

WHAT'S ON

Birth Anniversary Celebration
of Syed Shamsul Haq
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: Dec 27
Time: 6pm

Kathak Dance Festival
Organiser: Kathak Nritya Sampradaye
Venue: Chhayanaut, Dhammondi
Date: Dec 24-26
Time: 6:05pm

Theatre
Bondukjuddho / Gadhar Haat
Troupe: Natyakendra
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: January 1; Time: 7pm

Memorial Programme
on Muzharul Islam
Venue: Faculty of Fine Arts, DU
Date: Dec 25
Time: 4pm

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



THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO LEARNING

...Andrew Kishore

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Andrew Kishore has captivated music lovers with his melodic voice since the '80s, and was once the highest-paid playback singer. In a recent conversation with The Daily Star, the National Film Award winning singer talked about his Christmas plans and more.

Which song put you in the spotlight?
Andrew Kishore: The track "Dak Diachhe Doyal Amare", composed by Alam Khan in 1982. It gained great popularity.

How much does music matter in your life?
Andrew Kishore: To me, it's more than a prayer. It seems that I'm appearing in the SSC examination everyday when I sing a song.

What do you consider your best achievement as a singer?
Andrew Kishore: People's love and leading

a simple life.

You do basically playback for films but rarely sing for audio albums. Why?
Andrew Kishore: I don't feel comfortable on audio. Film songs call out to me. Being the highest paid playback singer for a long time was certainly very satisfying.

What was your first playback?
Andrew Kishore: The track "Ek Chor Jaye Chole" for the movie "Protikhkha". I started my career as playback singer with that song.

What are your Christmas plans?

Andrew Kishore: Nothing grand. I will celebrate the day with my daughter who is coming to Dhaka from abroad. Later, we plan to go outside Dhaka and enjoy the day.

Any special expectation from Christmas Day?
Andrew Kishore: I just wish for the country's welfare and prosperity.

How did you celebrate the day in your childhood?
Andrew Kishore: During my childhood, I spent my days mostly in Rajshahi. New

clothes were a must on Christmas Day and so were food and festivities. We used to have great fun with friends.

What do you think about the singers of the current generation?
Andrew Kishore: They are very energetic. I think they will do very well if they practice more. In my view, there is no alternative to learning.

How do you spend your leisure time?
Andrew Kishore: I hang out with friends and family. You can't become an artiste or writer without having fun time.

Felt like a fan girl on 'Wazir' set

-- Aditi Rao

Bollywood actress Aditi Rao Hydari, who is sharing screen space with Farhan Akhtar in upcoming film "Wazir", says she felt like a fan in front of the "Rock On" star during the shooting.

The thriller-drama, produced by Vidhu Vinod Chopra and directed by Bejoy Nambiar, also stars megastar Amitabh Bachchan in the lead role.

Aditi says as she did not grow up with people from Bollywood, she gets awestruck when she comes face to face with many people from the film industry.

"What I found with Farhan was the same feeling of a fan girl but once you come in front of the camera, you are just

playing the character. Farhan is into what he does, he is very present, and the honesty in his eyes struck me," she added.

The actress will now be seen playing the role of Ruhana Ali, wife of Danish, played by Farhan.

The film tells the story of two unusual friends – a paralysed chess grandmaster and a grief stricken ATS officer brought together by a twist of fate.

"Wazir" is scheduled to release on January 8.

Source: Indian Express



Sangsad Nattya Utsab concludes in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A 10-day Sangsad Nattya Utsab-2015 concluded in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital on Wednesday night. Held at Enam Medical College Hospital auditorium the event came to an end with a call to protest against militancy through theatre.

AAAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University was the chief guest at the concluding programme, where Ramendra Majumdar, honorary president of International Theatre Institute was the special guest. Liaquat

Ali Lucky, chairman of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation also director of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy chaired the programme.

A number of other noted personalities, including Dr. Md. Abul Hossain, pro Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, Akteruzzaman, secretary general of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Ahmed Gias, member secretary Sangsad Nattya Utsab, Azmol Amin, president of Jagoroni Theatre and secretary Soron Saha were present.

The theatre festival began on December 14 where a total of 10 plays were performed: "Kalo

Ratri" staged by Padatik Natya Sangsad TSC; "Nokshi Kathar Matth" staged by Bunan Theatre; "Bhager Manush" by Somoy; "Informer" by Shobdo Natya Charcha Kendra; "Mohajoner Nao" by Subachan Nattya Sangsad; "Court Martial" by Theatre Art Unit; "Nikhai" by Theatre (Arambag); "Circus Circus" by Prachyanat; "Samonto Nothi" by Niravoron Theatre and "Chitto Binimoy" by Jagoroni Theatre.

This was the first time a theatre fest was held for the 25-lakh strong population of Savar, said the organisers.

NEWS bytes



Rihanna teases 'Anti' album

Rihanna's still hot on the campaign trail for her upcoming album "Anti". The singer unveiled a sixth clip from her ANTIIdiaRy -- in partnership with Samsung -- that shows the pop star/fashion muse coming face-to-face with herself.

While the release date is still secret, the latest update came from singer-songwriter Sia, who recently chatted with BBC Radio 2 and said that Riri's eighth studio LP was not quite finished.

In partnership with the theatre company Punchdrunk, the ANTIIdiaRy clips unfold in mini-episodes intended to offer "an exclusive journey through Rihanna's life story," according to a press release. Each clip shows the songstress in American Horror Story-esque scenarios, either tattooing a man's forehead or laying in an all-white bathtub as shadows surround her on the other side of a wall.

Source: Billboard

Champa becomes a grandmother

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Film Award winning actress Champa has become a grandmother. Champa's daughter Esha has given birth to twin boys in Singapore recently.

The two newcomers are named Arzan and Arish.

Talking to The Daily Star, an elated

Champa said, "My family members are very happy that we are blessed with twin baby boys. I don't have a son, and these twins are a blessing to me."

The actress also informed that she recently came to Dhaka after spending four months in Singapore.

Champa expressed hopes of returning to television soon.

