Exhibition

Title: Sholokala

Art Exhibition Intimate Fears Artist: Anisuzzaman Sohel Venue: Bengal Art Lounge Date: May 7-June 4; Time: 12-8pm





Vincent Meyer World Music Quarte



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





Asaduzzaman Noor speaks at the event.

BENGAL FOUNDATION

hands over art publications to public libraries

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Bengal Foundation recently handed over 40,000 pieces of art publications including, art catalogues, folios and books to 70 branches of upazila, district and divisional level public libraries of Bangladesh. About 237 items of 564 fine art-related books, folios and catalogues have already been reached to the libraries.

A press conference was held yesterday in this regard at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. Asaduzzaman Noor, Cultural Affairs minister, attended the event as chief guest while Begum Akhtari Momtaz, Cultural Affairs secretary and Ashish Kumar Sarker, Director General of Public Library Department were present as special guests. Luva Nahid Choudhury, Director General, Bengal Foundation hosted the event elaborating the purpose of the endeavour while Abul Khair, Chairman of Bengal Foundation presided over the press

"I sincerely thank Bengal Foundation for presenting the art publications to public library. We have already dedicated spaces for showcasing the art catalogues, folios and books at every branch of public libraries. I congratulate the initiative and believe, in the days ahead, the joint initiatives between the Government and Bengal Foundation will continue in many regards to build a better nation," said Asaduzzaman Noor.

Through handing over the art publications, art enthusiasts and Bangladeshi readers living across Bangladesh will get to know about the highest sense of Bangladeshi art with its international standard. The initiative will help build national taste.



Laila Sharmeen to exhibit at World Art Games

Noted Bangladeshi artist Laila Sharmeen will put up her recent works in mixed media on paper at the 9-day 3rd World Art Games to be held in different cities of Montenegro, beginning May 4. The exhibition of games will open at the oldest art institutions of the country Gallery of Association of Visual Artists of Montenegro. The show will then travel to other major cities of Montenegro including

Sutomore and Kotor, says a press release. Laila Sharmeen has 11 solos and over 60 international shows to her credit. Currently director of Hyacinth Garden Gallery, Sharmeen's works are in the permanent collection of Ataturk Museum in Izmir, National Museum of Bangladesh, Central Bank of Bangladesh, Grameen Phone, Eastern Bank Ltd. and in many private collections at home and abroad. Her works show both a modernist preoccupation with time, flux, the loss of a centre and disappearance of faith and a concern for beauty and truth, imagination and solitude. She is also

deeply influenced by the ancient philosophical text Brihadaranyaka Upanishad containing Hindu and Buddhist concepts, particularly the ones regarding three duties that each individual must perform: Datta, Dayadvam, Damyata meaning give, compassion and control.

Her canvas is full of fishes, Kash flowers, fireflies, hyacinth flowers, boats and rivers of Bangladesh, paddy fields swaying in the gentle breeze, butterflies, the vast expanse of the sky and birds.



Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef

Top 10 challenge: Leslie lays down the law

OSAMA RAHMAN

Leslie Gilliams, one of the most polarising chefs in the 5th Season of Masterchef US, brings his artistic flair and temperament to the Super Chef kitchen tonight. Considered one of the best home chefs in the world. Leslie Gilliams will be preparing a challenge that will really test the mettle of the not only the other home chefs but also ones with a professional background.

Tonight, Leslie will be preparing Rack of Mutton on a bed of potato with coleslaw. While the dish may sound simple at first, preparing the mutton is something that is not going to be easy. There is also the fact that the participants so far have not prepared any American dish and this backyard barbeque special may prove to be more than tricky.

An added incentive for the participants to do well must be that this is the fight for a spot in the last nine. Having already made it to the top 10, the title is now too close to lose over silly mistakes or lapses of concentration, thus expect each challenger to fight hard.

Candidates who will have the most to worry about though seem to be Runa Laila, Rafia and Jeenia, along with young aspiring chef Khaled. While Runa has proven herself to be adept with desserts, main courses are still not her strong suit and this may prove to be her undoing. Jeenia, who is truly independent for the first time in her life after spending a sheltered childhood, is also going to have a tough time mastering such a technique as she said she had never done something like this before.

Leslie Gilliams' challenge is considered to be one of the most technical dishes this sea-

son and thus this episode promises to be quite a cracker. The top 10 are here but winning this moves them to the next round. The kitchen is still heating up and there seems to be no respite in spite. With the prize money and the Super Chef crown hanging in the balance, a lot is indeed at stake.

On a more superstitious note, murmurs of "The Curse of the Badge" have begun, not only among the participants but backstage as well. There is a real fear that those with badges are the ones to be eliminated in the very next round. Will this curse hold up or is it just a myth? To find out, tune into every episode of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef 2016 every Saturday and Sunday sharp at 9pm, only on ntv. If you want more of Super Chef, flip to page 5 and take part in the Super Chef quiz.



Two contestants deep in concentration at the kitchen.

SHAKESPEARE

celebrated at JKKNIU

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking 452nd birth anniversary and 400th death anniversary of William Shakespeare, a daylong festival was held on the campus of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) in Mymensingh this past week.

Students of English Department of the university organised the festival including a colourful rally, cultural show, poetry recitation and a discussion.

A cultural show was held in the afternoon at the department's hall room. The function included recitation from Shakespeare, staging of short plays of Shakespeare, on traditional folk plays and screening of films on the bard.

To open the day's programme, titled "Shakespeare Everywhere", a colourful rally was brought out in the morning. Students, dressed up with the characters of Shakespeare's writings joined the rally. A seminar on the life and works of

Shakespeare was also held. Prof Dr Mohit Ul Alam, vice-chancellor of the university was the chief guest. Treasurer of the university Prof AMM Shamsur Rahman, head of English Department Prof Dr Mohammad Imdadul Huda, Prof Dr Sheikh Mehdi Hasan also addressed the seminar with Prof Dr Bijoy Bushan Das in the chair. A keynote paper, "Power Politics in Shakespeare" was presented at the semi-

The immortal works of the bard like "Hamlet", "Romeo and Juliet" and "King Lear" have influenced literature and theatre for over 400 years and are doing till date, speakers said.



Teachers and students bring out a colourful rally.

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ALICIA VIKANDER

is the new Lara Croft

has nabbed one of Hollywood's most coveted leading roles. Vikander will be playing Lara Croft in the MGM and GK Films' "Tomb Raider" reboot; it was announced Thursday. Norwegian helmer Roar Uthaug is on board to direct. While other actresses had met for the role, including Daisy Ridley, sources indicate that Vikander had always been

the script, sources say. MGM joined the project in 2013, acquiring rights to the popular video game to develop the feature. The original "Tomb Raider" was released in 1996 by London-based Eidos, and the games have sold over 35 million units. Paramount's two films of the franchise, starring Angelina Jolie as the British archaeologist, were released in 2001 and 2003 and grossed \$432 million

worldwide. Vikander won an Oscar for her performance in "The Danish Girl", and also garnered attention for her performance in "Ex Machina". The actress' next movies are in the Jason Bourne franchise and "The Light Between Oceans" opposite Michael Fassbender.

**************************** Source: Variety



WHAT IS CHEF LESLIE'S CHALLENGE

