

Fundraising Exhibition
Title: Pray for Nepal
Organiser: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts
Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: May 17-24
Time: 10am-8pm



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



Group Art Exhibition
Jago Nari Jago Bohnishikha
Organiser: Studio 48
Venue: Eric's Bistro, Dhanmondi-5
Date: May 23-24; Time: 10am-9pm



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



Photography Exhibition
Temple of the Mind
Organiser: 7pix
Venue: Drifk Gallery
Date: May 22-24; Time: 2-8pm



NEWS bytes

Kona coming with 'U-Turn'

Singer Kona will be seen for the first time performing a song titled "Hawatey Hawatey Urchey Ghuri" in upcoming film "U-Turn". Director Alvi Ahmed decided to treat his viewers with Kona's cameo appearance in his debut film, says a press release.

Regarding Kona's performance, Alvi shared "In terms of script and story, Kona's performance was vital, and she has done a



great job." Meanwhile, Kona stated, "For the first time, I worked in a film and enjoyed it a lot. I hope viewers will appreciate it."

The film, starring Shipon, Arshad Adnan, Sonia Hossain, Irin, Shahiduzzaman Selim and Moutushi Biswas in the leads, will release on May 29.

IT'S TRUE!
While making "Titanic", the studio wanted Tom Cruise to play the role of Jack Dawson. After writing the character, James Cameron learned that there was a real J.

Dawson who died on the Titanic. It was the 10th film that James Cameron directed, but it is only the first that didn't include the use or mention of nuclear weapons. Gloria Stuart was the only person who worked on the production of the film who was actually alive during the Titanic's maiden voyage in 1912.



"Poron Kotha" on Maasranga

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Poron Kotha" goes on air on Maasranga Television every Sunday and Monday at 8pm. Directed by Amirul Islam Arun, the drama is about a village, its humble residents and the cunning chairman who exploits the villagers. Nadia, Maznun Mizan, Ohona, AKM Hasan, Joyraj, Bonna Mirza, Lutfar Rahman George, Naznin Hasan Chumki and others are in the cast.



PHOTO: RIDWAN ABDI RUPON

A MUSICAL TREAT FOR TAGORE AFICIONADOS

Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan concludes today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan concludes today (May 24) at the main auditorium of Chhayanaut in the capital. The 34th annual conference, organised by Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad, was inaugurated by Dr. Anupam Sen on the morning of May 22. The programme set off with the rendition of Bodhon Sangeet "Ekhone Ghor Bhangne Na Tor".

General Secretary and president of the organisation -- Laisa Ahmed Lisa and Dr. Sanjida Khatun, spoke while artistes performed solo and choral songs and dances. Artistes of Nrityanandan presented a group dance set on a medley of songs -- "Anandadhwani Jagao Jagao", "Amar Mukti Aloye Aloye" and "Joy Toto Bichitra Ananda" in the session.

In the evening session of the opening day,

a number of artistes from across the country rendered solo and choral songs, performed solo dances and presented recitations. The singers started out the session with the choral rendition of "Ananda Lok-e Mongolalok-e" followed by a number of solos. While several district-level artistes initially failed to entertain the audience, Abdul Wadud, Bulbul Islam, Fahmida Khatun, Shama Rahman and Shreyashi Roy and others later steered the musical flight adeptly.

Gaudiya dancer Rachel Priyanka Perris gracefully danced to Tagore song "Nritiye Taal-e Taal-e". Noted dancer Sharmila Banerjee performed a solo piece set on the song "Eto Alo Bishwo Majhe". Dalia Ahmed and Jayanta Roy recited Tagore poems at the event.

The session also featured rendition of solos composed by three poets -- DL Roy, Atul Prasad and Rajanikanta Sen. Singers Luva Nahid Chowdhury, Neelotpaul Sadhya,

Jhuma Khandakar, Debolina Sur and others performed in the segment.

Cultural affairs secretary Dr. Ranjit Kumar Biswas spoke in the Rabirashmi section elaborating on Tagore's literary and musical creations, the bard's universal message of humanity and his eternal relevance to the lives of Bangalees.

Apart from competition and performance of songs, dance and recitation, a seminar titled "Rashtro O Dhormo: Rabindra Bhabna O Bortoman Bastobota" was held yesterday (May 23) at the venue where Abul Momen presented the keynote paper. Organisers will honour Sangeetguru Sudhin Das and naturalist Dwijen Sharma today (May 24) with Rabindrapadak. Ambidextrous litterateur Syed Shamsul Haq will speak as chief guest at today's event. Performance of songs, dance and recitation along with distribution of certificates among the winners will follow.

21st National Art Exhibition begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 21st edition of National Art Exhibition begins today at the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA).

Organised by BSA, this year's exhibition features 273 artworks by 261 artists. At the 20 day exhibition, 158 paintings, 32 prints, 49 sculptures, three performance arts and 31 installations and video installations will be on display.

A press conference was held in this regard at National Art Gallery auditorium on May 21. BSA Director General Liaquat Ali Lucky, Secretary Jahangir Hossain Chowdhury and Anwar Hossain, director of Fine Arts Department of BSA spoke at the press conference.

Initially, 699 artists submitted a total of 1660 artworks, out of which 273 were selected by a five-member jury committee comprising artist Rafiqun Nabi, Professor



Speakers at the press conference.

Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Dr. Farida Zaman, Professor Nisar Hossain and artist Md. Eunus for exhibition.

Chief guest Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith will inaugurate the exhibition at 5pm today. Cultural affairs minister Asaduzzaman Noor and acting secretary to the same ministry Aktari Mamta will be present as special guests. Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general of BSA, will preside over the programme. Anwar Hossain, director of Fine Arts Department, BSA will deliver the welcome address at the programme.

A total of 10 awards including "Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award" (one best award), "Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Honourable Mention Awards" (three awards); "Bengal Foundation Award", "Society for Promotion of Bangladesh Art Award", "AB Bank Award", "Bhasha Sainik Gaziul Haque Award", "Dipa Hoq Award" and "Begum Azizunnesa Award" will be conferred on deserving artists.

The objective of this exhibition is to bring together artists belonging to different age groups, working in different mediums and techniques. The event has also become a platform, encouraging exchange of ideas between artists, critics and art enthusiasts. The exhibition, opening from 11am to 8pm except Fridays (3pm to 8pm) will continue till June 13.

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Elita's
first solo
album
releases
today



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Elita Karim has been under the spotlight of the country's music scene for many years, but until now, she did not have a solo album to her credit. Elita's first self-titled solo album will release today from Girona Bangladesh and Multi Sources Limited.

The album features eight tracks, of Elita's usual singing style. Melody and acoustic arrangements were prioritised while arranging music for the album.

About the album, Elita said "Finally

my first solo album is releasing and I am excited. Though I started working on the album back in 2009, I couldn't complete it since I was busy with other projects. I didn't have energy to bring out a solo album but now time has come to bring it out so that I can start working on something new."

The songs have been penned by Sandhi, Fuad, Anik Khan, Rabib Islam Jibon and Abdar Rehman, while the music arrangement has been done by Adit, Palash, Sandhi, Shaker and Fuad.



Farzina braves a bandaged hand to cook on.

OSAMA RAHMAN

This week's episode of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2015 is yet another "jadoor baksho" challenge. However, after tensions reached its peak in the last episode, this week every participant knows that they have something to prove. Furthermore, with only two safe zone spots up for grabs, at such a crucial juncture, everyone will be keen to avoid the "tike-thakar-lorai". This week's battle for survival will be much harder than any previous round. But we will get into that in a bit. First, let's talk about what happened last week.

During the team challenge last week, all were quick to mention that Farzina, who had won her last team the challenge based on her expertise in Italian cuisine, was overlooked by the very same team members who she helped, all because she had cut her hand. Her wounds were quite deep and thus perhaps her former teammates were not sure whether she was up for the challenge. While a logical conclusion to be reached, it became a matter of loyalty. However, despite the wound,

SUPER CHEF QUIZ

Q. What happens if pasta is cooked for longer time in the wok?

a) It gets fried

b) it's perfectly cooked

Send your answers along with your name, address and contact number to

superchef2015quiz@gmail.com

or sms the correct answer to 6969.

Simply write SC (Space) Answer

(A/B/C/D). Send in your answers

for Friday's questions too if you

haven't already!

and perhaps that may be the best explanation for what happened.

With Farzina and Marufa gone, all the participants know that they now have to compete sans two of the biggest challengers. But that does not mean that elimination is out of the question. This week's mystery box will have two prawns as the main ingredient. Sakib, the maverick participant, is determined to reach the safe zone but it is not going to be easy. Nadim and Umme Kulsum too will be vying for a spot on the safe zone while many believe that Jebunessa will make the cut as she has made a habit of doing. Those that fail to reach the safe zone will then have to pass the challenge which will be set by none other than the no-holds-barred executive chef of Watercress, Chef Tazammul Tarek. The man that never smiles will prepare pasta using dried fish, something perhaps none of the participants have done before. Who will stand remain and who will not? Tune into ntv tonight at 9pm to find out. You will get all information at www.thedhakafoodies.com, in the coming weeks.

TV WATCH

DOLCHHUT PROJAPOTI on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Dolchhut Projapoti" goes on air on ntv every Saturday and Sunday at 8:20pm. Written by Faria Hossain and directed by Arif Khan, the serial encircles the everyday lives, struggles and dreams



of a middle class family living in the capital.

Tauquir Ahmed, Rownak Hasan, Kalyan, Bonnya Mirza, Mousumi Nag, Nowshin, Raisul Islam Asad, Diti, Dolly Zahur, Laila Hasan, Chitralekha Guha and others are in the cast.