


WHAT'S ON
Int'l Dance Day Programme
 Organisers: BNSS & BSA
 Venue: National Art Gallery Plaza, BSA
 Date: April 23-29
 Time: 5:30pm-9pm



An Evening of Ghazal
 Organiser: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre
 Artist: Mustafa Zaman Abbasi and Samira Abbasi
 Venue: IGCC, Gulshan-1
 Date: April 29; Time: 6:30pm



Group Painting Exhibition
 Title: Sholokala
 Venue: Zainul Gallery, FFA, DU
 Date: April 24-30
 Time: 11am-8pm



Nrityanchal Utshab
 Venue: National Theatre Hall & Nandanmancha, BSA
 Date: April 27-29
 Time: 7pm daily



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Eternal Affection
 Artist: Sheikh Afzal
 Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts
 Date: April 16-May 7
 Time: 10am-8pm




A POTPOURRI OF FOLK HERITAGE AND MYTH

Sourav Chowdhury's first solo at AFD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 A solo art exhibition titled "Eternal Existence" by Sourav Chowdhury opened on April 22 at La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Tehmina Enayet, director of Gallery Cosmos, renowned artist Biren Shome and noted art critic Moinuddin Khaled were present as special guests. For the last six years, Sourav Chowdhury has been portraying a series of works titled "Civilization", creating a milieu of fantasy where mythological characters emerge in a

playful mood that he tends to overlap with primitive cave paintings. Another series called "Eternal Existence" is also about fantasy where the utopian gesture comes from his innate contemplation. He picks figures from Bangalee folk art and draws them with the same motif; the manipulation happens as a twist in the spatial overlapping with primitive cave art figures where the juxtaposition of the two seems to haunt one another. He tries to bring forward his dedication, hard work and passion for creating images on paper so that the intricate details of line and form create a depth of euphemism in his works. Born in Rajshahi in 1987,

Sourav Chowdhury received his Bachelor of Arts in Painting and completed his Masters in the same discipline from the University Of Development Alternative (UODA). The instinctive similarity of human nature from the primitive era to modern time has always amazed him. Although gloomy, ghostly and grim qualities of human nature exist in his celebration, Chowdhury tries to bring positive energy by using bright colours and the liveliness of the figures to create a pleasant vibe in his artworks. The exhibition will remain open until May 9 from 3pm to 9pm (Monday - Thursday) and 9am to 12 noon and 5pm to 8pm (Fridays and Saturdays).



YASMIN MUSHTARI wins over Australian fans

Pahela Baishakh down under

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Renowned Nazrul Sangeet artiste Yasmin Mushtari, joined by Anima Roy, won over many an Australian fan at performances in Brisbane and Canberra to mark Pahela Baishakh.

"We went to Australia at the invitation of a Bengali organisation called ATN Canberra. Prior to that, we performed in Brisbane at a programme arranged by Doctors Association. Our repertoire was Nazrul and Rabindra Sangeet," said Yasmin. The singers gave two-three hour performances at each stopover. The crowds rooted for songs like "Sur-e O Banir Mala Diye", "Piya Gecche Kobe Porodesh", "Abar Bhalobashar Sadh Jage", "Akashey Helan Diye", "Mor Priya Hobe", "Ekadoshir Chand Rey Oi", "Akashey Aj Chhoriye Dilam", "Amar Aponar Cheye", "Priyo Emono Raat", and "Khelichho E Bishwa Love". "I was overwhelmed by the response of the audiences. Though it was almost 1am, they kept asking for more. Some music lovers requested me to perform ghazal, bhajan, thumri and Islamic songs. Anima Roy also received much applause. I was so moved by their hospitality and reverence for Nazrul Sangeet that I promised to return to Australia in the near future," said Yasmin. Meanwhile, the artiste is busy recording songs for TV channels marking the upcoming birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam. To cap it all, the artiste's 11th solo album will be released soon on the occasion of the National Poet's upcoming death anniversary in August.

Sayeed Ahmad's "Shesh Nabab" staged at BSA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Sayeed Ahmad Foundation for Culture and Arts (SAFCA), in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), held a programme at the National Theatre Hall of BSA in remembrance of the playwright and the art critic. The event began with a brief discussion on the life and works of Sayeed Ahmad, and was followed by the staging of his play "Shesh Nawab". Noted theatre personality Mamunur Rashid, human rights activist Advocate Sultana Kamal, celebrated artist Mostafa Manwar, and theatre personality Ataur Rahman attended the event as special guests. They walked down the memory lane to say a few words on the playwright, and discussed his works before the show.

Written by Sayeed Ahmad and directed by Gazi Rakayet, "Shesh Nabab" was staged by Charneedam Theatre. The play encircles the story of Nabab Sirajuddaula. Salman David portrayed Sirajuddaula in the play, while Mir Zafar, Ghoshti Begum, Jagatsheth, and Rajballav were played by Shahidul Karim, Chameli Sinha, Masudur Rahman and Alamgir Hossain respectively. Al Mohtasim, Shahed Mehedi, Mahmudul Haque, Likhon Rahi, Rohan Khan, Omar Faruque and others were also in the cast. Sayeed Ahmad, a pioneering playwright in Bangladesh, introduced 'Theatre of the Absurd' to the country's theatre scene. In recognition to his outstanding contribution, he received the Bangla Academy Award in 1974 and 'Officier des arts des lettres' award from the French Government in 1993. He was awarded with the Ekushey Padak posthumously on February 21, 2010.



A scene from the play. PHOTO: STAR



English Department celebrates Shakespeare at DU

400th death anniversary of the bard

A CORRESPONDENT
 "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players", this famous quote from Shakespeare's "As You Like It" set off event "William Shakespeare: A Celebration" by Department of English, University of Dhaka. The programme, held in celebration of the bard's 400th death anniversary, began on April 24 with a film show featuring film adaptations of Shakespeare's plays. The main event took place on April 26 at R.C. Majumdar Auditorium on the campus. Dr. Rubina Khan, chairperson of the department inaugurated the day-long celebration that featured reading and recitations from Shakespeare, a cultural programme, and the screening of "Romeo and Juliet". Dr. Rubina Khan delivered the welcome address, while Professor Dr. Fakrul Alam gave the introductory speech at the programme.

Later, students and faculty members of the department recited Shakespeare's sonnets in Bangla and English respectively. Students also recited "Shakespeare" by Rabindranath Tagore and "Horatio's Proti Hamlet" by late Professor Khondakar Ashraf Hossain. The reading segment featured "Shakespeare Our Contemporary" by Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, "Sonnet Exchange" by Professor Kaiser Haq, "Merry Making, Groundlings and Shakespeare's Theatre" by Professor Tahmina Ahmed and "Shakespeare and the New World" by Professor Shamsad Mortuza. The session concluded with an address by chief guest Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Chowdhury. There were cultural events too, including "Emails to Shakespeare and/or his Characters", and two skits by the students and faculty members of the department. The day-long programme ended with a prize giving ceremony.

"Twin Peaks" releases insane cast list

Duchovny, Monica Bellucci and Eddie Vedder in list of 200+

David Lynch has wrapped up principal photography on his highly-anticipated "Twin Peaks" revival and in honour of the occasion Showtime released an incredible full cast list ... boasting 217 names. About 35 of them returning cast members from the original series, including Ray Wise, Alicia Witt, Warren Frost, Dana Ashbrook, Sherilyn Fenn, and of course, series star Kyle MacLachlan, and even David Duchovny. As for other names on the expansive list, some are expected from previous casting reports, including Amanda Seyfried, Tom Sizemore, Balthazar Getty, as well as two of Lynch's former leading ladies, Naomi Watts and Laura Dern. The rest of the list is packed with strange and unexpected delights.



Michael Cera, grunge icon and Pearl Jam front-man Eddie Vedder, and industrial metal band Nine Inch Nails' vocal Trent Reznor are all on board. Monica Bellucci, Berenice

Marlowe, Tim Roth and Sara Paxton have also signed up, though sadly Peter Sarsgaard, despite appearing in early casting reports, was nowhere to be found. The reboot of the 90s cult classic TV series had a bit of a troubled production process when Lynch threatened to walk after a series of budget disputes with the network. Fortunately, that issue was solved in short order, the series granted an extended episode order, and the release date was bumped back to 2017 to accommodate. Now that picture is locked, and based on the cast list it's going to be every bit as unpredictable as everyone hoped. Source: Collider


Tutul and Arash to celebrate birthday today

A CORRESPONDENT
 Popular singer SI Tutul and his son Arash will celebrate their birthdays today. They will participate in today's episode "Citicell Taroka Kothon" on Channel i. The special episode of the show will air live from Cream & Fudge, Banani. Tutul said, "I am thankful to Channel i for arranging this programme on our birthday. I seek everyone's blessings for the well being of my son."



A solo exhibition, featuring 20 watercolours along with 20 verses by Mohammad Abu Selim, ended yesterday at Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi. Eminent educationist Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman with noted filmmaker Morshedul Islam and Principal of Khilgaon Govt. High School Meherunnesa inaugurated the exhibition. The artist's 11th solo exhibition showcased the landscape and natural beauty of the six seasons of Bangladesh.

শের-ই-বাংলা সম্মাননা-২০১৬ গ্রহন



গত ১৮ এপ্রিল ২০১৬ বাংলাদেশ সুপ্রীম কোর্ট আইনজীবী সমিতি মিলনায়তনে শের-ই-বাংলা একে ফজলুল হক গবেষণা পরিষদের কর্তৃক আয়োজিত শের-ই-বাংলা সম্মাননা-২০১৬ বিতরণ অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন করা হয়। উক্ত অনুষ্ঠানে প্রধান অতিথি ছিলেন বেপাম মেহের আফরোজ চুমকী এম.পি., মাননীয় প্রতিমন্ত্রী, মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার এবং সভাপতিত্ব করেন সাইফুল ইসলাম রবিন।

সৈয়দ মারুফ মোর্শেদ, সাবেক 'তথ্য সচিব ও বিটিআরসির চেয়ারম্যান এবং শের-ই-বাংলা একে ফজলুল হক গবেষণা পরিষদের প্রধান উপদেষ্টা। অনুষ্ঠানে স্ব-স্ব ক্ষেত্রে বিশেষ অবদানের জন্য দেশের কৃতি সন্তানদের বিভিন্ন কাজের স্বীকৃতি স্বরূপ পুরস্কার প্রদান করা হয়। জনাব সাইফুল ইসলাম রবিন, নির্বাহী পরিচালক, বিজ্ঞ সমাজিক কর্মকাণ্ডে বিশেষ অবদান রাখার জন্য শের-ই-বাংলা সম্মাননা-২০১৬ পুরস্কারে ভূষিত হন। তিনি চিকিৎসার নিমিত্তে দেশের বাহিরে থাকায় তাঁর পক্ষে জনাব মো: মজিবুর রহমান, সহকারী নির্বাহী পরিচালক, বিজ্ঞ অনুষ্ঠানের প্রধান অতিথির নিকট থেকে পুরস্কার ও সার্টিফিকেট গ্রহন করেন।