

Programmes on Victory Day
 Organiser: Liberation War Museum
 Venue: Liberation War Museum and Jolladkhana Boddohbhum, Mirpur
 Date: Dec 10-16
 Time: 4pm onward

Solo Painting Exhibition
 Artist: Harun Fakir
 Title: In Quest of Truth
 Venue: Gallery of Fine Arts, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka
 Date: Dec 11-29
 Time: 2-8pm

Solo Exhibition
 Microtears
 Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly
 Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
 Date: Dec 12-Jan 9; Time: 12-7pm

Bangladesh Film Festival 2015
 Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Venue: National Art Gallery Auditorium, BSA
 Date: Dec 10-24; Time: 6pm

Solo Art Exhibition
 Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
 Title: Alluvial Realization
 Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, Uttara Badda
 Date: Dec 4-22
 Time: 10am-8pm



Mir Naqibul Islam and Salahuddin Santanu perform at the event. PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

OF MELODIES AND RHYTHMS

Darbari sets sail at Chhayanaut

ZAHANGIR ALOM
 The first episode of Darbari, a new platform for classical music, was held at the main auditorium of Chhayanaut, Dhanmondi on December 11. Avant-garde Productions organised the event, sponsored by Opsonin.

Talented tabla artiste Mir Naqibul Islam and lone santoor artiste of Bangladesh Salahuddin Santanu first took the stage. Santanu mentioned that solo harmonium recital is generally discouraged in festivals or conferences in our subcontinent. But it can be initiated like any other

solo instrument recital. Set on Raga Yaman, Santanu played alap, jod and jhala with elaborating subtle melodic game of the raga in three octaves. It was a soothing recital that the artiste entertained the audience.

Mir Naqibul Islam's solo tabla lahora came next on teentaal, while Santanu was on nagma playing the sweet melody of Raga Mishra Kaushik Dhvani. Naqib started off with an experimental recital of tabla, blending elements from Varanasi Gharana and Farukhabad Gharana. Later, he mesmerised the audience with presenting kayda and rela, com-

posed by Pt. Jnan Prakash Ghosh and his Guru Ashok Paul. Naqib's solo performance was evocative of rhythmic sound variation especially on drut teentaal, gat, tukda, chalan, laggi, chakradar and padan. The layakari genius recited many bols while performing.

Noted flautist Murtaza Kabir Murad, accompanied by Ratan Kumar Das on tabla, played Hansadhvani, a raga belonging to the Bilawal thaat. The artiste fascinated the music lovers with a blooming melody in mandra saptak. Revolving around the melody of the bandish "Laagi Lagan Pati Sakhi Sang", composed by Bhindi Bazaar Gharana Ustad Aman Ali Khan, Murad put together a garland of melody on a teentaal gat. A bit of sawal-jawab followed. He later played a Bhatiali dhun at the event.

Salahuddin Santanu wrapped up the soiree with performing a peaceful and touchy Raga Puria Dhaneshri on his santoor while Mir Naqibul Islam was on tabla, playing madhyalaya and drut teentaal. Santanu's drut gat and jhala performance was remarkable.

Ahmed Tahsin Shams, CEO of Avant-garde spoke prior to the performance.

BERGER recognizes young painters

The award giving ceremony of 20th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition (BYPAC) was held on December 11 at Lakeshore Hotel in the capital.

Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd, welcomed the guests and congratulated the winning artists at the programme, says a press release.

Eminent artist Syed Jahangir, chairman of the jury board of 20th BYPAC also spoke on the occasion. Rupali Chowdhury handed over the crests and prize money, while Syed Jahangir handed over certificates to the winners.

Out of 461 competing paintings, the deserving winners are (from first to sixth prize): Sourav Chowdhury, Abdullah Al Bashir, Monjur Hossain Opu, Rasu Chowdhury, Md. Joinul Abedin and

Maturam Chowdhury. In addition to the prize money, first three winners of the BYPAC will visit the National Art Museums of Singapore, Bangkok and Malaysia respectively, and the next three winners will visit Rabindrabharati University in Kolkata.

Renowned artist & cartoonist, Professor Rafiqun Nabi was honoured with the prestigious life-time achievement award.

The programme also featured musical performance by singer Dinat Jahan Munnai and popular comedian Abu Hena Rony.

A five-day exhibition, displaying the top 40 paintings of 20th BYPAC and photographs of winning paintings of BYPAC 1996-2014, will be held from December 19-23, 2015 at Gallery Chittrak, Dhanmondi.



Participants and organisers at the award giving ceremony.

"Bairam Khan Ebong Otopor" staged in Mymensingh

A play on social values



AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh PHOTO: STAR

"Bairam Khan Ebong Otopor", a play on social values, was staged Tuesday evening in Mymensingh. Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy organised the evening at its auditorium as part of the countrywide staging of plays initiated by Bangladesh Shilpakala

Academy. The play is written and directed by Shahadat Hossain Khan Hilu, secretary of Bahurupi Natya Sangstha. The cast of the play were Moni Bhattacharya, Jannatul Ferdous Mou, Monir Hossain Tushar, Neaz Shahrier, Md Moniruzzaman, Asaduzzaman Sarker, Mezbah Uddin, Sabiha Parvin, Mukti

Debnath and Amjad Shraban. The play was assisted by Ferdous Hira, Amol Basak, Saikat and Manash Talukder.

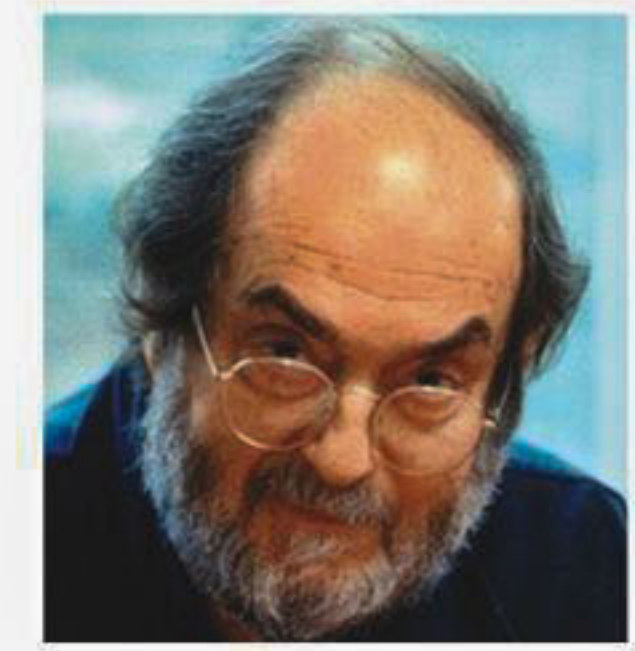
Shahadat Hossain Khan Hilu said moral values are being degraded, impacting on history, tradition, culture and communal harmony.

Bairam Khan is the symbol of Liberation War and we need more Bairam Khans to keep alive the spirit of the freedom struggle, through which we emerged as an independent nation, Hilu said.

Deputy Director of Local Government Department, Md. Nurul Alam, Prof Afzal Rahman of Govt. Ananda Mohan College and district cultural officer Arzu Parves spoke on the occasion, among others.

To get a picture of the true history of the country, we need staging of more plays like "Bairam Khan Ebong Otopor", said the speakers.

IT'S TRUE!



In the early 1990s, a con artist named Alan Conway frequented the London entertainment scene claiming to be the legendary film director Stanley Kubrick, and temporarily deceived New York Times theatre critic Frank Rich, as well as multiple aspiring actors. Kubrick's personal assistant, Anthony Frewin, who helped track Conway down, wrote the screenplay for a film based on the Conway affair "Colour Me Kubrick", starring John Malkovich as Alan Conway. Conway was earlier the subject of a short documentary film "The Man Who Would be Kubrick".

TANJIN TISHA in two new dramas

A CORRESPONDENT
 Model Tanjin Tisha is taking her acting quite seriously of late, trying her hand at challenging roles. Murad Parvez, a renowned TV and film director has cast Tisha in two of her upcoming single-episode dramas.

Tisha just finished shooting for "Ontormil" in Srimangal, where her character meets two

other women on a trip, and they all decide to divorce their husbands. Meanwhile, Tisha will be back in Srimangal in a couple of weeks, to shoot "Seventeen Days", also by Parvez.

Tanjin Tisha will be seen next in tele-film "Blue Print", directed by Khalid Hossain Samrat. Niloy and Samrat are her co-actors in the tele-film, which will air on Channel i.



NEWS bytes

Michelle Obama raps for education

America is seeing a new side of Michelle Obama, this time as rap artiste.

The first lady and "Saturday Night Live" actor Jay Pharoah rhymed on a new video to encourage students to "go to college" and "fill your head with knowledge."

She also sings a brief solo about her Chicago hometown, with body movements and facial expressions like professional rappers.

The video is part of Michelle Obama's new "Better Make Room" campaign to provide teens with



the resources they need to pursue higher education.

The campaign is part of a broader initiative by the first lady to encourage students to continue their education after high school.

The comedy website College Humor released the brief video Thursday.

Source: Associated Press

Exciting "X-Men: Apocalypse" trailer lands



"X-Men: Apocalypse" will conclude the second trilogy set up for the mighty Marvel mutants, and will present Professor Charles Xavier (James McAvoy) and his team with their deadliest threat yet. Apocalypse (Oscar Isaac) is a centuries-old mutant – perhaps the world's first mutant – who has risen from his slumber with revitalized plans for world domination. Get a sense of his power in the first full trailer for "X-Men: Apocalypse", which dropped on Saturday.

Following the events of "X-Men: Days of Future Past", Xavier and his First Class crew occupy a different timeline. Magneto's still an enemy, but heroes who were introduced by director Bryan

Singer in the initial X-Men trilogy are now played by younger actors. Jean Grey (Sophie Turner) and Scott Summers (Tye Sheridan) are students at Xavier's school, while their eventual teammate, Storm (Alexandra Shipp), is in Egypt... and about to become the tool of the mighty, terrifying Apocalypse.

But that's just the top of the iceberg. "X-Men: Apocalypse" has an insane amount of characters involved in the action, and truthfully, part of the reason fans are so excited to see it is to witness how Bryan Singer manages to juggle each and every storyline. The film is getting fresh versions of classic characters like Angel (Ben Hardy) and Nightcrawler (Kodi Smit

McPhee). And he has to make room for the stalwarts of the First Class nation, including Jennifer Lawrence, Michael Fassbender and McAvoy. All while neglecting to shortchange the new villain, who is supposed to be a global threat – as is indicated by Xavier's final words in this new trailer.

Apocalypse, as presented in the trailer, is older than the Bible, and seems to be the most powerful mutant that Charles has encountered.

There's still plenty of time for Bryan Singer and his team to tease. "X-Men: Apocalypse" opens in theatres on May 27, a lucky slot for the X-Men saga over the years.

Source: Cinemablend

The Daily Star Standard Chartered

celebrating life

CELEBRATING LIFE

District Festivals

CONCERT. PHOTO EXHIBITION

This event is free for all. Registration is a prerequisite. visit: www.imdhaka.com/celebratinglifebd

We will be at

Azizul Haque College, Bogra

Date : December 14, 2015

Photography Exhibition
 Time: 10 AM to 4 PM

CONCERT
 Band Performance by SHUNNO
 Time: 4 PM to 6 PM

For information regarding Celebrating Life, please visit www.celebratinglifebd.com

Partners: Showbiz, eaktv, CHANNEL, আনন্দধারা