

WHAT'S ON
Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Wings of Imagination
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
 Date: 5-15 June
 Time: Monday-Thursday 3-9pm
 Friday and Saturday 9-12am and 5-8pm

Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Remixing Illusion
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2
 Date: June 1-15
 Time: 11am-7pm

Group Art Exhibition
 Jago Nari Jago Bonhishikha
 Organiser: Studio 48
 Venue: Eric's Bristro, Dhanmondi-5
 Date: May 23-June 23
 Time: 10am-9pm

Art Exhibition
 Celebrated Violence-4: Fuzzy Fear
 Venue: Kala Kendra, Mohammadpur, Dhaka
 Date: May 28-June 20
 Time: 5-9 pm

Musical Soiree
 Title: Praner Khela
 Artists: Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury & Shama Rahman
 Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, H-42, Rd-27, Dhanmondi
 Date: June 9; Time: 7pm



TV WATCH

DOLL'S HOUSE 2 to air 100th episode

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Daily soap "Doll's House 2: Saat-ti Tara'r Timir" will air its landmark 100th episode today. The Afsana Mimi-directed serial airs Saturday through Tuesday on ATN Bangla at 10:55pm, and revolves around a group of girls who share a flat, and their intertwined lives. The serial boasts a strong women-centric cast, including Moutushi Biswas, Sanjida Preeti, Shormimala, Joyeeta Moholanobish, Moushumi Hamid, Mumtaheena Toya, Sadika Swarna, Suborna Mustafa, Khairul Alam Sabuj, Dilara Zaman, Intekhab Dinar, Wahida Mollik Jolly and Monir Khan Shimul, among others.
 Afsana Mimi thanked the entire cast and crew, sponsors, ATN Bangla and the TV audience for being a part of the serial's success.
 The serial is being made by production house Greenscreen, and is powered by Ifad.

SAURAV DEY

Shreya Ghoshal received the warmest of welcomes from her Bangladeshi fans, as she performed live in Dhaka after five long years on Friday. Bay Entertainment arranged the concert, Shreya Ghoshal Live in Dhaka, at Naboratri Hall of Bashundhara International Convention City.

Expectations were high, much like the prices of tickets. And when Shreya came on the stage -- welcoming the audience with an enthusiastic "Kemon Acho Dhaka?", cheers burst out from all corners of the audience.

Setting off her performance with "Sun Zara Tu", Shreya kept on singing her Bollywood hits "Jaadu Hain Nasha Hain", "Bahara", "Tu Hi Toh Meri Dost Hai", "Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye" and "Manwa Lage", before leaving the stage for another singer Rikesh -- who proved to be quite a disappointment.

Shreya returned with "O Akash, O Polash Rashi Rashi" from "Piku". Then she performed a few more tracks including "Nagada Sang Dhol Baje", "Chikni Chameli", "Tere Liye", "Yeh Ishq Haye" and "Teri Meri" followed by a

Bangla song from the film "Autograph".

Shreya was interacting with the audience in mostly Bangla and sometimes in Hindi and English. Mentioning that Bangladesh is the place that gave birth to many acclaimed musicians and different forms of music, Shreya presented two Bangla folk songs -- "Sagor Kuler Naiya" and "Sadher Lau".

The most striking feature of Shreya's performance is the precision in her presentation. Hitting all the right notes every time she puts the microphone to her mouth, it's no surprise that the 32-year-old Bollywood singer wins the heart of audiences wherever she goes.

Her melodious voice and spontaneity spellbound everyone watching the show. Credit also goes to stage and sound crews for the brilliant sound and a very good stage design.

Those who were at Shreya's performance will remember it for a while. The Bangladeshi crowd itself added to the fervor of the evening, with unending rounds of applause, madness, and singing along with the singer: it's what makes listening to music live so special, and it was an evening well spent for all of us, soaked in Shreya's heartfelt melodies.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

NEWS bytes

STEVE MARTIN receives AFI tribute

A host of stars paid tribute to Steve Martin as he received the American Film Institute's life achievement award, its highest honour, on Thursday.
 Steve Carell, Diane Keaton, Queen Latifah, Tina Fey, Jack Black and Martin Short were among those who joined Martin at the Los Angeles ceremony.
 "Tonight is especially meaningful to me," Martin said, "because when I was a



kid, I used to get all dressed up and play AFI Lifetime Achievement Award." Martin, who turns 70 this year, is best known for films including "Parenthood", "The Man With Two Brains", "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" and "Roxanne". He has won an Emmy, four Grammys, a Kennedy Center Honour and an Honorary Oscar. He is an author and also a prolific banjo player.
 He was presented with the award by Mel Brooks, who received the same honour in 2013.

Source: BBC



TRAGEDY POLASHBARI traveling to Kolkata

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Theatre troupe Prachyanat's latest production, "Tragedy Polashbari", is set to close the Bratojoo International Theatre Festival in Kolkata. The troupe is taking the play on its maiden foreign trip to the neighboring country tomorrow, where it will be staged on June 10.

The 30th production of the reputed

group was premiered on December 30, last year. Written and directed by Azad Abul Kalam, it is based on the true events of the Polashbari tragedy of 2005, when the Spectrum Garments factory collapsed, killing 64 people.

Parvin Sultana Koli, Parvin Paru, Rifat Ahmed Nobel, Md. Rafiq, Pradyut Kumar Ghosh, Shahriar Rana and others are in the cast.



Chhayana and Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad jointly organised a memorial programme on Maleka Azim at Ramesh Chandra Datta Smriti Milon Kendra of Chhayana on June 5. The event featured solo and choral rendition of songs, recitations and deliverance of speeches.



"Gangaajal 2 is a special film" ... Priyanka Chopra

Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra said that her upcoming police drama is an important film as it highlights problems currently plaguing the country, including corruption, land mafia and farmer suicide.

The 32-year-old will don the role of a police officer in the Prakash Jha-directorial, which is a sequel to the 2003 film "Gangaajal" that starred Ajay Devgn.

"I am playing a cop. It is a very special film, not because of the role. I am playing what Ajay Devgn played in the first part. It is just that the issue has changed. We are highlighting corruption, land mafia, farmer suicides and how people are forced to kill themselves. It is a great story," said Priyanka.

"Prakash Jha is the best person to tell this phenomenal story. And since women cops are not taken seriously, it is a relevant film," Priyanka added.

Source: Hindustan Times

First cycle of Bengal Cinematheque concludes today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bengal Cinematheque, a quarterly series of private film screenings, presented by Bengal Foundation, began its first quarterly cycle of films in April -- through displaying films of Terrence Malick (USA) and Michelangelo Antonioni (Italy). On the first Saturday and Sunday of every month, a film from each filmmaker was shown at the Daily Star-Bengal Arts precinct. The first cycle of the Bengal Cinematheque project closes today with the screening of "Days of Heaven"

(1978) by Malick. Antonioni's "La Notte" was screened yesterday at the same venue.

Entry is free, but seating is limited for the screenings.

The second cycle of films, set to begin soon, will feature films from two remarkable Asian directors: Apichatpong Weerasethakul (Thailand) and Yasujiro Ozu (Japan).



SUPER CHEF EPISODE 14 EMMA DEAN BRINGS THE KITCHEN TO LIFE

OSAMA RAHMAN

Today, dreams will be broken. A tense environment will prevail throughout the competition. After last week's elimination, only four participants remain and at the end there will be only three left. Whoever goes home now, knows that he missed the Top 3 spot, and an automatic 2 lakh BDT by just a single round. Of course, the heartbreak will not be easy to handle and words of consolation will not be of much help. But that is the nature of this competition; only the best will remain.

Tonight, Emma Dean, winner of season 5 of MasterChef Australia and one of the most popular faces of all the winners of the show, will finally take over the kitchen. Emma Dean already had a look at all the challengers and what to expect from them in the last episode. There, she learned more about the participants, gave them some suggestions and discussed a few aspects of cooking with them. Today, she will present a dish of her own which the participants will have to recreate.

Like Gerard Wallace before her, Emma Dean will first prepare the dish in front of the participants, so

they can understand the overall process. Then, the participants will ask all their questions and finally go about to recreate the dish. The best dish will stay while the dish that is below par will result in elimination.

Emma Dean will be preparing Cold Smoked King Fish Canape.

SUPER CHEF QUIZ

Why does Sakib always wash his vegetables with salt and vinegar?

- a) To get rid of chemicals
- b) to make the vegetables look glossy

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).

However, the process will not be easy. Emma will be using wood shavings and tea from Sylhet to smoke the fish. How the fish is skinned and deboned will also have to be done skilfully as a poor job will result in a poor final dish.

Umme Kulsum, Jebunessa, Nadim and Sakib will all have to be on their

best. So far, Umme Kulsum has proven herself to be a quick learner. It is expected that she may not face much difficulty in this round. The same can be said of Nadim Sarker, who too picks up new culinary techniques with ease. Jebunessa, on the other hand, has not excelled in international cuisine; however she is a natural chef who goes by taste and innovation. Sakib may be the odd one out but he too has pulled across from his sleeves when the occasion required. This round may be no different. Thus, right now, the participants seem to be almost evenly matched and determining a winner seems more difficult than one would imagine.

The two most necessary things to win this round have to be the ability to remain calm, adapt to circumstances and maintain perfect timing. The participants will be tasked with preparing mayonnaise from scratch and they will also have to prepare pastry puffs. The dish will require pure concentration. Emma Dean has set up quite a tricky slope for the participants to negotiate. The question is which of them will be up for the task and which of them will go home.



Contestants get a hands-on lesson from the Australian MasterChef.