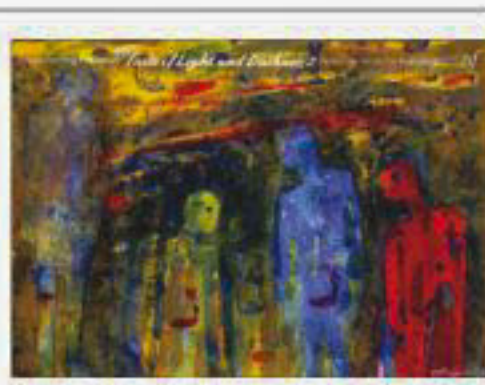


WHAT'S ON

Solo Sculpture Exhibition
 Title: Stones-2
 Sculptor: Hamiduzzaman Khan
 Venue: Galleri Kaya
 Date: March 5-18
 Time: 11am-7:30pm



Group Painting Exhibition
 Title: Taste of Light and Darkness-2
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD, Dhanmondi
 Date: Feb 26-Mar 8
 Time: 3pm-9pm



Theatre Festival
 Bhangra Gora Natyotshab
 Organiser: BGTFF
 Venue: Mohila Samiti Auditorium, Bally Road
 Date: Feb 28-Mar 28
 Time: 7pm



Programme on International Women's Day
 Organiser: Prothom Alo
 Venue: Chhayanaut Auditorium
 Date: March 7; Time: 3:30pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Of a Poetic Vision of Life
 Artist: Ranjit Das
 Venue: Shilpangan
 Date: February 26-March 12
 Time: 12pm-8pm



QUOTES



"I didn't quite manage what I hoped I would throughout the trilogy. Chris [Nolan] did, but my own sense of self is like, 'I didn't quite nail it... Heath turned up, and just kind of completely ruined all my plans. Because I went, 'He's so much more interesting than me and what I'm doing.'"

- Christian Bale self-evaluating his portrayal of Batman

Chirkutt going to SXSW

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Chirkutt has been in the country's music scene for nearly a decade and a half now, although their rise to fame has come much later. In the last few years, the band has been growing from strength to strength, and aside from their studio work and live shows in the country, has taken their music at festivals beyond Bangladesh's borders. Now, the band is all set to embark on their biggest musical endeavour yet, having been invited to take part in the monumental South by Southwest Festival at Austin, Texas (USA).

The South by Southwest Festival (shortened to SXSW) is a festival of

festivals -- of music, films and interactive media. Held every year in mid-March at Austin, the SXSW Music festival has grown to be the biggest of its kind. Last year, a staggering 2,200+ acts from 62 countries performed at 100 stages of the festival. In previous years, the biggest stars of world music -- Coldplay, 50 Cents, Lady Gaga, Amy Winehouse, Megadeth, Dave Grohl, Stevie Nicks, Prince, Bruce Springsteen, Lou Reed and Iggy Pop to name a few -- have performed.

Chirkutt made the announcement via a video on their official Facebook page yesterday, where the members spoke of their feelings and anticipation for the festival. The band will play at the

International Stage on March 16 and have their main performance will be at the Russian House stage the next day. The band also confirmed dates for the other shows on their US tour, starting with a March 12 performance at Dallas, Texas on March 12, and will travel to Florida, New York and Atlanta after the festival to perform.

It's not just the music, though; apart from the festivals, SXSW also has three conferences -- on educational innovation, environmental issues and on innovative startups. This year, US President Barack Obama will be a part of the SXSW Interactive keynote, while first lady Michelle Obama will present the opening keynote at SXSW Music.



PHOTO COURTESY: CHIRKUTT'S FACEBOOK PAGE



"Taste of Light and Darkness-2" at AFD

FAYZA HAQ

A group art exhibition titled "Taste of Light Darkness- 2" began on February 26 and ends on March 8 at La galerie, Alliance Française de Dhaka in the capital. Sultan Ishtiaque, one of the participants, says that he has played with light and shadow and concentrated on colour, environment and changing seasons. He brings in a shipyard from various angles.

Other artists taking part in the exhibit are ASM Rashidul Alam, Md. Al-Akhir Sarker, Md. Azmol Hosen and S Fida Hossain.

Sultan says, "I'm attracted to the beauty of nature and want to portray it on canvas. As a child I was influenced by the paintings of famous masters. I was raised in the city and consequently I was familiar with the metropolis and its people."

"Surrounded by traffic jam in the capital, amidst unplanned urbanisation, I observed life, nature, flora and fauna. I selected my subjects and delved into them deeply. I studied the deceased labourers in Rana Plaza, their bloodstained bodies under bricks. I have used pencil, oil, water-colour and acrylic," he adds.

S Fida Hussain says he presents a human perspective. The soul cannot be defined and this is what he wishes to portray. "Silent exploration is the eternal beauty of my work. We are bound to lead our daily, mechanical life. It's a mysterious journey the existence of which is hard to

discover, I analyse myself as an existing existence," he expressed.

Md. Al-Akhir Sarker says, "I want to dig out my inner feelings. At the same time I want to bring the feelings, religion, behaviour, thoughts, and dreams of the entire Bengali character. They are unpredictable but thoughtful. But like a poet I feel its existence like moss and flowers. I want to hear the undiscovered story of a woman. My art holds up this sensitivity of the modern Bengali."

His pictures are blue, green and black in colour.

ASM Rashidul Alam says, "My inner feeling is a unique one. While drawing randomly it had different taste and colours. My thoughts appear heavenly pure for me. My childhood is far gone but the instinct has makes continue my journey, through art, which has slightly changed. The characters are depicted through my canvases. So often I am amazed by love, affection and bliss which elevate my childhood memories once again."

This group show showcases an expansive portrayal of ordinary people's day to day life.

The artists have used nature of contrasting elements: light and shade to unfold the exquisite undertones of nature, which they found ephemeral, and ended up with overtones. The artists saw the acceptance of light and darkness as the primordial instinct of human nature.



Last day to ask away Rahul Anand

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Star Arts & Entertainment brings you the golden opportunity to ask your favourite personalities from the cultural fraternity questions you have always wanted to. Every month in 2016, one celebrity will take on your questions, and the best questions and their answers will be published in The Daily Star.

Rahul Anand, the gifted singer, multi-instrumentalist and the frontman of Joler Gaan, is the featured artiste of this month. Ask your questions away -- via email, along with your name, location and occupation, to culturetds@gmail.com by 11am today!



Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef returns on air

OSAMA RAHMAN

Add a dash of luck, a pinch of creativity and one teaspoon of talent and put it all in a pot. Keep stirring till the motion becomes a part of your identity. This is the recipe for becoming Bangladesh's next Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef. Tonight, sharp at 9pm, Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef will begin airing exclusively on ntv. Heartbreaks, triumphs and with more ingredients than in a classic Coq Au Vin, this season of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef promises to be the most gripping reality show on national television today.

In the past three years, we have seen a drastic change in the culinary scene of Bangladesh. Restaurants are not only sprouting up all around Dhaka city, but people from every corner of the country are now showing utmost enthusiasm in food, flavours and gastronomy. One of the biggest reasons for this new rise in culinary passion is the most glamorous cooking competition in the country, one that is of international standards, Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef. Since its inception, Rupchanda-The

SUPER CHEF QUIZ

How would you like to dine with the Super Chefs of your country and win attractive prizes? Take part in the Super Chef quiz contest. Simply answer the following question in the method given. Next week's quiz will appear on Pg-5 of The Daily Star on Saturday and every Saturday from then on in.

Question: How many participants got the apron in episode 1 & 2?

a) 4; b) 5; c) 6; d) 7

Send your answer by 9pm, March 12 in the following Format: Write SC<space>a/b/c/d & send to 6969 (See Pg-5 of The Daily Star every Saturday for the next quiz rounds and the winner's list)

Daily Super Chef has successfully found culinary talents from all over the country, to give them the ultimate opportunity to live their dream. The show not only gives contestants the chance to cook to their hearts content, but also gives once-in-a-lifetime experiences and unforgettable moments, bringing in local and international celebrity chefs to teach techniques,

skills and dishes that have never before been witnessed in this country.

This year, the Super Chef team visited 12 districts of the country from which 80 contestants were selected to move on to the next round: the central round, after which 18 will be selected to go to the prestigious Super Chef Kitchen - where all the magic happens.

In the first episode of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef season 3, the 80 participants from various districts will be asked to cook a dish - one that will take them straight to the Super Chef Kitchen - from the ingredients available in the pantry.

As judges, culinary expert Shaheda Yeasmin, actor and food enthusiast Tariq Anam Khan, and Executive Chef of Watercress Restaurant Tazammul Huq Tareq, greet them and establish the rules and regulations. The contestants will be ready to set off to the pantry with 30 minutes in hand, to plan, cook and plate-up.

Who will be the first to make a name for themselves? Who will give the judges a taste of what is about to come? Tune into ntv, every Saturday and Sunday at 9pm to witness history in the making.



Nazia Andaleeb Preema became the first Bangladeshi artist to exhibit her works in Kyrgyzstan. Her exhibition was inaugurated at the Kyrgyz National Art Museum in Kyrgyz capital Bishkek last week, by Mosud Mannan, Bangladeshi ambassador to Kyrgyzstan and the Kyrgyz Deputy Minister for Culture.



The judges are ready, and so are the contestants.

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