

WHAT'S ON
Photography Exhibition
 "Pakhi'r Desh Bangladesh"
 Venue: Bangladesh National Museum
 Date: Dec 4-11
 Time: 9:30am-4:30pm



Solo Exhibition
 Title: Rokeya
 Artist: Rokeya Sultana
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi.
 Date: Nov 17-Dec 12
 Time: 12-8pm



10th DU Theatre Festival
 Venue: TSC
 Organizer: Theatre & Performance Studies Dept
 Date: December 3-8; Time: 7pm



Group Art Exhibition
 Aquatic
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD
 Date: Nov 27-Dec 11
 Time: 12-8pm



Drawings & Sketches Exhibition
 By Master Artists
 Venue: Shilpakala Gallery, Dhanmondi
 Date: Nov 27-Dec 10
 Time: 3-8pm Daily



NEWS bytes

AB on Practice Pad tonight

A CORRESPONDENT

Radio Shadhin's weekly show, Practice Pad, is completing its second year today (December 8). To celebrate this occasion, rock star Ayub Bachchu will go on-air and perform his favourite tracks on the anniversary special of Practice Pad, from 11pm till 12am tonight on 92.4FM, the station's frequency. The Shadhin House Band will play with Ayub Bachchu. "Practice Pad is a very good show where, newcomers and industry legends can come and share their music. I've been to Radio Shadhin



a number of times but this will be my first live show with them. It'll definitely be a very special episode, and I would invite all to tune in," said Bachchu. Radio Shadhin's Executive Director Mir Rabby meanwhile said "For the past two years, Practice Pad has become a popular show for listeners who love live music for its sound and creativity. Ayub Bachchu is a great musician and, I believe, for Practice Pad to have him in the studio will be a great experience for the listeners."

FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF THEATRE
Weeklong festival at Shilpakala Academy



A scene from Muktohdhara.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

SAURAV DEY
 Theatre Week, a weeklong festival organised by leading troupe Theatre, is running at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The festival was inaugurated by Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman on December 4 at the National Theatre Hall. On the inaugural evening, Theatre gave the Munier Chowdhury Award to veteran thespian M Hamid, while general secretary of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Akhtaruzzaman received Mohammad Zakaria Memorial Award. Following the inauguration ceremony, Theatre staged their much-acclaimed play "Kokilara". Originally written and directed by

noted litterateur, playwright and filmmaker late Abdullah Al Mamun, the play has been redesigned by Sudip Chakraborty. The solo play cast seasoned actress Ferdousi Majumdar. The festival, featuring seven plays-- "Kokilara", "Maya Nodi", "Kuhokjal", "Muktohdhara", "Paayer Awaj Pawa Jaye", "Baramkhana", and "Meraj Fakir-er Maa"--by Theatre, is drawing a good number of audience at the National Theatre Hall every day. Yesterday evening, "Muktohdhara" was staged as part of the festival. The play, written by Rabindranath Tagore, has been directed by Naila Azad. The play articulates Tagore's philosophical analysis of the interaction between man and machine, the greed and exploitation that machines generate among

human beings and how they are linked to the spirit of nationalism and imperialism. On the closing evening of December 10, a discussion will be held on quarterly Theatre Magazine marking 44th year of its publication. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, founder associate editor of the quarterly, will attend the event as chief guest. One of the leading troupes in the country, Theatre began its journey 44 years ago. And throughout these four decades it has presented audience with 45 productions, several regarded as some of the finest theatrical productions ever brought to the Bangladeshi stage. The troupe has also played a key role in rekindling hope in our theatre scenario in post-independent Bangladesh.

Celebrating Life Concert at SUST

MINTU DESHWARA, writes from Sylhet

Thousands of young enthusiastic audience joined a daylong photography exhibition and concert titled "Celebrating Life", that was held at Basketball ground of the Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (SUST) in Sylhet on Saturday.

Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Aminul Haque Bhuiyan inaugurated the exhibition featuring photographs from Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Celebrating Life, a composite competition, which brings film, photography and lyrics contests on the same platform.

The programme was jointly organised by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank under the yearly contest.

As many as 22 winning photographs from the last year's contest were put on display at the exhibition. A large number of enthusiastic students and local residents visited the exhibition and enjoyed the cultural evening.

The photo exhibition began in the morning while the cultural programme began with a patriotic songs in the evening. Popular band Chirkut then sang one song after another, responding to requests from the audience, for about two hours.

Syed Ashfaquul Haque, deputy executive editor of The Daily Star; Bitopi Das Chowdhury, head of corporate affairs of Standard Chartered Bank and Kamruzzaman Chowdhury, the university proctor spoke at the event.

Rafi Hossain, convener of Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Celebrating Life, moderated the event.



Chirkut performs at SUST.

Dahlia Ahmed performs at IGCC



A CORRESPONDENT

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) organised an evening of recitation by Dahlia Ahmed at its auditorium in Gulshan on December 5. A leading elocutionist of Bangladesh, Dahlia Ahmed was born in Mymensingh to a Freedom Fighter family. A brilliant student, she grew up in the strict disciplinary ambience of Bharateswari Homes. She has participated in several national programmes. She has also given background voice to many stage shows, dance dramas, documentaries and live commentaries. The artiste has recited poetry and dance dramas all over Bangladesh and abroad in cities such as New York, London and Paris. She was also the emcee during Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi's public address in Dhaka's BICC June 7. She is a recipient of the Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Award for recitation in 2010.

U2 pays tribute to Paris attack victims

Returning to Paris for a set of concerts at AccorHotels Arena on December 6-7, U2 remembered those that died in the November 13 terrorist attacks that took place in the city. The victims' names were displayed in blue, white and red on a large screen on the stage. "We stand together with the families who lost their loved ones in Paris," Bono said. "We stand together with families in San Bernardino. We stand together with families in Beirut and Istanbul. We stand together before those with

false ideologies of the god they serve." The band had postponed the shows that were originally scheduled for November 14 and 15 following the tragedy. U2's December 6 performance, which streamed via Meerkat, also featured Patti Smith as a special guest. Smith joined them onstage for "Gloria" / "Bad" and "People Have the Power", reports U2gigs.com.

Source: Billboard



"Babumoshai Bandoobbaaz" is back on track ... Chitrangada

Chitrangada Singh and Nawazuddin Siddiqui's "Babumoshai Bandoobbaaz" is back on the track and the actress is quite happy about it. Filmmaker Pritish Nandy's son Kushan has got this unusual pairing for his comic thriller. Reportedly, it hit a roadblock due to financial problems and the shoot was stopped. The film also faced a lot of resistance while shooting in West Bengal, following which there was speculation that Kushan had shelved the project. "The coming year there will be two projects that I have. The dates of Nawaz went a little haywire... It was unfortunate, so 'Babumoshai Bandoobbaaz' is coming back on track. He is doing very well which is great," Chitrangada said at an event. "The other project is 'Band of Maharajas'. It is about a Pakistani singer called Billo Mumtaz, it is about her journey. There is a lot of presence of Taliban in Pakistan where lot of musicians are having trouble in pursuing it as the religion doesn't allow," she said. "Band of Maharajas" is helmed by Girish Malik, whose directorial debut "Jal" bagged the National Award for Best Special Effects. The actress was talking at launch of Aldo, worldwide chain of shoe and accessory stores.

Source: PTI

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9 December 2015
 We will be at
University of Dhaka

Photography Exhibition
 Date: 3-9 December 2015
 Time: 5 PM to 7 PM
 Venue: TSC auditorium corridor

Concert
 9 December 2015, 5 PM to 8 PM
 Venue: TSC auditorium
 Performance by **Fahmida Nabi**

To know about Celebrating Life please visit www.celebratinglifebd.com

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