno Kar" followed by Tanjina Toma's melodic rendition of "Lukaley Bole Khujji" and Anabil Ehsan's presentation of "Labonye Purna Pran". Shemonty Monjari stood out as

a performer with a baitalik song "Ami Roop-e Tomaye". Asit Dey on esraj and Daulatur Rahman on keyboard embellished the rendition with their instrumental accompaniment. Azizur Rahman Tuhin, Aniruddha Sengupta, Kushal Roy, Prantika Sarkar, Shimu Dey, Jannatul Ferdous Urmi, Swati Sarkar and Ankhil Baidya also rendered solos at the event. Chief guest of the programme Poet Asad Chowdhury recited a Tagore poem "Ami" at the event. With the theme "...Hou Mrityutoron Uttirno, Jaak, Jaak Bhengey Jaak Jaha Jirno", Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (BRSSS) in associa-

tion with Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre has arranged the 26th National Rabindra Sangeet Festival to celebrate the 154th birth anniversary of Tagore. Deputy High Commissioner of Indian High Commission in Dhaka Sandeep Chakravorty attended the event as special guest. The organisers also honoured seasoned Tagore singer Nasreen Shams on the opening day. General secretary of BRSSS Sajed Akbar delivered the welcome address while president of the organisation Tapan Mahmud presided over the programme. The festival features renditions of Tagore songs, recitations of his poems and writings and dance performances every day.



Poet Asad Chowdhury (top) recites while Tanjina Toma sings at the event.

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Giasuddin Selim across the Table

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Artistes -- be on TV, concert stages or through their artwork -- reach out to us and become our favourite people, without any personal connection whatsoever. We know them through their work, but beyond that, they are just like us; they have their own tastes and choices, funny anecdotes and inspirational moments.



This month, Star Arts & Entertainment brings you the golden opportunity of meeting acclaimed filmmaker Giasuddin Selim -- on May 10, at The Daily Star Centre, and to ask him your questions.

Drop us an e-mail with a brief note about yourself and your mobile number at culturetds@gmail.com by 4pm, May 9, if you want to meet the filmmaker. We will choose 15 people who will get the opportunity to sit across the table with Giasuddin Selim, and engage in a lively conversation.

The transcript of the conversation will be published in The Daily Star.

Mika Singh to perform in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular Indian pop singer, composer, songwriter and performer Mika Singh will visit Dhaka for the first time and perform at the "Mika Singh Night" in the capital. M. Buying, a Bangladeshi company, is organising the concert at Naboratree Hall at Bashundhara Convention Center in the capital on May 15. Tuhin Barua, director of the company, said the programme will start at 7.30 pm and continue till 10pm. Audiences can receive all necessary information about the concert and ticket outlets on the event's Facebook page "Mika Singh Night in Dhaka". With millions of fans across the world, Mika Singh has given Punjabi music a distinct identity. His unique voice and singing style gained him critical appreciation in the last decade.



Pause for the cause of music at Jatra Biroti IN CONVERSATION WITH ANUSHEH ANADIL



ZAHANGIR ALOM

Jatra Biroti, Banani in the capital has become a regular converging point of a large multi-cultural and multi-lingual audience that comes together for freewheeling musical performances. Popular singer-activist and the owner of Jatra, Anusheh Anadil, spoke to The Daily Star about the musical rendezvous, as she shared her musical spirit, artistic vision and regular arrangements of musical performances at the venue.

In the words of Anusheh:
"The musical journey at Jatra happened spontaneously and was not pre-planned. We just opened the place for musical shows in November last year. Initially, we would arrange programmes on Fridays. Open microphone was the feature of the event. Someone would perform music, recite poems, rap, do puppet shows, magic and more. Now we are arranging programmes on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We organise Bangla songs like folk music, Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet or even original songs on Thursdays. Fridays still offer open microphone to promising artistes, bands and soloists while electro-acoustic jam



session is the featured highlight on Saturdays. The arrangement is quite interesting as many accomplished musicians of Bangladesh come here to play music. Someone with saxophone, esraj or ghatam join the jamming session. Jatra Biroti promotes a free spirit of music in the place where artistes and musicians are only too happy for the chance of a platform.

"Many foreigners join the programme. The other day, a Malaysian performed in his mother tongue. A Japanese artiste played one of his traditional folk instruments at the event. We, the Dhakaites, have nothing much to do, nowhere to hang out. We are a bit frustrated as well. What's really good is that the place has become a hub of music lovers within months. Music is a kind of relief. "Artists and musicians are somehow connected to each other. The place has so far helped create many music bands. As music lovers come here regularly, the ambience has been created automatically. It is relaxing indeed. There is a tea stall - cum - herbal restaurant upstairs. Opposite the stage there is a wooden structured meditation room. The roof of the room is made of bam-

boo. I am just happy with the place, ambience and positive energy. For me, musicians don't like formality. Quoting Tagore excerpts "...Jara Kotha Chhere Bajaye Shudhu Sur, Tader Shobar Sur-e Shobai Mele Nikot Hotey Dur..." the artiste reminded of Bhab-er Jogot (the realm of introspection) that speaks of deep melodic connection with souls. "Musicians don't see separation. You may call it unity in diversity. Jatra has an inseparable bonding with music. We arrange folk music performances every Thursday at every Jatra outlet. I personally think that a rebirth of Baul songs has occurred in our country. Many Bangladeshi artistes are performing and popularising Baul songs worldwide. A band called 'Pandora' performed the genre here. We also performed in our studio. Now we have brought music to the open air upstairs," concluded the artiste. This week, Bhabnagar Foundation will present folk music today, fusion ensemble Gaan Pagol will be the showcase tomorrow, while Saturday's electro-acoustic session will feature Turkish musician Don Donadoni and the Speakeasy project.



"Shesher Raatri" on Maasranga Television

A CORRESPONDENT

Special telefilm "Shesher Raatri" will air on Maasranga Television today at 7:50pm. Based on Rabindranath Tagore's story, Anjan Aich has adapted and directed the telefilm. The telefilm casts Sarika and Prithu in the lead roles alongside Dolly Zahur, Rezwana Lopa, Mrinal Dutta and others.



"Prem O Pinjor" on Banglavisision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Special single-episode TV play "Prem O Pinjor" marking the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore will air on Banglavisision on May 8 at 9:50pm. Written by Shubhashish Sinha and directed by Kaonain Sourav, the play is based on Tagore's "Nishkriti". Jayanto Chattopadhyay, Sajal, Aparna, Saberi Alam, Kazi Ujjal and others are in the cast.

Fahim Hossain on Tomaye Gaan Shonabo tonight



A CORRESPONDENT

Noted Tagore singer Fahim Hossain Chowdhury is the featured guest of the regular live musical programme "Tomaye Gaan Shonabo", to be aired on Maasranga Television tonight at 11pm marking 154th birth anniversary of Tagore. The artiste will perform songs of his own choice and on request in the two hour long programme hosted by Kaushik Shankar Das.



Tagore's "Shasti" on Channel i

A CORRESPONDENT

Film "Shasti" based on Rabindranath Tagore's story will go on air on Channel i today at 3:05pm. The film has been directed by noted filmmaker late Chashi Nazrul Islam while the screenplay and dialogues have been written by Momtazuddin Ahmed. "Shasti" casts Riaz, Purnima, Ilias Kanchon, Champa, Shahidul Alam Sacchu, ATM Shamsuzzaman, Ahmed Sharif and others.



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Quiz No-05

1. What is the character name played by Robert Downey Jr. in Avengers: Age of Ultron?
2. Which movie theatre brings the Avengers: Age of Ultron in Bangladesh?

Winners of Quiz-04:

1. Shama Rahman, Gulshan
2. Trisha, Mirpur
3. Abdullah Al Mamun, Indira Road
4. Madhabi Karmakar, Malibagh
5. Bijoy Lakshmi Roy, Shyamoli
6. Sadatul Haque, Paltan
7. Jobayer Husain, Arambag
8. Akibur Rahman, Dhanmondi
9. Hasin Sharmee, Jigatola
10. Faisal Kadir, Panthapath