

WHAT'S ON

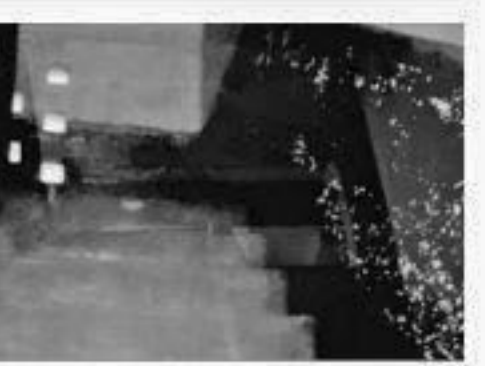
Classical Music Festival
Organiser: Chhayanaout
Venue: Chhayanaout Auditorium
Date: December 17-19
Times: 6pm onwards



Bijoy Utsab
Organiser: Sammilito Sangskritik Jote
Venue: Shaheed Minar and Rabindra Sarobar
Date: Dec 13-20
Time: 4pm onwards



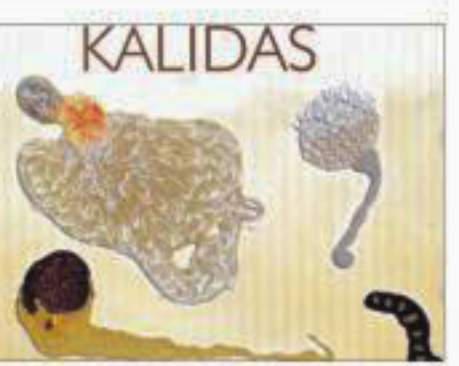
Solo Exhibition
Microtears
Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly
Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
Date: Dec 12-Jan 9; Time: 12-7pm



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/Uttar Badda
Date: Dec 4-22
Time: 10am-8pm



Artistes render the national anthem in chorus at the National Memorial.

Chhayanaout's Shuddha Sangeet Utshab begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Chhayanaout's annual Shuddha Sangeet Utshab begins today (December 17) at its main auditorium in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The two-day classical music festival, comprising three sessions, will end on December 19 morning.
The ninth edition of the festival, featuring both vocal and instrumental music, will be formally inaugurated by eminent music guru Ustad Md. Yasin Khan.
The programme will begin at 6pm on December 17 with the lighting of candles as a symbol of diffusing knowledge; followed by a welcome address by the organisers along with speeches by the chief guest and a choral performance by the artistes of Chhayanaout. The festival aims to fulfill the desire of music lovers for events dedicated to classical music and to inspire the practice of the genre in Bangladesh.
Besides group performances by Chhayanaout artistes, Abhijit Kundu (vocal), Murtaza Kabir Murad (flute), Priyanka Gope (vocal), Mir Naqibul Islam (tabla) and vocalist Brajeshwar Mukherjee

[of Kolkata, India] will perform at the first session (6pm-10:30pm) on the inaugural day.
The second session of the festival will start at 9am and continue till 1pm the next day (December 18). Alamgir Parvez Sumon (vocal), Srabanti Dhar (vocal), Sheuli Bhattacharjee (violin), Satindranath Haldar (vocal) and Chhayanaout artistes will give a choral performance at the session.
The third session of the festival will set off on the same day at 6 pm, and will continue till the next morning. Apart from choral vocal and group tabla performances by artistes of Chhayanaout, several noted and promising vocalists -- Pt. Amaresh Roy Chowdhury, Asit Kumar Dey, Rezwan Ali Lablu, Khairul Anam Shakil, Bizon Chandra Mistry, Tapas Datta, Latifun Julio, Sanjiban Sanyal, Supriya Das and Sushmita Debnath Suchi will perform khayal music while Shushen Kumar Roy (pakhawaj), Ebadul Huq Shaikat (sitar) and sarodia Debasmitta Bhattacharya [of Kolkata, India] will present instrumental recitals at the nightlong session.



A choral vocal performance at a classical fest at Chhayanaout. STAR FILE PHOTO

BSA holds Bijoy Utsab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) organised a four-day Bijoy Utsab (Victory Festival) marking Martyred Intellectuals Day (December 14) and Victory Day (December 16) that ended yesterday. The programmes included discussions, children's drawing competition, acrobatics display, stage drama, recitation, musical and dance performances and a photo exhibition.
On the morning of December 16, a group

led by BSA DG Liaquat Ali Lucky placed floral wreaths at the National Memorial in Savar in the morning. A cultural programme was also held at the open stage of the memorial, where Ashrafal Alam, Jayanta Chattopadhyay and Dalia Ahmed recited, Abu Bakar Siddique, Anima Mukti Gomes and Sajib presented solo songs and artistes of Bohnishikha presented group songs.
Other morning events featured a tour of the Liberation War Museum for children and of artworks on Martyred Intellectuals Day and Victory Day at BSA, and drawing

competition for children. In the afternoon, performances by BSA Acrobatic repertory, musical performances by students of BSA's music department and band Chirkutt; dance performances by BSA artistes and groups led by Laila Hasan Samina Hussain Prema Warda Rihab, Deepa Khandakar and Mohakal Natya Sampraday; mime by 60 students; solo songs by a number of artistes including Shakila Zafar and Rafiqul Alam; recitation by elocutionists including Bhaswar Bandopadhyay and Nirmalendu Goon.



Young artistes perform a group dance at Central Shaheed Minar, as part of the weeklong Victory Festival organised by cultural alliance Sammilito Sangskritik Jote. The festival runs at eight venues across the capital, from December 13-20, and features a spectrum of cultural performances marking Bangladesh's 44th Victory Day.

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NEWS bytes

ScarJo to star in "Move That Body"

Sony Pictures is negotiating with Scarlett Johansson to star in the R-rated comedy "Move That Body". Producers are Lucia Aniello and Paul W Downs through their Paulilu banner with Matt Tolmach and Dave Becky.
Sony acquired the script by Aniello and Downs in a bidding war this past summer. Aniello ("Broad City") is set to direct, while Downs is attached to co-star.
The script, which landed on the Black List on Monday, centers on five friends renting a beach house in Miami for a bachelorette weekend and accidentally killing a male stripper.
Johansson will next be seen in the Coen brothers' comedy "Hail, Caesar!" followed by Marvel's "Captain America: Civil War" and Disney's "The Jungle Book".
Tolmach's background as a producer and Sony exec includes R-rated comedies such as "The Other Guys", "Step Brothers", "Pineapple Express" and "Superbad".



PORAMATI on BTv

A CORRESPONDENT
Liberation War-based stage play "Poramati" by theatre troupe Padatik Bangladesh, will be screened today on BTv this evening at 4:30pm. Written by Babul Biswas, the play has been

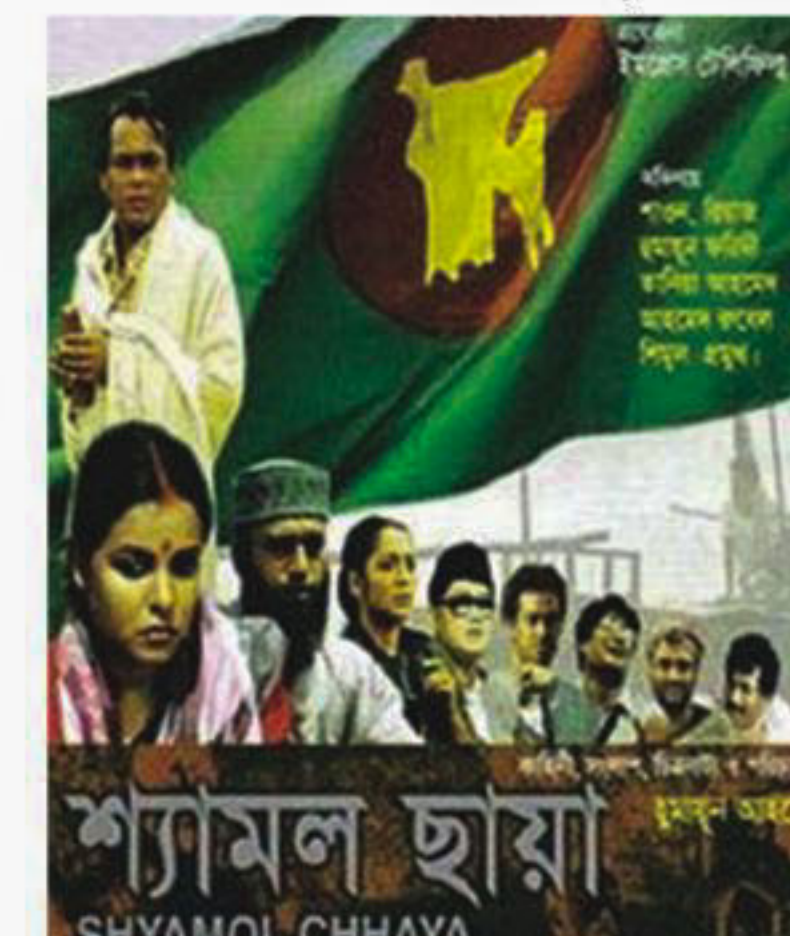
directed by Dr. Irin Parveen Lopa with art direction from Selim SH Chowdhury. It is a narrative from a torture camp of Pakistani Military during the Liberation War, starring Omiyo Mizan, Kamruzzaman Pavel, Al Amin, Faruk Faysal Duke, Mahmuda Akter Lita and Kamal Hossain.



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Shyamol Chhaya on Channel i today

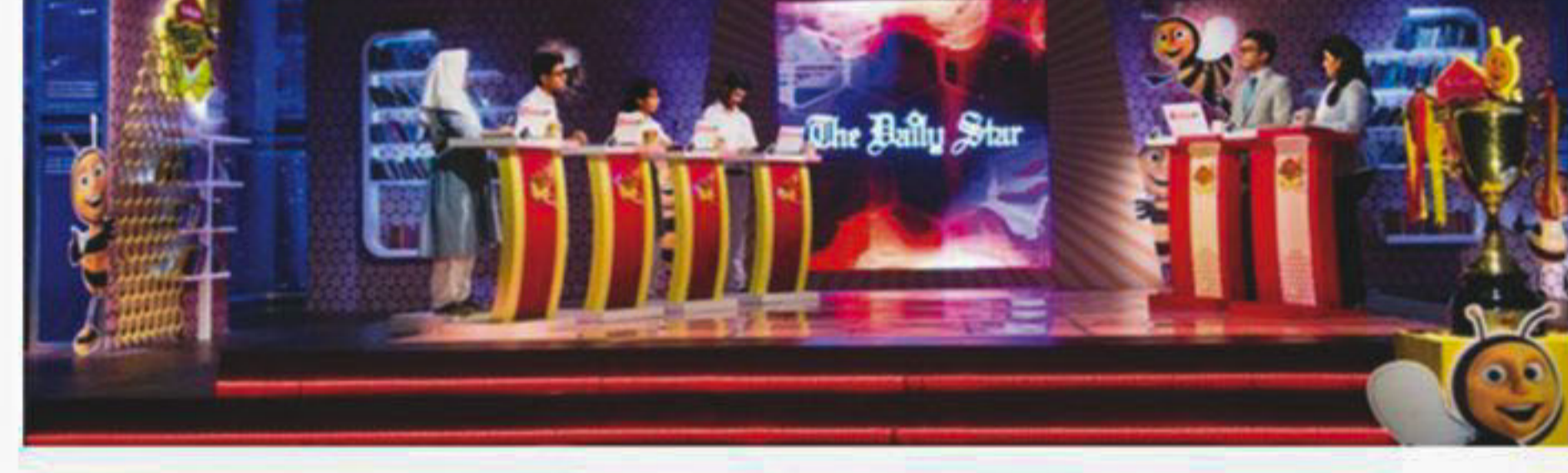
A CORRESPONDENT
Acclaimed film "Shyamol Chhaya", set against the backdrop of the Liberation War, will be screened today on Channel i at 3:05. The film, written and directed by Humayun Ahmed, is about a group of people on a boat journey during the tumultuous times of 1971. The film boasts a heavyweight cast, including Humayun Faridi, Tania Ahmed, Meher Afroz Shaon, Riaz, Shadhin Khosru, Syed Akhtar Ali, Ahmed Rubel, Ejazul Islam, Faruque Ahmed, Shamima Nazneen and Challenger.
"Shyamol Chhaya", released on Victory Day in 2004, was Bangladesh's submission to the 78th Academy Awards in the Best Foreign Language Film Category, and traveled to a number of International Festivals. It was produced by Impress Telefilm and was cinematographed by Anowar Hossain and music by Maksud Jamil Mintu.



TV WATCH Spelling Bee Season 4 into Quarterfinals

A CORRESPONDENT
The quarterfinals of the 4th season of The Daily Star Spelling Bee: Enlightened by Summit premieres tonight on Channel i. Popular anchor Rumana Malik Munmun is compering the show, to be aired every Wednesday and Thursday at 7.50pm.
The TV round started with 96 spellers selected from a nationwide competition. From them, 32 spellers, two each from 16 preliminary episodes, qualified in the quarterfinal round.

A good number of quarterfinalist students are from Season 2 and 3, along with some new faces.
In quarterfinal episodes, four spellers will contend in spelling games: Spell It, Spell Hive, Spell Buzz and a new segment named Spell Ring.
During Preliminary round, a segment was held, called "Summit Salutes the Nation Builders".
Champs21.com team interviewed the teachers and a snapshot of it will be aired with each episode from now on.



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