


Musical Soiree
Golpo Gaane Rabindranath
Organiser: Uttarayan
Venue: National Theatre Hall
Date: October 10
Time: 6:30pm



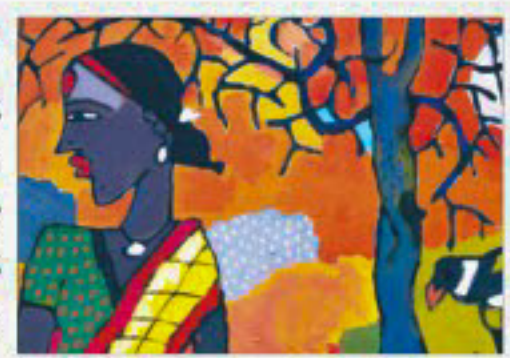
Solo Art Exhibition
Gods and Beasts
Artist: Ronni Ahmed
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
Date: Sep 12-Oct 17
Time: 12-8pm



Solo Sculpture Exhibition
Artist: Novera Ahmed
Organiser: Bangladesh National Museum
Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattachali Gallery, BNM
Date: October 7-19
Time: 9:30am - 7pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Muse of Myths
Artist: Abdus Shakoor Shah
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Date: Oct 9-29; Time: 12-8pm



Theatre
Play: Donduk Juddho
Troupe: Natyakendra
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall
Date: October 10
Time: 7pm



IT'S TRUE!

US actress Emily Jean 'Emma' Stone, as a teenager, gave a PowerPoint presentation to her parents, set to the Madonna song "Hollywood", to convince them to let her move to California for an acting career. There was already a listing for an 'Emily Stone' when she registered for the Screen Actors Guild, so she chose 'Emma' as her stage name. She first chose 'Riley Stone' as her stage name, but after guest-starring on the TV show "Malcolm in the Middle", she decided that she was more comfortable with 'Emma', a nickname that her mother had given her.



PHOTO: SHEKH MEHEDI MORSHED

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Indian sarod maestro Pt. Tejendra Narayan Majumdar [of Senia Maihar Gharana] is in Dhaka to conduct a Sitar-Sarod Workshop recently. This correspondent spoke to him on diverse aspects of the instrument. Excerpts:
"Bangladeshi artistes have a thirst for learning classical music. They have taken to the instrument with ease and are extremely interested. I am trying to equip them with the best elements of our Senia Maihar Gharana. Initially, the organisers (Bengal Foundation and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy) thought that there would only be a few participants for the workshop. But they proved wrong and artistes responded warmly. I can safely say it's been a great success."

"I will visit Bangladesh regularly while some of my senior disciples will stay here to nurture them. Melody is the very soul of Bangladesh and can be said to be in the country's soil. Bengal Foundation's initiative is laudable and we will definitely support them."
"Education, culture, listening to classical music for hours, appreciation and something God-gifted collectively constitute an audience's aesthetic vision towards the genre. There is no alternative to engaging honest efforts, dedication and rewaz. Apart from this, an artist must be a good person above all; otherwise art will not reflect in their efforts."
"My guru, Ustad Bahadur Hossain Khan, treated me like his son and moulded my artistic self. Not only music lessons and contacts with music legends, he even made me learn good conduct, manners and etique, along with other things."

Melody is the very soul of Bangladesh

- Pt. Tejendra Narayan Majumdar

"The spectrum of sarod is wide and vast. The sound of sarod produces a deep resonance that can best express the mood of melancholy. To perfectly produce *meend* and *gamak*, sarod is the best. Once our poet, Purnendu Potree uttered that the perfect recital of sarod evokes the wails of a man."
"Whatever I am is because of the blessings of my Gurus. It is an opportunity for me to give back, as my ancestral homeland is in Pabna, and my gurus -- Ustad Bahadur Khan and Ustad Ali Akbar Khan are from Bangladesh. It's an emotional juncture for me."
"When an artiste performs harmoniously it generates indescribable feelings and untainted joy. There is a hypnotising power in classical music that ultimately becomes a bridge between performer and audience."

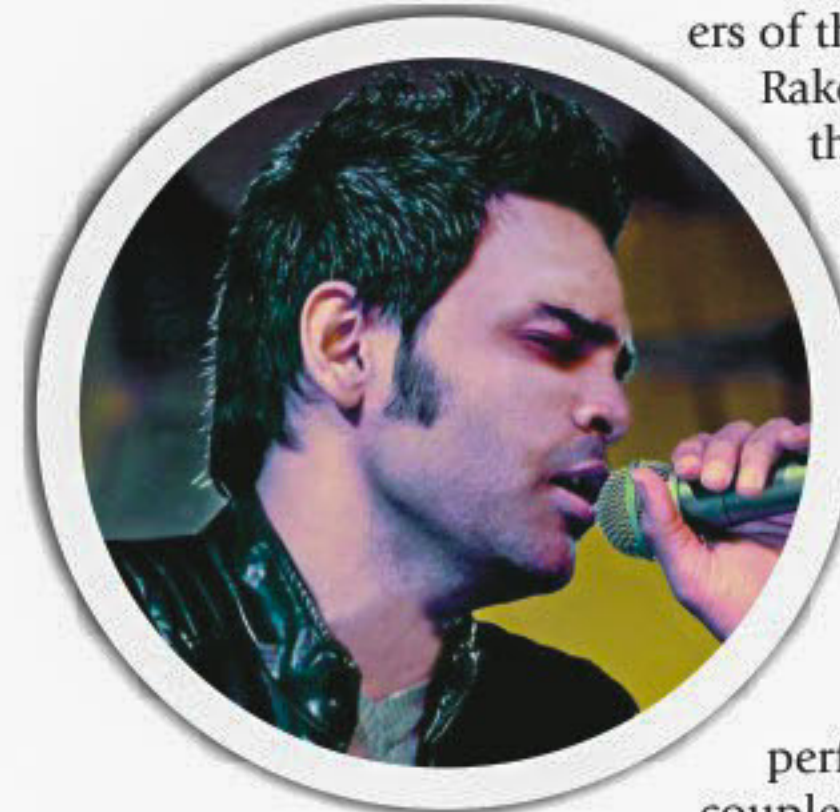


Sunidhi Chauhan and Habib to share the stage in Dhaka

A CORRESPONDENT

Sunidhi Chauhan, one of the most popular Indian playback singers, is all set to perform at a concert in Dhaka on November 6. Along with Sunidhi, popular Bangladeshi singer-composer Habib Wahid will also perform at the concert, to be held at Naboratri Hall of International Convention City Bashundhara in the capital. Club 11 Entertainment and Inception Media Ltd. are jointly arranging the event titled "Winter Blast 2015."

With two celebrated playback singers of the two countries, Rakesh Myni, winner of the Indian Idol-5, is also scheduled to enchant the song lovers with his hit numbers. Habib recently shared the event poster on his Facebook page, and invited his fans to enjoy the show. Sunidhi Chauhan has performed in Dhaka a couple of times before, but this is the first time she will be sharing the stage with a Bangladeshi artiste. Sunidhi is best known for her Hindi and Punjabi film songs in Bollywood. She is one of the most recorded voices in India with over 300 studio recordings. She made her international debut with the Indian Mix song 'Heart-beat' in collaboration with Enrique Iglesias.



Subir Choudhury Practice Grant to be conferred on 16 October



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On July 3 Bengal Foundation initiated the annual Subir Choudhury Practice Grant to commemorate late Trustee of Bengal Foundation Subir Choudhury's life-long contribution to develop a support-structure for artists from Bangladesh. The recipient of the 2015/2016 Subir Choudhury Practice Grant will be announced on October 16 at 6 pm at Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi. Mahfuz Anam, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star, gracing the occasion as chief guest, will hand over the grant to the recipient. The recipient will get between Taka 2- 4 lakhs as grant money.

The final list of the applicants of Subir Choudhury Practice Grant 2015-16 are- Arir Shome (Digital Collage, Printmaking, Drawing, Painting and Video); Afsana Sharmin (Sculpture, Drawing and Performance); Bishwajit Goswami (Painting and Installation); Eshita Mitra Tonny (Sculpture, Printmaking and Video); Md. Pervaj Hasan (Painting); Muhammad Rafiqul Islam (Video, Photography, Digital Collage, Drawing and Painting); Munem Wasif (Photography and Video); Palash Bhattacharjee (Installation, Video and Performance); Sanad Kumar Biswas (Sculpture, Performance, Painting and Drawing) and Shimul Shaha (Installation, Printmaking and Photography).

Ranbir and Deepika dazzle in Tamasha's first song

If there's one director for who A R Rahman can, time and again, give minty fresh tunes, it's Imtiaz Ali. The music maestro is back with his intriguing and yet peppy music. Ranbir and Deepika starrer 'Tamasha's first song named 'Matargashti' talks of great music, excellent vocals, beautiful locales and a palpable chemistry between the lead stars. Deepika Padukone and Ranbir Kapoor share a scorching chemistry, which oozes out of every frame of the song. The song journeys through Corsica and shows Deepika and Ranbir doing all kinds of antics. The best part is Ranbir mimicking yesteryear legendary actor Dev Anand and is quite a pro at it. Mohit Chauhan's voice enhances the beauty of the song. It also takes us back to the songs of Imtiaz - Ranbir's earlier outing at the Box Office 'Rockstar' and especially the song 'Hawaa Hawaa'. There is, indeed, an uncanny similarity.

Source: Indian Express



NEWSbytes

Disney's 'Incredibles 2' and 'Cars 3' get release dates

Disney has announced the release dates for 19 movies through the year 2020, including the summer 2017 opening of Pixar's "Cars 3" and the 2019 bow of "The Incredibles 2." Disney has also moved "Toy Story 4" back by a year, from June 16, 2017, to June 15, 2018.



The 19 dates included six Marvel titles -- an "Ant-Man" sequel, "Black Panther," "Captain Marvel" and three untitled films as part of its plans for Phase 3 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. "Ant-Man and the Wasp" will hit theaters on July 6, 2018, while the three untitled Marvel Studios films will bow on May 1, 2020, July 10, 2020, and Nov. 6, 2020. Disney and Marvel have also opted to move "Black Panther" forward five months from July 6, 2018, to Feb. 16, 2018. The character will be portrayed by Chadwick Boseman and will debut in 2016's "Captain America: Civil War." "Captain Marvel" has been moved forward eight months from Nov. 2, 2018, to March 8, 2018.

SOURCE: VARIETY



Lalon remembered in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh
A group of artistes paid tribute to Fakir Lalon Shaiji by rendering his spiritual songs at Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium Wednesday evening. Shilpakala Academy authorities organised the evening marking the 125th death anniversary of the bard. Academy artistes rendered some 20 songs of Lalon in a two-hour long programme.

The songs like -- "Satya Bol Supathe Chal", "Jaat Gelo Jaat Gelo Bole", "Dhanya Dhanya Boli Tare", "Milon Hobe Kato Dine" and so on enthralled the capacity packed auditorium. Eminent baul artiste of the country Sunil Karmaker also performed on the occasion. The artistes were assisted by Probir Dey on tabla, Chhoton Nag on percussion,

AKM Shahabuddin on flute while Ustad Anwar Hossain took on harmonium. Dance sequences with the songs of Lalon, directed by Manash Talukder were also tasteful and revealed the need for proximity to divinity and humankind. If we could follow the ideals of Lalon, we could easily build a congenial society, irrespective to caste, creed and religions, the speakers went on. Kaiser Rizvi anchored the evening.

BHUL THEKE NIRBHUL re-telecast on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

ATN Bangla will re-telecast Hanif Saanket's Eid special single-episode television play "Bhul Theke Nirbhul" tonight at 8:45pm.

The play, which received a good response when it was aired during Eid, encircles a number of youths. They go to a village to live with one of their friend's family. During their stay at the village, the urban youths meet rustic people and are swept by their hospitality.

The play has been shot in picturesque villages in Manikganj and Dhaka.

The play casts Dolly Zohur, Mir Sabbir, Kushum Sikdar, Dr. Enamul Huq, Abdul Kader, Saberi Alam, Shirin Alam and others.

