

WHAT'S ON

**Tagore Painting Exhibition**  
 Venue: Nalini Kantha Bhattacharjee Gallery, Bangladesh National Museum  
 Date: May 14  
 Time: 4pm



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



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Retrospective  
 Artist: Abdus Shakoor  
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery  
 Date: May 1-15  
 Time: 12-8pm



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
 Summer in Colour  
 Artist: Nobo Kumar Bhadra  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
 Date: April 29-May 14  
 Time: 3-9pm



**Solo Musical Soiree**  
 Artist: Pranita Mallick  
 Organiser: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre  
 Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum  
 Date: May 14; Time: 4:30pm



# Galleri Kaya celebrates 12th anniversary

## Group exhibition featuring noted artists



"Seascape", Hamiduzzaman Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In celebration of 12th anniversary of Galleri Kaya, a group art exhibition showcasing a selection of works by 28 modern artists of Bangladesh will be inaugurated at the gallery premises today (May 14) at 6pm.

The featured artworks were done between 1953 to 2016 by the artists -- Abdus Shakoor

Shah, Aminul Islam, Ashraful Hasan, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Debdas Chakraborty, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Hashem Khan, Hashi Chakraborty, Kalidas Karmakar, Kamaluddin, Kazi Rakib, KMA Quayyum, Mahmudul Haque, Masuda Kazi, Mohammad Iqbal, Mohammad Kibria, Monirul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Nagarbasi Barman, Qayyum Chowdhury, Rafiqun Nabi, Ranjit Das, Rashid Choudhury, Ratan

Mojumder, Samarjit Roy Choudhury, Shambhu Acharya, Shishir Bhattacharjee and SM Sultan.  
 Dr. SA Samad, Executive Chairman, Board of Investment, Bangladesh will inaugurate the exhibition. Asif Mahmood, Chairman, ADN Group and noted art critic Moinuddin Khaled will grace the inaugural ceremony.  
 The show, open from 11am to 8pm daily, will continue till May 28.

# Déjà vu for Nova

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nova, a familiar face of the small screen, made her TV debut with Animesh Aich's "Prem O Gham'er Golpo" a decade ago, opposite Zahid Hasan. In the meanwhile, she has done a volume of work including acting, modeling and TV show hosting, but never again with Zahid.

Now, she is back with the seasoned actor in an upcoming TV play. "Printing Mistake", directed by Aranya Anwar, will see Nova pair up with Zahid Hasan on the small screen once again this Eid.

The duo will be sharing screen space in another TV mini series also made marking Eid, titled "Ghar Tera Mojnu". Ruman Rumi has directed the comedy play.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

# Katha Lalitakala Academy to honour Gunijan 23rd founding anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking its 23rd founding anniversary of cultural school Katha Lalitakala Academy, a celebration programme will take place today (May 14) at 5pm at the auditorium of Kendriya Kochi-Kachar Mela, Segunbagicha in the capital.

The event will feature Gunijan Songbordhona (reception of noted personalities), a cultural competition's award giving ceremony among the inter-branch students of the academy and a lively cultural programme, participated by the noted artistes of the country and promising artistes of the academy.

Senior journalist and president of National Press Club, Muhammad Shafiqur Rahman will grace the occasion as chief guest while MA Jilil, former additional secretary and Language Movement Veteran, and Dalia Nausheen, renowned singer and artiste of Bangladesh Mukti Sangrami Shilpi Sangstha, will



attend the event as special guests.

The organisers will honour three noted singers this year -- Sadya Afreen Mallick, eminent Nazrul exponent and editor of Star Arts and Entertainment; Amena Ahmed, renowned Tagore singer and organiser; and Rehana Siddiqui, noted singer and organiser.

Katha Lalitakala Academy, educating students with music, dance and painting, was founded in 1993. The academy has been honouring gunijan since 1997, according to Alauddin Ahmed, the principal of the academy. They have so far honoured numerous musical and cultural luminaries including Ustad Phool Mohammad, Ustad Akhtar Sadmani, Sudhin Das, Sohrab Hossain, Nilufar Yasmin, Syed Abdul Hadi, Shaheen Samad, Anup Bhattacharya, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Dalia Nausheen, Mamunur Rashid, Ferdous Ara and Munmun Ahmed.

# "Castle" cancelled after Katic departure

Long-running crime procedural TV series "Castle" will not return for a ninth season at ABC. The season finale next week on May 16 will serve as the series' ender.

The cancellation comes weeks after news broke that leading lady Stana Katic nor series regular Tamala Jones would return to "Castle", if it were renewed for a ninth season. However, Katic's co-star Nathan Fillion, who played the titular Rick Castle, recently signed a new deal to return, should the series come back.

The news comes somewhat of a shock. Even though Katic is leaving the series, "Castle" has long been a staple on ABC's schedule with a rabid fanbase.

Though the ratings have been the lowest this season than ever before, and ratings have declined over the past few seasons, the numbers have stabilised through the current run as interest has seemed to peak this season.

Premiering midseason in 2009, "Castle" was created by Andrew Marlowe. He stepped down as showrunner after six seasons, but remained close to the show.

Ahead of Season 8, Katic's deal remained unclear leading up to the show's renewal. This year, sources close to the show maintained that the drama still could return, even

without Katic. However, the fan backlash since her departure was announced has been overwhelming on social media.

Source: Variety



# Baishakhi Mela at Mahashtangarh An instance of communal harmony

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

Devotees of both Hindu and Muslim religion gathered at the historic Mahashtangarh area beside Dhaka-Rangpur highway under Shibgonj upazila in Bogra on Thursday afternoon, to observe the annual Baishakhi mela held on the final Thursday of the Bangla month of Baishakh.

It's said that 14th century Muslim saint Islam Shah Sultan Mahishawar Balkhi defeated the-then king of the Pundravardhana (present-day Bogra) king Parshuram.

According to legend, Shah Sultan of Balkh came to Mahashtangarh accompanied by his disciples, dressed as a Faqir in a boat shaped like a fish. Initially Chilhan, the army chief of Parshuram and many others accepted the message of Islam and became Muslims but eventually there was conflict between Parshuram and Balkhi Mahisawar in which Parshuram was defeated and killed.

The only sister of Poshuram, Shyla Debi is said to have sacrificed her life to save her dignity, by jumping into Karatoa River at Shyla Debi Ghat near Mahashtangarh area.

The Muslim devotees gathered at Mahashtangarh mosque area and Hindu devotees gathered at Borhan Uddin Mazar, Mango Orchard and north residential areas. They were seen singing different songs.

Devotee Fakir Misir and Narayan Chandra said that they come here each year for getting the mercy of the Creator.

ASP of Bogra police Shabbr Ahmed Sharfraz said police have been conducting searches to ensure security for the devotees, and an executive magistrate has been conducting a mobile court. Law enforcers have been showing zero tolerance to any kind of anarchy in the area, added the ASP.

# Romeo and Juliet staged in local dialect

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

An adaptation of Shakespeare's tragedy "Romeo and Juliet" was staged in the local dialect at Mymensingh Shilpakala Academy auditorium this past week.

Onnesha Theatre, a troupe of Mymensingh brought the play "Bhanu Chander Pala" in local dialect, blending with the folk-culture of Mymensingh region.

The pala, adapted and directed by Sayik Siddiquee, a member of Bangolok Theatre in Dhaka, is the second show of the troupe. Earlier the group staged the pala at Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Trishal here.

The cast of the pala included Moniruzzaman, Atiqur Rahman Sujon, Al Amin, Amol, Amjad Srabon, Tanmoy Tonu, Monir Hossain Jibon, Rubel and Shuvo.

About the play, Sayik Siddiquee said, "Shakespeare is a great poet of all times and the adaptation was an experimental work of the group to realise the importance about Shakespeare as a universal poet."

"The dialect of Kishoreganj, a district of Mymensingh region, was used in the play blending it with traditional folk-elements to make it understandable to the layperson," added Siddiquee.

Earlier, a discussion was held, where speakers hailed the initiative, saying the tragic play still touches everybody. There have been many film versions of the play and the story has inspired many musical responses by composers. Themes running through the play address the consequences of immature blind passion, hatred and prejudice which prevail in our society, added the speakers.

Journalists Golam Mustafa, Md Saiful Islam; lecturers of JKKNIU's English Department Shakhawat Jamil Saikat and Al Muktadir; theatre personality and poet Anwara Sultana attended the discussion.



A scene from the pala.

PHOTO: STAR

# CHEF FRED'S SUPER CHEF CLASS ON THAI FOOD



Frederic Insisienmay is a culinary expert and a fine chef specialized in French and Thai cuisine. In today's Super Chef episode, he's going to teach some Thai dishes such as the Authentic Papaya Salad with Nuts and Balachaw, Thai Sweet and Chilli Sauce, Thai Sweet and Sour Sauce and Shrimp with Tamarind. Thai cuisine is all about perfect balance. You need to know the tricks and techniques to bring the perfect balance in the food. Fred will go through in details about each and every recipe as he's going to teach every dish one by one. It's a golden opportunity for the audience to master these recipes from the expert chef Frederic in today's episode. These are authentic Thai recipes and with the perfect technique, which Chef Fred is going to teach on this episode, anyone can make these dishes at home. Keep an eye on Rupchanda - The Daily Star Super Chef and learn how to make these amazing Thai dishes!



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