

WHAT'S ON
Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Proshanta Karmakar Buddha
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New) Dhanmondi
Date: August 7-18
Time: 12-8pm



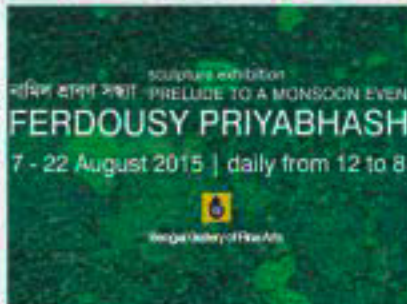
Group Art Exhibition
Collagraph
Venue: Kala Kendra, Iqbal Road
Date: July 31-Aug 22
Time: 4pm-9:30pm



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Solo Sculpture Exhibition
Prelude to a Monsoon Evening
Artist: Ferdousy Priyabhshini
Venue: Bengal Gallery
Date: August 7-22
Time: 12-8pm



An evening of Lalon Geeti
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: August 12
Time: 4pm



NEWS bytes

Cumberbatch asks fans not to film Hamlet

Actor Benedict Cumberbatch has pleaded with fans outside the Barbican theatre in London not to film his stage performance of Shakespeare's "Hamlet".

In a video shot outside the stage door, the "Sherlock" star told a crowd of supporters about "cameras and red lights" he spotted in the audience.



"It may not be any of you here but it's blindingly obvious," he continued, adding it was "mortifying".

The actor is starring in a 12-week run of the play.

Although on-the-day tickets have been made available, the 100,000 advance tickets were snapped up in minutes when they were released in August last year. Some tickets are currently being offered for up to £650 on secondary-ticketing sites.

In the video clip, which was shot post-performance, Cumberbatch said: "I can't give you what I want to give you, which is a live performance that you'll remember, hopefully, in your minds and brains whether it's good, bad or indifferent, rather than on your phones."

He added, "There's nothing that's less enjoyable or supportive as an actor on stage experiencing that."

Source: BBC



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bohemian and mystic, SM Sultan's works delve deep into rural life -- especially peasants, fishermen, day labourers and their simple lives. His paintings visually narrate stories of rural households, where men and women are seen immersed in chores and farmers toiling in the fields. His figures are muscular and powerful, denoting a sense of prosperity -- a vision the artist had for rural Bengal. Sultan drew male figures influenced by the European Renaissance tradition, while his women -- buxom and curvaceous -- belong to the old Indian tradition. Tiny huts and villages are also seen in the paintings.

SM Sultan was born in 1923 in Masimdia, Narail district. After merely five years of

schooling in Victoria Collegiate School in Narail, he joined his father to work as a mason. At one stage, he joined the Calcutta Art School but left the institute without completing his degree.

August 10 marked the 90th birth anniversary of SM Sultan.

About him, artist Samarjit Roy Chowdhury said, "Sultan was not only a globally renowned artist but also a philanthropist. When I was enrolled at Dhaka Art College (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka) in 1955, the college was in Segun Bagicha and Sultan lived in a tiny room behind the college. He frequently visited the institute. He always had a flute with him."

Artist Syed Abdullah Khalid said, "On a first impression of Sultan's paintings, one

Sultan The master painter

gets the impression of strength and vigour. His canvas is huge and denotes the harmony, simplicity and integrity of villagers. He was a good-natured secular person. He had the rare ability to quickly become the centre of attention at any social and cultural gathering."

Mohammad Eunos, Professor of Graphic Design Department, Faculty of Fine Arts, said, "A bachelor and spiritualist, Sultan stayed in a bucolic environment at Narail. He lived with an adopted family and pets. He liked the company of children which encouraged him to do several projects for children. He later built a mini-zoo at his home."

Sultan received the Ekushey Padak, Swadhinata Padak, Bangladesh Charu Shilpi Sangsad Padak and other prestigious awards. The master painter died in 1994.

Chandni: In uncharted Japan for a performance

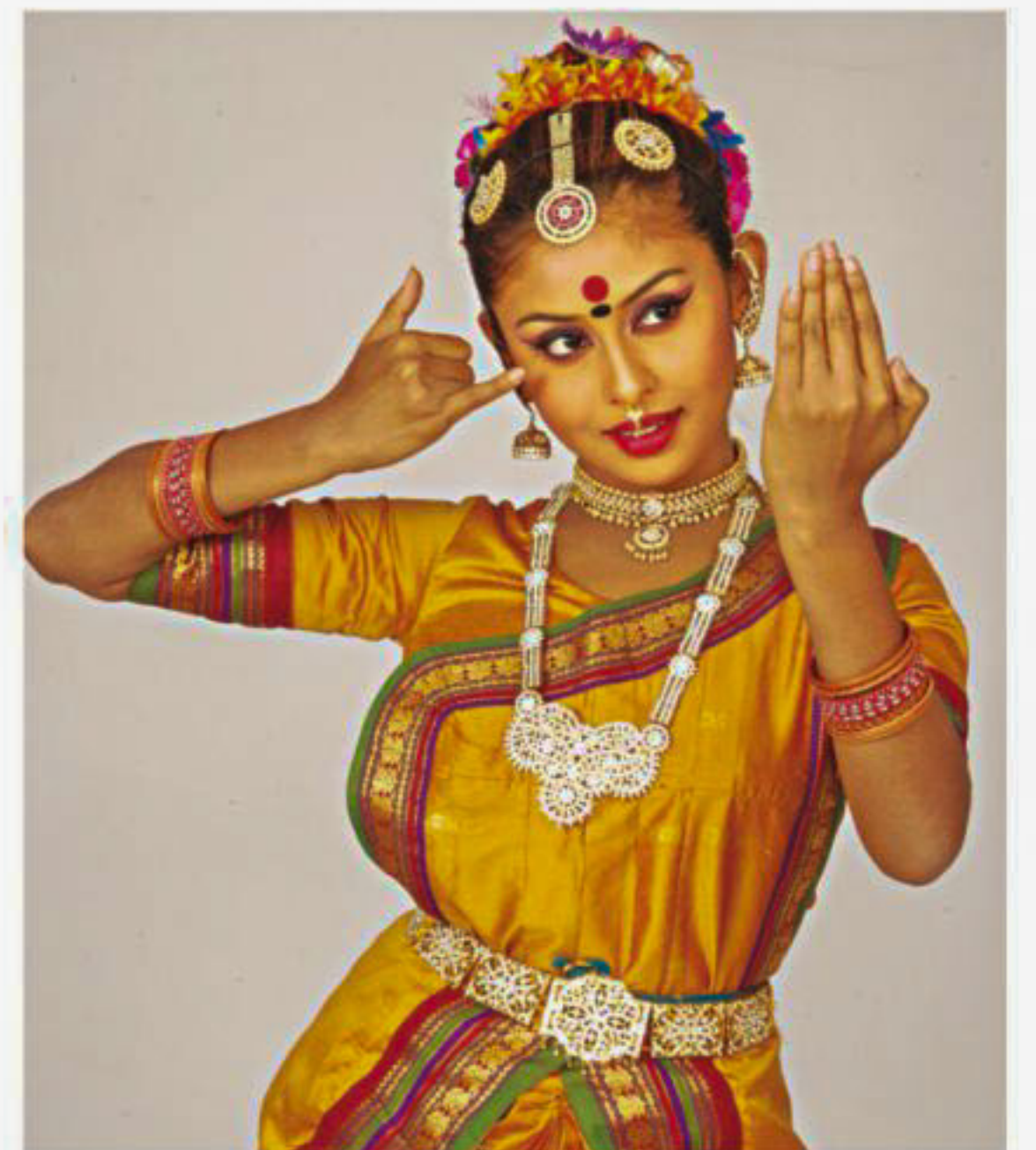
SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Chandni continues to wow audiences with her powerful acting. But there's another facet to the National Film Award winning actress: she's a talented dancer too. This morning she winged her way to Japan for a performance at a three-day dance festival. Just before her departure, the perky celeb talked to The Daily Star about her assignments and a range of other subjects:

What's the latest on the career front?

Chandni: I'm busy with rehearsals ahead of the dance festival in Japan. A 15-member troupe from our country will perform at the festival in Japan.

Where will you perform in Japan?



Chandni: Awaduri Festival will be held in Japan's Waseca. For three days, we will stay there and I will perform a folk dance. Besides, we will join a road show. The country's NKH Television will beam a live telecast of the show.

How do you view your participation at such a grand festival?

Chandni: As a dance artiste it is a great achievement for me and my country. Many performers from different countries will perform at the festival, aside from some 20,000 Japanese dancers.

What else keeps you busy these days?

Chandni: TV plays. I play a negative role in daily soap "Dhaka Housewife" that is aired on Masranga Television. My other drama serial "Dag" is being telecast on ATN Bangla.

Which song of Bappa Majumder is your most favourite?

Chandni: It's "Kokhono Ichhey Hoy", a Bangla adaptation of Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven". It's a beautiful romantic ballad.

Who are your other favourite Bangladeshi singers?

Chandni: Artho Barua and Habib Wahid.

Are you happy with your persona as an actress?

Chandni: An artiste can never be satisfied. I just want to play roles that are still uncharted territory.



Artistes perform a chorus at Chhayanaut.

PHOTO: STAR

Recalling Tagore through melodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking the 74th death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, different cultural organisations arranged musical programmes to pay tribute to the bard.

Chhayanaut observed the day through a musical evening at its auditorium in the evening of August 7. The programme began with a choral rendition of "Tomarei Koriachi Jiboner Dhrubotara" by the artistes of Chhayanaut. Then Laisa Ahmed Lisa sang "Oshru Bhora Bedona Dike Dike", followed by Sushanto Roy's "Abar Jodi Iccha Koro".

Then Chhayanaut artistes including Oishee Rubaina,

Mostafizur Rahman, Partho Protim Roy, Shemonti Monjori, Sudip Sarker, Bikrom Das, Iffat Ara Dewan rendered a number of solos. The programme also included a recitation by Jayanto Chattopadhyay.

Meanwhile, Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha paid musical tribute to Tagore through a two-day programme at the Shawkat Osaman Auditorium of Central Public Library on August 6-7. The event included choral and solo renditions of Tagore songs a brief discussion by the members of the organisation.

Artistes including Aniruddha Sengupta, Khandaker Khairuzzaman Kaiyum, Satya Chakraborty, Himadri Shekhor, Tapan Sarker and Abdul Wadud performed at the event. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy also

arranged a programme at the Music and Dance Centre Auditorium. The programme included discussion, recitation, music and dance.

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogura

The death anniversary of the unparalleled bard of the sub-continent Tagore was observed in Bogura by different cultural organisations. Amra K'jan Shilpi Goshthi arranged a dance programme "Kalo Horin Chokh" based on Tagore's "Krishna Koli". Shahitto Jiggasha Bogura and Bogura Shahitto Ashor also observed the death anniversary with the recitation from the bard's poems and a discussion on his poetic career and life.

KANGANA declines Best Actress award at Melbourne Festival

Kangana Ranaut, who got endless appreciation for her double whammy role in "Tanu Weds Manu Returns" not only in India but around the world, has declined the award for Best Actress at the Melbourne Film Festival.

She has been invited to the prestigious festival, where they wanted to present her with the best actress award for her role in the film. A source informed TNN Kangana and the entire cast of "Katti Batti" has been invited to the festival, and she will go and grace the event, she has politely declined the award.

It's no news that Kangana doesn't believe in awards and has never accepted any in India as well, and it appears she is sticking to her guns on the international front as well.

Source: TOI



IT'S TRUE!

As a student, Rebecca Ferguson attended a music school in Stockholm after which she concentrated on acting, landing the role of Anna Gripenhielm in Swedish TV series "Nya Rider". In 2013, her hard work landed her a role as Queen Elizabeth in the UK mini-series "The White Queen", a role which earned her a Golden Globe nomination in the next year. Her work in the series was a huge hit, raising her profile on both sides of the Atlantic. One of her greatest challenges on the show was portraying the ageing Elizabeth, through the years 27 to 42, something that Ferguson loved to do.



Traditional dance festival in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

A dance festival was held at Pabna Bonomali Institute premises on Sunday to uphold the traditional dance of the region. The artistes of Sonar Bangla Maa Academy and Nrittanchol, Pabna performed at the festival organised by Bonomali Institute.

President of Bonomali Institute,

Anjan Chowdhury Pintu, also the managing director of Square Food and Beverages, inaugurated the festival in presence of eminent citizens of the district.

The programme included a discussion which highlighted the cultural heritage and folk trends of the district. Over fifty artistes from two participating organisations performed classical and traditional dance at the festival.



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QUIZ-04

- Which production company produced Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation?
- Which company distributed Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation?

Winners list of Quiz-03

- Shuhata Akter, Banani
- Syeda Yasmin Zahan, University of Dhaka
- Humaira Chowdhury, Dhanmondi
- Sabiha Hossain, Gopibagh
- Rina Nusrin, Bakshibazar
- Surjo Hoque, North Shajahanpur
- Munira Binte Kasem, Motijheel
- Touhidul Huq Khan, Dhanmondi
- Nusrat Tasnim, University of Dhaka
- Md. Raiful Hasan, Uttara

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