

WHAT'S ON
Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Pleasant Journey
Artist: Professor Nasreen Begum
Venue: Gallery Chitrak
Date: May 15-29
Time: 10am-8pm



WHAT'S ON
Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Notation, Reconstructed
Artist: Kazi Ghyasuddin
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: April 18-May 26
Time: 12pm-8pm



WHAT'S ON
Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: AH Dhali Tomal
Venue: Shilpakala Gallery, Rd-13, H-7, Dhanmondi
Date: May 1-May 14
Time: 12pm-8pm



WHAT'S ON
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



WHAT'S ON
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



NEWS bytes

First edition Marquez classic recovered



Police in Colombia say they have recovered a signed first edition copy of the novel, "One Hundred Years of Solitude", by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. It was taken last weekend from a locked cabinet at the International Book Fair in the Colombian capital, Bogota. The book belongs to a collector who bought it in 2006; it was later signed by the author, who died last year. Police say it was found on a used book stall in Bogota. They suspect antique dealers were behind the robbery. The book is estimated to be worth \$60,000 but its owner says his copy is priceless. It disappeared on May 2 from a locked cabinet at the Corferias exhibition centre in Bogota where it was being exhibited as part of the book fair. Marquez, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1982, was Colombia's most famous and critically acclaimed author. Following his death in Mexico in April of last year, first editions of his novels have risen in value.



Artistes' homage to Tagore
Anniversary celebrations in the capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Tagore enthusiasts thronged several venues of the capital to celebrate the bard's 154th birth anniversary on May 8. At its main auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum (BNM) organised a programme featuring solo renditions by noted singer Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya, dance performances by Rachel Priyanka Perris and recitation of poems by the chief guest of the event Asaduzzaman Noor, Cultural Affairs Minister -- and promising elocutionist Samiul Islam Poluck. Bonnya entertained the packed audience with her repertoire of songs including "Tai Tomar Ananda" and "Labonye Purna Pran". Priyanka danced to Bonnya's three live presentations of songs. Asaduzzaman Noor recited "Sonar Tori" and "Kinu Goalar Bari" while Poluck presented "Kripaan" and a letter from Chhinnapatra. Bonnya shared some rare information and sto-



(Clockwise from top) Artistes of Chhayanaut, Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya and Sadia Islam Mou perform at the programmes.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy arranged a commemorative programme, highlighting discussion, solo and choral rendition of songs, recitations, dance performances and presentation of a dance drama "Shyama" by Nriyalok Sangskritik Kendra, where eminent dancer-actress Sadia Islam Mou performed the lead. Among others, Bulbul Islam, Sajed Akbar, Nargis Chowdhury, Aniruddha Sengupta performed solo songs while artistes of Nriytm danced to the number "Jagot Jurey Udash Sure". Syed Hasan Imam recited "Bojha Pora" at the programme. Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha organised a five-day celebration programme at Shawkat Osman Memorial auditorium of Central Public Library where a number of prominent and promising singers, dancers and elocutionists rendered songs, recited poems and danced. Noted artistes like Papia Sarwar and Amina Ahmed performed solo songs at the venue.

GÜNTER GRASS
remembered in Faridpur

REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur
Günter Grass, the renowned German novelist who passed away last month, received tributes in Faridpur at a commemorative ceremony at Teachers' Training (TT) College Campus on Friday morning. The programme was organised by a local group Humayun Kabir Smrity Puroskar Parishad with an opening session of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) Bachelor of Education (B.ed) programme.



The programme included a discussion on the vivid lifestyle of the poet, rendition of songs and exhibition of books and photographs of Grass -- a playwright, illustrator, graphic artist and sculptor. Acclaimed photo journalist Nasir Ali Mamun was the chief guest at the programme. Singer Rashid Ahmed Titu rendered songs on the occasion. A number of photographs of Grass captured by Nasir Ali Mamun were exhibited on the occasion. Nobel Laureate Grass died of a lung infection on April 13, 2015, at the age of 87.

Art exhibition draws many visitors
Galaxy of artists showcase their works



AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh
A three-day painting exhibition titled "Tagore", held at the corridor of Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy marking the 154th birth celebration of Tagore, will conclude May 10. The district administration and the Shilpakala Academy authority organised the event, the first of its kind outside Dhaka. A total of 64 paintings by eminent artistes of the country drew a large number of visitors to the venue. The artistes include Rafiqun Nabi, Qayyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Syed Jahangir, Monirul Islam, Mustafa Monwar, Alokesh Ghosh, Moniruzzaman, Boren Som and Kanak Chanpa Chakma. The paintings were the outcome of art camps organised in Shilaidah of Kushtia and Dhaka in 2011-2012, said Badal Chakraborty, fine art teacher of Mymensingh Shilpakala Academy. Marking the celebrations, the Shilpakala Academy also organised a cultural show, painting competition and a Tagore dance drama. Different cultural groups including Sandipon Sangskritik Sangstha and eminent Tagore artistes Prof. Sumita Naha performed on the occasion. The artistes of Shilpakala academy staged "Shyama", directed by Manash Talukder. Children from different educational institutions took part in the painting competition on "Tagore". A three-day handicrafts fair was also held at the academy premises. Earlier, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Abdul Ahad inaugurated the day's programme as chief guest.

SHUVO
on DS Café

DS Cafe is a great place to touch base with renowned cultural celebrities. This month, popular actor Arifin Shuvo features on the hot seat, and will respond to all your questions between 4-5pm at The Daily Star Centre on May 13. Readers, have a field day talking to Shuvo over the telephone and finding out all about him. The best question will be highlighted in the transcript. Call 01711623915 and 01711623917 to speak to Shuvo.



MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra
Amra K'jan Shilpi Goshti, one of the leading cultural organisations of Bogra, observed the 154th birth anniversary of Tagore in Bogra town on Friday evening with poetry recitation and a dance performance titled "Akash Bhora Tarar Mela". A short discussion on Tagore's glorious life, followed by a cultural programme presided over by the director of the organisation Abdus Samaad.

Tagore's birth anniversary observed in Bogra

Professor Hasina Akter, Professor Anamika, Abdul Mobin Zinnah, Advocate Anika Azam and others took part in the discussion. The programme was directed by the secretary of the organisation Abdul Mobin Jinnah.

Drama serial "Chup Kotha" on SATV

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Drama serial "Chup Kotha" goes on air on SATV every Monday and Tuesday at 8pm. Written by Matia Banu Shuku and directed by Nazrul Islam Raju, the serial is about Brishti, a young girl who goes to Cyclone Sidr affected areas to help people. In an unexpected twist, Brishti returns home with a girl child who has the power of prophecy. As the plot unfolds the audience gets to know the individual stories of each character. Azad Abul Kalam, Nisha, Swagata, Pavel, Sweety, Joyraj, Saberi Alam, Mahmud Sazzad, Kumkum Hasan and others are in the cast.



Ranbir confirms marriage plans with Katrina

After telling the media that he wants to have three kids, actor Ranbir Kapoor has reportedly confirmed that he and girlfriend Katrina Kaif are planning to tie the knot by the end of 2016. "This year, both of us are extremely busy, so there won't be any time for the marriage. We have planned to tie the knot by the end of next year. Both of us have agreed on that," Ranbir said in an interview to Ananda Bazar Patrika. The actor has been further quoted as saying, "Both of us are sure about our relationship, and if we don't open up about it now, it would be showing disrespect to the relationship. I am 33 (years old) now, and it's time I had my family. Even Katrina wants that. I have grown up in a family where films are everything. So I know the importance of gossip and my mantra is simple. When there is gossip, try not to react, and it is advisable not to think too much about yourself."

IT'S TRUE!



Actress Natalie Dormer has garnered worldwide fame for movies like "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay" and HBO TV series "Game of Thrones", and her mischievous, smirk-like smile has been matter of much discussion -- even to the point that her publicist asked her to not do it. However, Dormer has said she has an asymmetrical smile, and that she can't help it. Her sister Samantha Dormer also has the condition.

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