

**WHAT'S ON**

**Book Fair**  
Chaitra Book Festival  
Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattashali Auditorium, National Museum  
Date: April 1-12  
Time: 11am-8pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Existence  
Artist: Md. Sohel Rana Pranon  
Venue: Gallery Shilpangan  
Date: April 01-15  
Time: 12-8pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Three Shadows of Art  
Artist: Md. Rashed Alam  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Date: April 1-15  
Time: 3pm-9pm

**An Evening of Folk Songs**  
Organiser: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre  
Artist: Anima Mukti Gomes  
Venue: IGCC, Gulshan-1  
Date: April 8  
Time: 6:30pm

**Concert**  
EMK Happy Hour  
Performer: Ghaashphoring Choir  
Venue: EMK Center  
Date: April 9  
Time: 7pm

**Boishakh Utsab 1423**  
Organiser: Bengal Foundation  
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi  
Date: April 9-13  
Time: 7pm daily



Subir Nandi



Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya



Khairul Anam Shakil



Priyanka Gope



Kiran Chandra Roy

# Musical treat to hail Pahela Baishakh

Five-day programme at Bengal Shilpalaya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

*With the theme "Chitto Jaguk Gaan-e Geet-e Kabye Kathaye", Bengal Foundation is all set to hail Bangla New Year 1423. A five-day (April 9-13) music festival marking Pahela Baishakh will begin tomorrow at 7pm everyday at Bengal Shilpalaya.*

The five-day special programme will feature Nazrul Sangeet, Rabindra Sangeet, Three Poets' compositions and Raga-based songs, folk music and classical music.

The first session of the opening day's (April 9) event will start at 10:30am and will set off with choral songs performance by child artistes, recitation and presentation of dance by Geetobitan Bangladesh, artistes of Sylhet and Maple Leaf International School. The session will also include puppet show by Bangladesh Putul Natya Gabeshona O Unnayan Kendra, Jahangirnagar University.

The second session of the day, hosted by noted elocutionist Iqbal

Bahar Chowdhury, will be dedicated to Nazrul Sangeet. The featured artistes of the evening are Champa Bonik, Shahid Kabir Palash, Latifun Julio, Bizon Chandra Mistry, Mohammad Shoeb, Sharmin Sathi Islam, Nasima Shaheen, Yakub Ali Khan and Khairul Anam Shakil.

The evening of April 10 will be devoted to Rabindra Sangeet, featuring artistes like Shemonty Monjari, Farhin Nusrat Joyeeta, Saikat Majumdar, Nirjhar Chowdhury, Aditi Mohsin, Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Bulbul Islam, Shama Rahman, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury and Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya.



Hasan Arif will anchor the event, and recite poems.

Hosted by Luva Nahid Choudhury, "Tin Kobi O Ragashrayee Sangeet Sandhya" will be held on April 11. The featured artistes of the evening are Farhana Rahman Kanta, Aloke Kumar Sen, Mahmudul Hasan,

Anindita Chowdhury, Jhuma Khandakar, Tanveer Alam Shawjeeb, Subir Nandi and Iffat Ara Dewan.

Loko Sangeet Sandhya (folk music) will be featured in the evening of April 12. Noted singer Kiran Chandra Roy will emcee the event that will have dotara recital by Faizur Rahman; group instrumental recital by Moniruzzaman (banshi), Yusuf Khan (sarod), Nuruzzaman Badsha (violin), Ekram Hossain (esraj) and Iftekhar Alam Dollar (tabla) and performance of songs by Labik Kamal Gourab, Bhajan Baul, Siddikur Rahman, Halima Parveen, Biman Chandra Biswas, Chandana Majumdar and Kiran Chandra Roy.

Uchchanga Sangeet Sandhya will take place on April 13. Three brothers – Sabij Ahmed (tabla), Shanta Ahmed (violin) and Kamrul Ahmed (banshi) will present a group recital. Parampara artiste Dolon Kanungo will pair with Swarup Hossain (tabla) to perform another recital. Parampara students Borsha Majumdar and Priyanka Das will render khayal with Sabuj Ahmed on tabla and Supriya Das on harmonium. Ebadul Huq Shaikat will play his sitar while Priyanka Gope will perform a khayal.

# Suchitra Sen recalled in her hometown

85th birth anniversary observed in Pabna



AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Suchitra Sen, screen legend of Bangla filmidom was recalled at her ancestral hometown in Pabna on April 6 marking her 85th birth anniversary. A discussion and film festival were held at the Pabna Press Club auditorium on the occasion. The programme was organised by Suchitra Sen Chalachitra Shangshad, Pabna.

President of the organization, Jakir Hossain chaired the programme. Among the speakers were Freedom Fighter Rabiul Islam Rabi, journalist Murshad Subhani, poet Enamul Haque Tagar, secretary of Lalon Parishad Rejaul Karim Moni and educationist Akteruzzaman.

Suchitra Sen's ancestral home in Pabna town was freed on July 16, 2014 from Jammatt occupation, fulfilling a long-standing demand of cultural enthusiasts and organisations. Till date the house is locked and no steps have been taken to keep the memories of Suchitra Sen alive though the high court directed the government to take over the house and protect the memory of the silver screen legend, the speakers said.

Meanwhile, a five-day film festival to pay tribute to Sen kicked off in Pabna funded by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. Lawmaker of Pabna-5 constituency Golam Faruk Khandaker inaugurated the film festival organised by the district administration of Pabna.

Speaking to the Daily Star, Munshi Md. Moniruzzaman, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pabna said there is no official proposal to set up a memorial to the late actress. Suchitra Sen Smrity Shangrakhan Parishad will submit a proposal to this effect through the district administration, he added.

Suchira Sen was born on April, 6, 1931 at Bangabari of Sirajganj. She spent her early life in Gopalpur Hem Sagor Len in Pabna town. The legendary actress passed away on January 17, 2014 in Kolkata.

# "Permanent Marker" on Maasranga Television



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Single-episode television play "Permanent Marker" will air tonight on Maasranga Television at 7:40pm. Written and directed by Swarup Chandra Dey, the play encircles Ovi and Nazia.

Despite knowing that Nazia loves someone else, Ovi loves Nazia, and becomes obsessed with her. He gradually turns into a psychopath before the play takes a new turn.

Fayez, Priya, Neel and others are in the cast.

# BRAVER CONCERT on Desh TV

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Desh TV, in association with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, is organising a concert, titled 'Braver Concert', to raise public opinion against child abuse today at MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong.

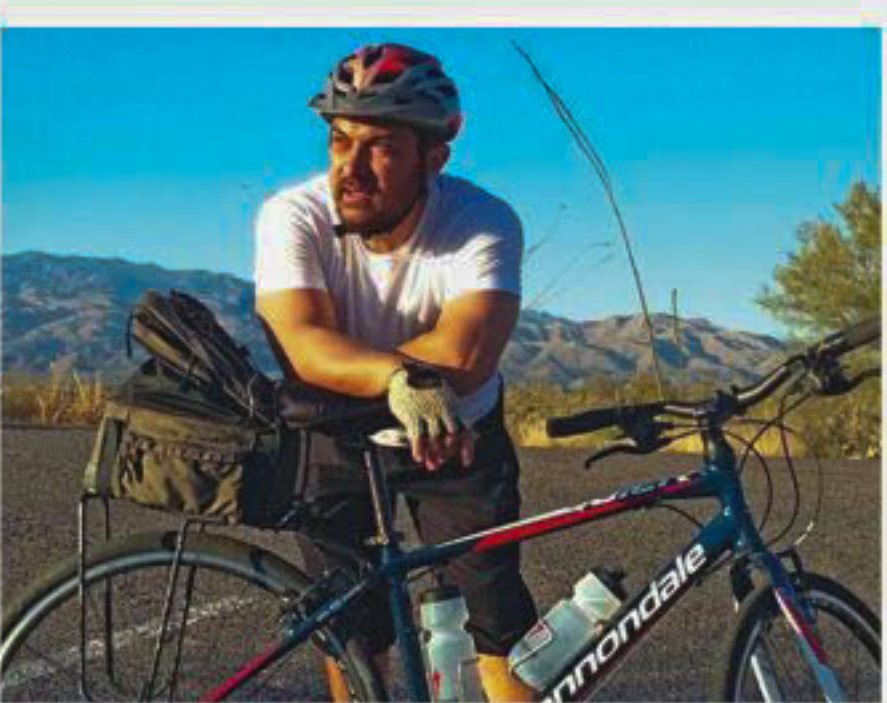
A number of popular songs and bands including Momtaz, Feedback, Haider Hossain, Nemesis, Pinky and Sajal will perform at the concert.

The concert will air live on Desh TV today from 4:30 to 11pm



Nemesis will perform at the concert.

# IT'S TRUE!



After completing his last schedule of "Dangal" in Ludhiana, Punjab, Bollywood actor Aamir Khan went to USA for three months, and shed the extra weight he gained for the role -- to play the part of the younger version of his character, wrestler Mahavir Singh Phogat. Aamir had sketched out a daily schedule for himself to train and shed weight. He went on hikes on some days and on some occasions his day started with 8-mile walk. He cycled a lot and included a lot of swimming in the last three months to attain a lean look.

**NEWSbytes**

## Taylor Swift to receive Taylor Swift award

As part of the 64th annual BMI Pop Awards, Taylor Swift will receive a very special honor: the Taylor Swift Award. This is the second time BMI has given an award in someone's name; the only time before was in 1990 for Michael Jackson.

Hosted by BMI President and CEO Mike O'Neill and Vice President of Writer/Publisher Relations Barbara Cane, the event will also be honouring Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil with the BMI Icon Award for their songwriting workmanship.

"This evening is a true celebration of music and a tribute to the artistry of songwriting that spans generations as defined by three of the most prolific and influential music creators in the industry: Taylor Swift, Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil," O'Neill stated in a press release.

The BMI Pop Awards will take place May 10 in Beverly Hills, California.

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