

WHAT'S ON
Fundraising Exhibition
 Title: Pray For Nepal
 Organiser: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts
 Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts
 Date: May 17-24
 Time: 10am-9pm



Solo Exhibition
 River Stories
 Artist: Vinita Karim
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: May 16- June 6
 Time: 12-8pm



Rabindra Nazrul Jayanti
 Organiser: Star Melodies, The Daily Star
 Venue: AS Mahmud Seminar Hall (Level 3), The Daily Star Centre
 Date: May 23
 Time: 6:30pm



Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Soft Reflections
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos
 Date: May 15- June 14
 Time: 11am-10pm

Celebrated Violence -3
 Artist: Ripon Saha
 Venue: Kala Kendra, 1/11, Iqbal road (3rd floor), Mohammadpur, Dhaka
 Date: April 30- May 23
 Time: 5 pm-9pm



NEWS bytes

Laila Sharmeen's work travels to Tokyo Art Fair

Bangladeshi artist Laila Sharmeen is all set to exhibit her works on mixed media at the first Tokyo International Art Fair, to be held at Harajuku Quest Hall on May 22 and 23, says a press release.
 Some 150 artists and distinguished galleries from different parts of the world including UK, Scandinavia, Netherlands, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, China, India,



Russia, Africa, the USA and Australia will be out in force at the art extravaganza.

Laila's works are a mixture of political commentary, social engagement and contemporary aesthetics. She is keenly conscious of the unusual social changes of modern times. She strives to capture the holowness of modern civilization, the clash of civilisation, apartheid, religious bigotry materialisation and alienation of modern man.
 She has 11 solos and over 60 international shows to her credit. She has showcased her works in many international art events including Oxford International Art Fair, Barcelona Art Fair, Art Shopping, Art Expo New York, Izmir Biennale, and Effetto Biennale.

IT'S TRUE!



Casual Marvel fans who have only watched "The Avengers" and related movies could assume that it takes only Chris Hemsworth's arms to lift the mighty hammer Mjolnir. However, picking up the hammer does not require physical strength. The not-so-fine print of the hammer reads "Whoever holds this hammer, if he be worthy, shall possess the power of Thor." Hence, a number of Marvel characters including Captain America have held the hammer.



FEROZA BEGUM posthumously nominated for Banga Bibhushan

A CORRESPONDENT

Legendary singer Feroza Begum, who passed away on September 9, 2014, has been posthumously nominated for Banga Bibhushan Award, conferred by West Bengal State Government of India.

The award, that felicitates lumi-

aries with a Bengali connect from various fields, recognises the outstanding contribution of Feroza Begum to the enrichment of Hindustani classical music.

Feroza Begum, considered one of the finest Nazrul Sangeet artistes and an accomplished classical singer, has enriched Nazrul Sangeet

and Indian classical music throughout her lifetime.

Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, will confer the award today at 4pm at the Nazrul Mancha in Kolkata. Sushmita Anis, her niece will receive the award for the late Feroza Begum.



Nasreen Begum's "Pleasant Journey" at Gallery Chitrak

ZAHANGIR ALOM

The inaugural ceremony of "Pleasant Journey", a solo painting exhibition by noted artist Professor Nasreen Begum, was held at Gallery Chitrak, Dhanmondi, Dhaka on May 15.

Lee Yun-Young, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Bangladesh, inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Eminent educationist and art writer Professor Nazrul Islam spoke on the artist's creations.

Nasreen Begum visited Korea last year in March to attend the Korea-Bangladesh Exchange Exhibition. During her visit, she explored various

sites with distinctive ambiances. The artworks displayed at the exhibition have connotations of her experience, emotions, feelings and discovery of Korea. The deep layers and tonal gradation of vibrant colours she used for the paintings, delicately describe the very details of Korean culture and nature.

Nasreen Begum's canvases reveal diverse subjects and elements of art. She depicts beautifully everything from tiny grass to the vast universe. The artist's recent 61 paintings include her popular series works -- fallen leaves, petals, sea shells and more. A mother with her child is a unique work. The blackened scribbles and

lines on the vermilion delineate an exquisite oriental appeal on the work "Maa". "Connection" is the title of another work by the artist. A spiritual quest is evident in the artwork where she has predominantly used blue and burnt sienna. The masterpiece evokes the artist's memory of Seoul, Korea. Floral rhythms, feminine grace, pristine landscape, autumnal beauty, nature and its minute elements are other aspects of the exhibition.

Nasreen Begum took part in a number of group and solo exhibitions held both at home and abroad. The exhibition will remain open from 10am to 8 pm till May 29.



A memorial programme for the recently deceased eminent sculptor Novera Ahmed was held at the Lecture Theatre of Faculty of Fine Art (FFA) of University of Dhaka on May 18. The event, organised by the Department of Sculpture, was attended by FFA teachers and students, noted artists and art critics including Syed Jahangir, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Shishir Bhattacharya, Lalarukh Selim, Moinuddin Khaled and Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean of FFA.

Nagarik Natyangan's theatre fest opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In celebration of its 20 years of journey in the country's theatre arena, Nagarik Natyangan is hosting an eight-day theatre festival at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA).

The festival, running from May 20-28, will open today afternoon at the National Theatre Hall. It features five productions by five local troupes and three plays by two Indian troupes along with a seminar on theatre and its presentation in print and electronic media.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu will inaugurate the festival as chief guest in presence of special guests including theatre and cultural personalities Ataur Rahman, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Golam Kuddus, Liaquat Ali Lucky, Jhuna Chowdhury, Akhtaruzzaman and Mannan Hira.

The festival -- themed on Chitto Amar Bhoysunno, Ucho Amar Sheer -- has been dedicated to English playwright William Shakespeare and Indian actor-director Shambhu Mitra.

Dhaka Theatre, Loko Natyadal (Siddheswary), Padatik Natya Sangsad TSC, Somoy Natyadal and the host Nagarik Natyangan are the participat-



Ferdousi Majumdar to be honoured with lifetime achievement.

ing local troupes. Also, Indian troupe Abhash will stage two of its plays and Noye Natua will stage one play at the fest.

In addition, Nagarik's own production "Pragoitihashik" will see its 100th staging on May 23.

Veteran thespian Ferdousi Majumdar will be conferred with a lifetime honour on the opening day.

Following the opening ceremony, Dhaka Theatre will stage its productions "Eti Potromita" and "Golpo Niye Golpo".



A scene from Eti Potromita.

Mou and Sajal in "Shironame Tumi"

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular model-actress Sadia Islam Mou and Sajal have paired up for a special television play "Shironame Tumi" ahead of Eid. Written and directed by Faysal Khan Ripon, the play has been shot in different locations in the capital.

The play explores the romance of Supti and Arnob -- played by Mou and Sajal.

"I hope the audience will like the onscreen portrayal of the relationship

between Supti and Arnob. Sajal is a pleasant co-actor and I always like to work with him," said Mou.

Sajal said, "To play the role of Arnob was a challenge. And I am fortunate that I found a co-actress like Mou apu. I would like the audience to watch the play."

Sajal and Mou first appeared onscreen seven years ago in a play directed by late actor Humayun Faridee. From then on, the duo has presented many popular plays and telefilms.



ATN Bangla to air MAD

A CORRESPONDENT

ATN Bangla has brought Indian television channel Pogo's popular children's show "MAD" to Bangladesh.

"MAD" will be aired on ATN Bangla every Wednesday at 6:15pm. The show has been dubbed in Bangla for Bangladesh. "MAD" is hosted by Rob, a tremendously popular name among children. In the show, Rob demonstrates to children how to make use of ordinary things to create pieces of art or toys. The show will aim at unleashing the creative imaginations of children.

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